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This week's spoke notes by: Anita Daniels

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April 11, 2016 Meeting Notes

Speakers:

The meeting was called to order by President Bob at 12:15PM. The team assignments for this meeting were as follows:
Greeter: Sandra Barrington
Pledge: Chuck Elizondo
Thought for the Day: Kris Stepanian
Visiting Rotarians: Don Daniels
Sergeant At Arms: Ken Holbrook, assisted by Don, Tim, and Larry
Spoke Notes: Anita Daniels
Speakers Assistant: Sandra Barrington

Guest **Seth Leishman** from Ostrofe Financial was introduced. Chair of the Area Music Contest, **Don Daniels**, reported that the contest held Sunday April 10th, was a big success. There were about 80 Rotarians and guests in attendance. The young man representing Penn Valley Rotary, a flutist, will represent Area 4 at District Conference in May. The young man representing our club, a pianist, was the "People's Choice". Don also announced that registration for the District Conference must be done online.



Sandra Barrington announced that the Sierra Harvest will be held on April 27th from 9:30-10:30AM at the Burton Homestead on Lake Vera Road in Nevada City. Fines were levied against **Chuck Elizondo** (became a bell ringer), **Susan Fivelstad**, **Ken Holbrook** (he got a new truck and was charged \$40 which he wanted to borrow from President Bob), **Marcus Moore** (\$20 for having a son run the mile in 5:30 minutes), **Steve and Wyn Spiller** became bell ringers, and Bob even fined himself (I didn't catch why, and made himself a bell ringer). Other announcements were attendance by **Kathy Egenes**, **and Rod and Susan Fivelstad** at the CNL educational forum for non-profits and the do's and don'ts for good practices. **Wyn Spiller** is back attending the Council on Legislation as RI will soon be announcing an amendment that is being approved at this session.

Bike Challenge meeting (104 riders signed up so far) was to be held immediately after our regular meeting that day...32 days away. **Steve Sarantopoulos** announced that Rotary at Work Day will be Saturday, April 16th at Habitat's housing project off of

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Apr 18 Captain Jeff Pettitt, NC Sheriff-- Training at FBI headquarters

Dates to Remember:

April 19 GCC Planning meeting Toffanelli's 7:30 a.m.
April 21 Board of Directors meeting 5:30 @ Scott Browne's
May 14 [Gold Country Challenge](#)
May 12-15 [District Conference Atlantis Resort Hotel Reno](#)
May 28 [Rotary International Convention Seoul, S. Korea](#)
June 27 Demotion Party

Whiting Street. Habitat will be dedicating their 30th home on Sunday the 17th.

Sandra Barrington then introduced our guest speaker from the Friendship Club, Jennifer Singer. The Friendship Club is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. Jennifer has been involved in the organization for the past 12 years. She grew up in Nevada County and enjoys her role as the CEO there, having followed its organizer **Mary Collier** who started the organization in 1989. The Friendship Club truly fills a niche in assisting young girls needing guidance, compassion, and teaching them how to make the right choices in their young lives. Currently they have between 75 and 100 girls in their program between the ages of 11 to 18. The average stay in the program is 4 1/2 years. Programs focus on 6 areas including health and wellness, goal setting, making positive choices, free tutoring, housing, and giving them the opportunity to thrive in a caring environment. Jenn also introduced Jacqueline, who gave us a first

hand account. Jacqueline shared her story of how she became involved in the 5th grade with the Friendship Club. Now she gives back to the newer participants so that they will know they can rise above adversities they may currently face. Her story was compelling! The presentation was followed by a good five minutes of questions from the Rotarians.

The winning ticket was held by **Ken Holbrook**, but he didn't draw the black marble.

Meeting adjourned at 1:22PM.



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P.O. Box 1213 – Grass Valley, CA 95945
Meeting location: **Monday** at 12:15 PM
Holbrooke Hotel, 212 W. Main St, GV

Make Up Meetings

Members who miss a regular meeting may make-up by attending any other Rotary club's meeting within 14 days before or after the missed meeting.

E-makeup: www.rotaryclubone.org

Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Grass Valley South,
151 Mill Street, Grass Valley
12:00 Auburn, Auburn Elks Lodge
12:15 Penn Valley, Players Pizza
5:30 p.m. Auburn Sunset, Sierra Grill

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. 49er Breakfast Club,
Escaton Lodge

7:00 a.m. Auburn Daybreak,

Sierra Smokehouse Grill
12:15 Yuba City, The Refuge

Thursday

7:00 a.m. South Yuba County Sunrise
Peachtree Restaurant (Marysville)

12:15 Auburn Gold Country,
The Ridge Golf Course

12:15 Nevada City, National Hotel