



EastWind

The Newsletter for Santa Rosa East Rotary

The Crown Jewel of District 5130

Edited by Mike Doyle – May 19, 2009



Sunshine Report
All Good
Rogers Joke as Usual

Inspiration
Music by Larry
"America the Beautiful"
since it was Election Day

Announcements:

SCARC Dinner May 28 Rooster Run in Petaluma (see George)

Dan's De Bunking on Sat. June 27 5-8pm at Julius and Mercedes Vegvary's home 380 Green St. Sonoma ,Ca. 483-0998

June Speakers:

United Way
CHOPs Teen Program
Council on Aging
Pacific Gas and Electric

Santa Rosa ed. Rotary Club Fundraiser "In Pursuit of Literacy in Nepal"

Sizzling Tandoor 409 Mendocino Ave., May 30 from 12 to 3 pm- \$25 donation. Ann McGinley passed out a flyer with all the details

Presiding Past President Mike Robertson read a thank you note from Kay Robertson thanking the Club for Birthday Flowers. There were some who wanted to fine him for that. Mike also gave an update on health of his daughter, Nicole. Not well yet but surviving. Hoping that getting out of allergy country for the summer will help. Nancy Hill won the drawing and she picked a marble proving that there is such a thing as a "free lunch". Phyllis won the wine.

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Joan Germeshausen had a Birthday so the Club sang Happy Birthday for which she paid \$50 toward her Paul Harris.

Marilyn Lira gave a Happy Dollar for her Purple Pinkie for Polio Plus. Larry would have as well but he showed that he had no pinkie.

Dennis Sepp gave happy dollloars -Carole is recovering nicely and is walking around Spring Lake. He was hopeful that she will be able to do the "vacuuming" soon.

Sue Bisbee had Happy Dollars saying that her granddaughter is doing well. Doctors found out that she was gluten intolerant. They took her off wheat products and she is thriving.

More from Mike Robertson. He paid more Happy Dollars for his son's graduation from the Fire Academy.

Future Trivia question courtesy of Dennis Sepp: Who gave up his seat to the Big Bopper on the flight on which he, Richie Valens and Buddy Holly were killed? Answer: Waylon Jennings. You can impress your neighbors with that one (or maybe not).

Program Notes

Our speaker was Joseph Kennedy, a. Ecological Design Architect. Joseph received degrees in Architecture from the University of California at Berkeley and the Southern California Institute of Architecture with an additional degree in International Peace Studies from the University of Notre Dame. In his studies he concentrated on natural building design and its ecological, political and social effects. He has been involved in ecological design and construction for over twenty years. He is co-founder and former director of Builders without Borders (BWB), an organization dedicated to serving the under housed of the world. He started the Sonoma County Place Making Project in 2005. His most recent book is *Building Without Borders: Sustainable Construction for the Global Village* (New Society, 2004). He has also recently founded the social profit organization Village Renaissance, and is working on a book on the revival of the village as a viable dwelling option for the world's billions. He is currently designing a children's village for NextAid and Youth With a Vision in Dennilton, South Africa.

He showed a number of slides showing the design and architecture of the South African Project building a village for children orphaned by the AIDS epidemic there. His designs there incorporate modern technology with traditional and local building styles. He has specialized in using local resources such as clay bricks, hay bales and bags of dirt covered with plaster for many of the buildings. The project includes an administration center, cooking and eating area, residence buildings and a performance (theater) area. This project should be completed within a year. He is currently designing a nursery school area as a part of this continuing project. In his designs he tries to incorporate the use of the skills of the local people. More information about Joseph and this village Project can be found at: www.ecovillagenews.org/wiki/index.php/Joesph_F._Kennedy

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