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The Spoke



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January 23, 2017 Meeting Highlights

Greeter Chris Parks
Sargent of arms Ken, Monty, Tom, John
Thought of the Day: John
Photographer: Fred
Visiting Rotarians: Diane from Eureka club
Guests: Tim brought his daughter Angelina

- President Eric presented Overton blue badge.
- Tom Lathrop donated recognition points to help Sandra Barrington receive a Paul Harris. President Eric presented Sandra with the pin and certificate.
- Casino night is February 4th. Get your auction items in and sell your tickets. There will be ads online with The Union and in the paper. There will also be ads on KNCO and an interview with Rita Stevens. Club members who use social media should share the event with their network. So far there are \$19k in donations but more is needed for the auction. There was an event committee meeting on Wednesday at 4pm. Entertainment being narrowed down and includes a magician and up and coming local performers in a Cabaret style.
- Music contest next week and our club is the chair of the Speech Contest this year.
- President Eric welcomed back Dick Panzica!
- Sid reported that the Salvation Army bell ringing was successful. Although they lost their post office ringing spots, there were more volunteer groups involved this year. Our club raised \$3000 in our kettles.
- John Voter reported that the food bank has a lot of paper bags but needs more of the normal size ones. Please bring them to the meeting for him.
- Pat reported that the Professional Business Directory has been updated but please continue to submit updates. Pat will be out of town till April as he is going to Spring training to see about 17 games.
- Anita announced the upcoming menu change which will be soup of the day, a steak salad, burger, and a club sandwich. If you have any suggestions please let Anita know.
- Jerry announced that his daughter went to the world on horses and came in 4th.



Rick Utermoehlen did his craft talk. Rick is a new member brought in by the one and only Ken Holbrook. Rick grew up in

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Upcoming Programs:

Jan 30 Club Music Contest

Dates to Remember:

Feb 4 Casino Night @ The Foothills Event Center
5 Days remaining til our biggest fundraiser of the year

Kansas and his dad was a coal miner. His dad was injured in a mining accident. Rick had an Italian grandfather. He was the first person to graduate from high school and college in his family. Rick volunteered for OCS navy and Air Force and choose the Navy. He became a flight instructor. Rick picked VR30 in the Philippines but they moved the squadron to Alameda which is how he got California. Took a year off and was a ski bum but soon went into the life insurance business which was a tough job. Rick had a bluegrass band and played five string banjo. Found out about Grass Valley from the bluegrass association. Met his wife Jenny and had two daughters. Came back to Grass Valley in the 80s to do estate planning seminars and really liked it still. Rick moved around in the life insurance business but eventually started with the Principal Financial Group which he is still with. Rick's practice is in three different parts: individual life insurance, employee benefit practice, and estate planning. Rick's daughter Holley is taking over the practice. He loves his work. Still flies and has an airplane. He flies doctors down to Mexico with Doctors Without Borders.



Ron Parks was the next craft talk of the day. Ron was born in Oakland with his brother Hap who is just 11 months younger. They have a special bond and when younger called each other yap and had a secret language. Ron was involved in Eagle Scouts as a child and interested in science. He went to UC Santa Barbara for engineering where he lived on the beach with six surfer roommates but didn't surf. He eventually changed to business major and went onto an advanced degree in economics as well as an MBA from San Jose State. During the Vietnam war he was assign to military occupational services in the army and worked at the pentagon. Ron continued to pursue his interest in photography. He worked with the Boy Scouts to do a dissolving slide track. Ron met his wife Chris in 1994. They moved to Grass Valley and Ron began work in Real Estate.



Chris Parks was the raffle winner. The pot is at \$50. She pulled a white marble.

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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.

Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Grass Valley South,
[Union Square Bldg](#)— 6pm social
last Tues of month
12:00 Auburn, [Auburn Elks Lodge](#)
12:15 Penn Valley, [Players Pizza](#)
5:30 Auburn Sunset, [Sierra Grill](#)

E-makeup: www.rotaryclubone.org

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Nevada City 49er Breakfast Club,
[Trolley Junction](#)

Thursday

12:15 Auburn Gold Country
[The Ridge Golf Course](#)
12:00 Nevada City, [National Hotel](#)
Except 1st & 3rd Thurs @ 5:30pm