



EastWind

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

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Sunshine Report

Everyone is healthy, so I'll use this spot to remind everyone that Sonoma County just passed a bill (AB811) to underwrite Solar power in Sonoma County. Homeowners can finance Solar Installation through the county.

The cost will be added to the property tax assessment for the next 20 years. The owner will still be eligible for the State Rebate (per KW hr) and federal tax credit (30% of installation). This means **cash** in your pocket now, **cleaner energy** AND savings on your **electric bill**.

Inspiration

We sang the theme to Bonanza! Even Dan knew the words. (cause there aren't any!)



Announcements:

Tom Chauncy announced a dinner to appreciate all who helped with the Salvation Army. **May 12th 6pm**. Call him for details.

Ed Fullerton called Dan to say that a Memorial Service for Ed? Strong is scheduled for **May 31st**. Details to follow on district web site

Debbie Zaft is looking for donations for hospitality suite at the district conference. J Ratcliffe volunteered a case of dessert wine. **Anyone have port?**

Board Meeting this month moved to **May 21st** so we can talk about the district Mtg.

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Tom Croft described a near miss in his own driveway with his wife. Avoided 2 claims on his auto insurance. \$100 is a savings!
George B. – went to Poipu Beach in Kauai and unfortunately did not miss! He hid the bridge siding with his rental car. Had a great time anyway snorkeling and hiking. \$40
John Teague – Relaxed in Calistoga with his wife for his B-day. 450

Sandra O. Stayed overnight in Ft. Baker for her B-day then had chef from John Ash prepare a special cake just for her at the Art of Dessert fundraiser. \$25 (she got off with just her age!)
Carl V. looked great in a Yam colored sweatshirt. He celebrated his 31st anniversary at the Inn at Spanish Bay. He can't understand why his wife needed yet *another* Coach bag. Ask a man why he needs more golf clubs!

Lots of Happy People and \$\$\$ this week. Mike Hogan suggests we start charging \$5 to get up and "share!!"

Ratcliffe – Mom better after mystery illness and 5 days in hospital, Mike R. Daughter recovering from chest pain. Test results still pending, Kate M. Said thanks to Andy S. who gave her poker lessons. She beat her husband and was 3rd in the tournament. (Has anyone notice how many WOMEN are winning these things?) Ann McG thanked everyone who came to a Marvelous endship dinner at her hous, George B. thanked Rogers for filling in last week, Tom Croft's brother had a close one with a heart attack this week, but due to an alert friend is recovering well. George K "THE SHEEP ARE GONE!" BAAAA. John T. Son engaged!! Linda C. Moved to Oakmont, started a new business Coaching women executives. Told story about her husband meeting a fellow Rotarian on the way to Hawaii and getting a better flight for it!

Program Notes

Andy S. introduced Serhiy Sayenko and Olga Toporova from Cherkasy, Ukraine. Cherkasy is a sister city of Santa Rosa. Sergiy is the principal of a high school in Cherkasy. He is also a past president of the Cherkasy-Center Rotary Club, the district 2230 Interact chairman, the vice-chairman of the Ukraine Youth Exchange and a deputy on the city council. Olga is one of his former students and is now studying foreign languages at the Cherkasy National University. She interpreted for Sergiy.

Sergiy told us about his Rotary Club. There are 300,000 people in Cherkasy and 2 Rotary clubs. His club is 6 years old and has 25 members, 6 of which Sergiy sponsored. 3 are women. They have numerous worthy projects:

- Children's Hearts – they sponsor 3-5 children a year with congenital heart defects to go to

- Germany for repair (in partnership with a rotary club in Germany). This program was described in a recent article in Rotary World magazine

- Purchased infusion equipment for an Oncology Clinic

- Put computers in Schools

- Gave money to people suffering in the flood

- Bought special beds for kids with TB

They have 3 Rotary Partners – their founders in Khaskiv, Des Moines, IA, Mercur, Germany.

They would like our club to become partners with them.

They are excited that Ukraine is about to get its own Rotary District. They are currently district 2230 with Poland and Bellarus.

The Interact club visits children in an orphanage every weekend. They also collect money at supermarkets to buy stuff for the children.