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SPRING CONFERENCES

**Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

June 17 Changeover Night Tuesday Mad River Glen Ski Resort  6 PM $25/person

 18  no meeting

        25 Robin McDermott to talk about food in the Valley.

July    2  open

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        16 Evan Premo & Mary Bonhag (Are they going to entertain us?)

**Meeting News**

Our club really lucked out on the weather tonight.  We were treated to a lovely warm Summer evening, warm enough to sit outside on the deck of MR Glen and enjoy the beautiful view while having drinks & munchies.

The Rotary organization would like all the members to serve at least once as an officer or Committee Chairman, but the only compulsory change is the president. The same person is not allowed to serve as president two consecutive terms, but can serve again after at least one year has passed as Heli Hietzker did in 2000 and 2002.  If I counted right, we still have 8 members who are former presidents.

After everyone came inside, Manny started the Change Over procedures.  He thanked everyone who had volunteered for all the many jobs needed during his term, making his year a pleasure and a success.

\*Manny:  Regarding the golf tournament, Dave is still working on the numbers, however we made more than $4000.  Also, Joe Klimek won the men's longest drive.

At this point, Gary Plewak accepted the gavel to begin his term as president and gave Manny a parting gift for serving a year as president.

After taking the oath of office, Gary said:

I thanked Manny for serving as President for the last year and awarded him a plaque on behalf of the club. He introduced me as the new president along with the new committee chairmen.  Part of his introduction suggested that I will provide leadership and guidance for the coming year.

To that I responded using a quote from a friend (Pete Kelly who says this after he makes a great golf shot) "even a blind pig can find himself an acorn"  (a Texas expression).

Then I stated that I joined the Rotary during the Koepele administration (my first experience with Rotary), Dave was followed by Audrey, then Lorraine, Doug and Manny.  While each of them had different styles the club moved forward with fundraisers and new ideas, which is a credit to our membership and their willingness to pitch in whenever we need to get things done.  We owe ourselves a round of applause.

I hope to lead the club in a positive direction in the next year.  As far as new initiatives are concerned there are two areas where I want to try a few things.  We recently had a board planning meeting and concluded that our fund raising efforts for the last year are on a decline.  While there are a number of explanations for that trend, we think that possibly our community is getting a little tired of buying raffle tickets.  So, one thing we want to try to agree on is a new and different fundraiser.  The idea is that we will form  2 or 3 small committees and ask them to come up with some ideas.  Then we will decide from those what might work for us.

The other initiative is coming up with an approach to involving younger people in our community with our club.  Attracting younger people to Rotary is a national problem.  A few clubs in our district have tried a number of ideas that I think could work here.  I will get together with Clayton P. C. (new membership chair) to talk about his ideas and discuss what others have tried.

Having said that, thank you for giving me the opportunity to be president of our club.  I will do my best.

Editor’s Note: The slate of officers listed on the last page is  for 2014 - 2015 fiscal year.

                            THE FOUR WAY TEST

                        of the things we think, say or do:

1) Is it the Truth?

2) Is it Fair to all Concerned?

3) Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?

4) Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?

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