

T H E BURL



Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Eureka

Meeting of the Rotary Club of Eureka July 29, 2013



Lunch Menu: Salad bar, fresh fruit, beef stroganoff, egg noodles, chicken Kiev, rolls, assorted desserts

Called to order at 12:27pm by Gregg Gardiner, standing in for President Ziggy, who is at the Gilroy Garlic Festival.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John McBeth.

The Invocation was led by Bill McAuley.



Visiting Rotarians: Lee Cunningham of Cupertino Rotary Club was fined for not standing up when visiting Rotarians were called.

Guests of Rotarians: Eric Bergel re-introduced Tonia, our inbound Norwegian exchange student from two years ago, who is now attending college in San Jose. She was accompanied by her friend Eddie Clayton.



Kathleen Cloney-Gardiner introduced her two guests; Sandy and Holly both teachers at Winship Middle School.

Announcements: Acting President Gregg asked all veterans of the Korean War to stand in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended the Korean War. Bob Palmrose, Steve Beckman, and Dick Storre all received a round of applause.

Carlton Nielsen said that host families are needed for our incoming exchange student, Dan, who is arriving from Vladivostok Russia on August 12th. The Williston's have generously offered to be the first home family. He added that Southwest and Old Town are also looking for host families.

Acting President Gregg asked everyone who had purchased a pie from Mindy Bussman to raise their hand. Only one person raised their hand, so Acting President Gregg asked all other Rotarians to put \$5 on the table. That money will go to Backpacks for Kids.

Birthdays- Hank Pierson, Murl Harpham, Kurt Bartel all this week.

Anniversaries: Burt and Susanne Campton are celebrating 37 “blissful” years, according to Bert Campton. Craig Hansen and Lisa Hansen (who are currently in Europe it was noted). George and Gail Owren are celebrating their 49th anniversary; Tom and Karen McMurray.



Cathy Cloney-Gardiner reported on the progress at Winship over the weekend. A number of Rotarians and volunteers showed up to help. A big thank you to all of the many Rotarians who pitched in. They made significant progress. Winship teachers, Sandy and Holly also commented on the event saying that the amount of help and donations they have received has left them speechless.

Acting President Gardiner asked all Rotarians that had traveled outside of Humboldt County in the last 60 days to stand up. Over 30 Rotarians stood. One by one each Rotarian detailed their adventures which resulted in fines ranging from a \$25 credit for one to a \$100 fine for Rotarian Dave Parris who had not only traveled but was recently married and had a daughter get married- he received a triple fine. One table attempted to negotiate a group discount as everybody at the table had stood up. The noble attempt failed and all received fines.



The biggest fine of \$200 was given to Gregg's own wife Cathy for her recent visit to Cabo San Lucas as well as winning the first 22nd District PTA Outstanding Administrator Award.

Don Leonard then stood and squealed on his neighbor, Lisa Slack, who, as he put it, had one of the most interesting trips imaginable. Lisa stood, threatening a personal visit to Don's house in retaliation, and enthralled her audience with details regarding her trip to England, tours of Old Castles, and tour of Frankfurt, Germany and the surrounding countryside by motorcycle. As Lisa put it, it was a fun, interesting and scary trip. She also attended two Rotary meetings, including one in Salzburg where she was the sole woman amongst 30+ gentlemen.

Spangler Raffle: Drawing 1: Nobody Claimed. Drawing 2: Al Crnich won \$10.



Guest Speaker: Steven Lafferty introduced our guest speaker, Chief Ken Woods of the Humboldt Bay Fire District. He started off by telling us a little bit about himself. He worked in the Bay area in fire protection for 25 years prior to coming to Humboldt County in 2008 as Chief of Humboldt No. 1 Fire Protection District. In 2011 He was made Joint Chief of Humboldt Fire Protection District and the Eureka Fire Department. This consolidation had been

discussed for over 60 years but it finally happened in 2011. This district covers over 53 miles and serves 60,000 people. There are 70 full time employees and 15 volunteers. They average 5,700 calls a year. The majority of those calls are medical related. Public assistance calls can range from helping somebody who has fallen out of bed and can't get back in to a water pipe that has broken and more.

There are 5 stations in the district that are staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They are an all risk district meaning they cover all calls. Including traffic collisions, fines, medial response and of course fires. They have specialized trained teams to handle special emergencies including a Hazardous Materials Team, Water Rescue team, certified space rescue (rescuers that have to work within a small space to rescue somebody).



The City of Eureka Fire Department was formed in the 1800s and the Humboldt Bay Fire Department was formed in the 1920s. This consolidation has taken the best of both departments and combined them, significantly lowering the overhead.



The focus is on serving their community. Examples of that are their Gift Card Program which enables them to leave a VISA Gift Card with people who have been devastated by a house fire so that they can get clothes, shelter, etc. overnight while waiting for their insurance company to help. Another example was a young mother who was locked out of her house while her two small children were inside.

The firemen broke down the door to get in so she could quickly get to her children. Then they went to the hardware store, purchased a new deadbolt and came back and installed it on her door.

They received a medical call to Target where a woman who was traveling through Eureka with her husband in their RV had a medical emergency. The firemen took care of the woman, got her on the ambulance and to St. Joseph but they also made sure the husband was able to get to the hospital as well. They helped him unhook his RV from his truck and personally escorted him to the hospital.



It's important to them that they are responsive to the needs of the community in every way possible. The discussion concluded with a few questions and a gift from Matthew Owen and Virginia Bass in the form of two bottles of wine. One from Riverbend Cellars named Firehouse Red and another from Tillerman Winery appropriately named Hook and Ladder.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17pm and we all took a fieldtrip to the parking lot where we were wowed by the brand new, \$1.1 million dollar Tiller fire truck. This truck is so long it requires two drivers at all times....one on the front of the truck and one on the rear.

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia Cox