



EastWind

The Newsletter for Santa Rosa East Rotary
The Crown Jewel of District 5130

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Sunshine Report

Rogers reports that all members are well!

Joke about a man who brags that he is about to inherit a fortune to a woman as he proposes. Much to his dismay, 3 days later she becomes his step mom. Go girl!

Inspiration

After groaning at the song Maestro's (Larry L.) selections, we finally got through America the Beautiful on a rather high key!



Announcements:

The Mardi Gras Gala Fundraiser is on the 28th.

RSVP deadline is Sat, Feb 14. As of now only 98 attending.

BEAT THE BUSHES!! Questions? Contact John Teague

Still need \$\$\$ to finish up a few live auction items, program to be printed this week. Contact Sandra O.

Get your silent auctions items in ASAP

Alex Bantis warned us about official looking letters showing up in the mail about property tax reassessments. BEWARE it is a scam.

Montgomery HS is having an E-waste recycling drive this Sat, Feb 14th. Drop off your e-waste between 9 am and 4 pm

Phyllis R. reminded us of the club Crabfeed March 11th at the Saddleclub. \$43 with wine

Phyllis also reminded Friendship dinner hosts to get those dinners served and friendships made!!

Linda Christopher is returning as an active member. Welcome back, Linda!!

Save the date – May 14th is the District 5130 Golf Tournament

Guests

Jack R. had his lovely longtime girlfriend, June with him.

Andy had a whole party of poker players with him

Richard S. had his beautiful girlfriend Protia with him again. (and looked very happy about it.

Guests

Lois from Caring Strangers personally thanked us for the \$1000 contribution.

The organization has been giving winter coats and backpacks to Sonoma County children for 10 years now.

Our contribution will help supply kids in homeless shelters in SR and Petaluma

\$\$\$ FINES, FINES, FINES

Yours truly, Jennifer R., almost had her ski vacation ruined when she ran into John on the way to his Bahamas vacation. Jealousy is an ugly thing! She got past that though and had a great time skiing in the cold snow of Colorado. Also had a birthday that she doesn't want to acknowledge while there. \$100

John T. and Richard S. enjoyed a weeks away in Eluethera Island, Bahamas. They bought this getaway at last years fundraiser and highly recommend it. Besides drinking rum, reading, drinking rum, calling cats and drinking rum, they had a 20 min harrowing near death experience together.

(Details avail upon request) \$100 each

Dennis Sepp celebrated his 44th anniversary. Went to

Ravenous in HEALDSBURG for dinner. His wife hurt his back and he had to do the wash. Good outcome – he realized they needed a new washer! \$50

Carl V. the big Rotary Lottery Winner confessed his win to his wife. Proceeds therefore were given to granddaughter for dance lessons. Went to Palm Desert with wife and friends. \$100

Leila – when talking with hubby Mike about his B-day recognition today he said "just walk up and ring the bell" to thank all for their thoughts and prayers over the last year. \$100

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Joe Mauer sensed the mood and just rang the bell to celebrate his wife's birthday. We coaxed him into telling about their dinner at a good restaurant in Sebastopol (missed the name).

\$\$\$ HAPPY DOLLARS

Nancy H. was grateful that her son and grandson weren't hurt when they were hit from behind in Tahoe. They smashed into the car in front but the car could still drive as long as they only wanted to make left turns! Sandra O. was happy to see an announcement in the

North Bay Bus J about her husband's business merger with a new partner. Jack R. would like to donate a combo fax/printer to a worthy organization. Give him a call if you have a good idea. George Kem. Thanked the Ribeaus for a great Friendship dinner that ended with him being thrown out.

JT's son Nick has his wings and is now waiting for ranger training.

Carl V. has a grandson who was accepted to Cal State Long Beach and Cal Poly but decided to attend Cal State Monterey.

Program Notes

Andy S. introduced Jonah Raskin a professor at Sonoma State. He gave a very illuminating talk about Jack London. In 2007 he published a book, "*The Radical Jack London*." So he's clearly an expert on one of our local notables.

Jack London was a word factory producing 50 books in 16 years before his early death at age 40. He wrote extensively about war, the South Pacific and "the wild," so he has been hard to summarize and characterize. He also was a radical socialist revolutionary in his younger days before he grew into an entrepreneur, rancher and land owner.

He was a classic example of a man who married well – his second wife typed all of his manuscripts! 1000 words a day! He was paid by the word for many magazine and newspaper articles and was known to double check all of his reimbursement carefully. He also carefully managed costs at Beauty Ranch by using San Quentin prisoners for free labor. (the exercise was good for them)

He had a sense of humor. On his cottage that he occupied while building a new house in Glen Ellen he had 2 signs on each door. On the front door there was one reading: NO ADMITTANCE except Business. Below it was another sign that read: NO BUSINESS TRANSACTED HERE. The back door was similar with the first sign reading: NO ONE ADMITTED WITHOUT KNOCKING and right below that was DO NOT KNOCK. His book, "*The Call of the Wild*", begins with the line "Buck did not read newspapers." Later the reader discovers that Buck is a dog.

Suggested Titles from Prof. Raskin:

The People of the Abyss
Martin Eden

The Road
The Valley of the Moon