



Eastwind

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

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Sunshine Report

Former SR East President, Jack Vallerga was in attendance today. He is a charter member and the secretary of the new Healdsburg Sunrise Rotary. All Rotarians seem healthy currently. Let's keep it that way! Course, Rogers' jokes today could have made anyone sick. I'm not going to smear these pages by repeating them here!

Inspiration

We sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic led by our capable Larry Lira. To bad he's leading lots of not so capable voices! Our guest today suggests that we keep our day jobs!



Announcements:

Board of Directors Meeting Thursday the 9th, 5:30

District Conference at the Petaluma Sheraton May 14-17. See district website for details.

Andy sent a sign-up sheet around for the KRCB Auction. We'll be manning the phones back stage on Sunday April 19th from 5:30 – 11. Not everyone has to stay till 11 so if it's past your bedtime, come out till 9 and have some fun! Contact Andy to sign-up if you missed it.

New sales tax = new lunch price - \$17 starting next week

District Governor Announcement: Gov. Elect = Kurt Brown, then Jim Plant from Calistoga and finally Maureen Merrill from Windsor 2011-2012.

Jim Wisch announced that the SRJC Presidents Circle is having a Poker party May 1st at Sally Tomatoes in Rohnert Park. See Jim or Andy for details

\$\$\$ FINES, FINES, FINES

Prez Dan reminded us that we are each responsible for contributions to the operating bud the club each year. These come from our fines + happy dollars and do NOT include donations towards the EV or PH funds. He wanted to "catch up" by fining some members today that are "behind" this year. Thus poor Ken Prior was fi for really no reason at all, but took it well \$100. Jenn R. noted that her golf game did not improve When playing 3 days in row at St Andrews. \$22 Anne McGinley also traveled across the Atlantic to Malta. Saw lots of great sites and brought hon Ambrosia Liquor for Dan. Made from figs, mmm. \$50 to finish daughter's Paul Harris Marilyn Lira had a birthday that puts her at "retirement age." She apparently was less than

Jack Vallerga presented Jim Wisch with a pin he dug up in his files. The pin has the District 5130 logo that Jim designed years ago when the district was created. The logo contains a fish, a redwood and a bunch of grapes.

thrilled when this was pointed out by her other half. Went out for dinner with friends in and got to stop at Burger King on the way! \$100 Mike Hogan and long suffering wife, Pam had their 20th Anniversary. Went for a weekend to a B&B on a island off point Richmond. Doesn't sound romantic t actually was. \$50 Rick Williams helped his wife pick wildflowers in Mendocino and took her out for a nice dinner for her birthday. \$35 Mike Masters was also fined for no good reason. \$25 No time for Happy Dollars. Andy drew a black Marble and yours truly won the wine, again.

Program Notes

Great talk today by Colonel Pete Peterka. He served in the Army for 31 years then retired to Sonoma County. He recounted numerous stories about his adventures dealing with the 5 armies of Thailand during the Vietnam War. He was part of a covert operation to consult with the Thais to help them keep the Chinese from overrunning Thailand and gaining access to other South East Asian countries. The disorganization and corruption was discouraging but the objective was met. His recollections are going to be published in book form in the near future and promise to be great reading.