

Eastwind

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Greetings and welcome to National Mole Day – not sure how that is celebrated but I will keep ‘digging’ for an answer. We assembled today in the mellow atmosphere of the Flaming-O Lounge although again (alas) sans the services of a bartender.

Rotary President **Dave (RPD)** led us in the pledge and songmeister **LLira** invited us to take a trip to the ballgame – it is reported that sales of peanuts and cracker jack enjoyed a spike in sales. Followed by a quick reminder that there are but two marbles remaining in the weekly drawing – not exactly “Mega Millions” jackpot but nonetheless encouraging more raffle ticket sales.

Today’s meeting is dedicated to audience participation, and writing on large pieces of paper on stage (thanks Marilyn & Catrina). Rotary Quizmaster **RPD** presided over the questioning and directed our thinking.

Question #1: Have you ever had someone ask you “What Is Rotary?” What’s your answer when they do? Discuss among yourselves – and we did. Requested to come up with a short, 30 second ‘elevator speech’ to answer the question. **RPD** also served as judge and jury and awarded Mega Million Jackpot tickets to table #1 for their response: *Rotary is your opportunity to make a difference locally and globally.*

Oops almost forgot our new member! Welcome to **Don Cliver** of *Umpqua Bank*, who received what must be called the shortest welcome in the history of our club. No pomp, no circumstance and no handshakes from all. Be sure to introduce yourself to **Don** when you see him at the next meeting – one of the traits that attracted him to our club was the welcoming nature of our club. Let’s give him the real time demonstration.

I’ll take Question #2 for \$1000 – “What makes Santa Rosa East special/great? Survey says: Camaraderie, Participation of members, Part of something larger, size of membership allows flexibility, Enthusiasm of members, Friendship and a comment that it is a small investment with a BIG return.

Oops almost forgot our guests: *Valerie Hulsey, VOM; Kevin Frey Miller guest of MikeRobtsn* and our youngest visitor *Victoria* the daughter of our own **Giuliana** (never too early to bring your kids to Rotary).

And our bonus question – What can I do to help the club grow? Besides the obvious “Ask someone to join” our collective brain power produced the following ideas: Have a ‘guest day’, increase social media presence, more hands on projects where we can invite others, wear your Rotary shirt and pin, don’t hide Rotary and encourage more corporate members.

Now you’re thinking how about the drawing – **RPD** made sure no one left early by drawing the winning ticket at the end of the meeting. A special congratulations to **RitaA** who had the lucky ticket, reached into the ‘money bag’ holding but two marbles and managed to bypass the winning marble for the coveted bottle of wine! So, be aware that this week October 30 will be the day of the winner – the more tickets you buy the better your chances of winning and you are guaranteed a prize that should be a truly GRAND Prize. Don’t miss your chance!