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<u>The Four Way Test</u> Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendship? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

MEETING OF March 17, 2016

Pledge: Jim Shepard

Invocation: Jim Murphy shared some "Moods of the Irish," and President Dorothy delivered a traditional Irish prayer, both in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day



Guests: Joe Allen, Active International; and Sabrina

HoSang, Royal Caribbean Bakery, both guests of Hans

Birthdays: Lenny Nathan – March 18th, and Ray Pucci –

Visiting Rotarians: Sheryl Shante, New City Club

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March 21th

March 20th

Kathy Shepard -



Announcements:

President Dorothy announced that Ray Bahar has

reluctantly resigned from the Club because of other pressing matters. She also

Anniversaries: Jim and





mentioned that he will be undergoing some medical procedures in the near future, and asked that we keep him in our thoughts and send best wishes.

The annual Regifting Party to benefit Polio Plus will be on Wednesday, April 13th, at 6:00 at Aqua Terra. Cost is \$35 per person with no-host bar. Please bring NEW items that might be collecting dust as unwanted gifts or impulse purchases for the always exciting – and usually hilarious – LIVE AUCTION

Sandy Cokeley announced that RYLA is coming up soon, and that we are working with PRHS to identify and sponsor two students to this intense educational experience in leadership skills that will be held at Mt. St. Mary's College. Sandy also mentioned that one of the students we sponsored earlier is applying to act as a counselor at the upcoming session.

Vice President Doreen announced that the Fishing Contest has been re-scheduled for April 17^{th} with a rain date of April 24^{th}

Queen of Hearts: Eddie Fisher conducted our Queen of Hearts drawing with his usual aplomb. A table filled with very nice people had the winning ticket. Someone especially nice at that table pulled the card. Alas, it was not the Queen of Hearts....And, alas, your scribe must apologize for his lack of attention.

Happy Bucks:

Ben Shifteh shared his happiness because the Persian New Year will be celebrated by Iranians around the world on March 20^{th}

Mark Griffith shared that he was applying to Leadership Rockland for the year beginning in September.

Mike Seidenfrau announced he 1) is in the final planning process for the rehearsal dinner for his upcoming wedding to Carissa; 2) won a lottery spot for next year's New York Marathon; and 3) is set for a half – marathon attempt at a personal best soon.

Jay Helman mentioned that next meeting – March 24th – he will be making the presentation on his **recent trip to Cuba**, complete with pictures.

Jim Murphy mentioned he was happy that 47 years ago on St. Patrick's Day he first met Peg – in an Irish bar called Harrington's on Jones Street in San Francisco.



Program:

Joe Allen enlightened us on two fascinating aspects of Active International where he is a senior executive:

The first was what it does: Allows its customers to unlock non-performing assets – like excess or slow moving inventory – by selling it to Active international – not for cash – but for future trade credit. The client can then redeem its credit for things like advertising, shipping and travel at reduced rated because of the combined buying power of Active in those areas. Client receives substantially more value for its assets through this transaction that it would through simple liquidation sales.

The second is Active Cares which supports over 600 charitable organizations on behalf of its employees, clients and suppliers. Joe is responsible for the management of that impressive philanthropic effort.

Special Treat: Hans Kolh's guest Sabrina, brought more than enough delicious apple turnovers from her



family bakery for our dessert! Asked what they were called, she told us customers just call them "Sabrina's Turnovers." There was very heavy traffic to Del Arte's kitchen for containers in which take home the extras!

Four Way Test: Bob Craig

Submitted by: Jim Murphy