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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East

The Crown Jewel of District 5130

December 11, 2018 meeting

Edited by: *Bad Santa* (from the Flamingo Lounge)



President  
Brian Reed

### Get Going & Guests

President **BRIAN REED**, (PBR) spotted **GEORGE KEMMERER** in the lounge (don't worry, the booze was ☺ locked up) and **GEORGE** agreed to recite the opening of the Pledge of Allegiance, thankfully the rest of us present followed suit and finished the Pledge. **HAP CULP** stepped up for a Chinese proverb for wisdom, "Things are best done if you do it". **LARRY LIRA** led us in singing *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer*, appropriate for the season and the lounge. **RODGERS BROOMHEAD** introduced his wife and chauffeur **Nancy**. **KEN MOHOLT-SIEBERT** introduced his guest & student foreign exchange student from Indonesia, **Arnie Martono**. **JIM WIESCHENDORFF** introduced our guest speaker **Mark Randol**. **BANA SOLOMON** introduced her guest **Tammy Ciocatto** who also works in the home health care profession with Solstice Senior Living. **MIKE ROBERTSON** introduced his co-associate **Kevin Freymiller**. A late arrival at our meeting was **GIULIANA BROCKWAY** and her well behaved daughter **Victoria**. The sunshine from **RODGERS BROOMHEAD** was about a famous Cajun painter named Bourdeiu. When Bourdeiu agreed to paint a naked woman, he told his wife he'd keep some of his clothes on. He kept on only his socks, so that he could wash his brushes. **PBR** auctioned off a jacket that was left at last week's meeting, proceeds to the Eleanor Vallarga Fund. **JIM WIESCH** coughed up \$30, as he was very cold last week. ☺



## Santa Rosa East Rotary Christmas Party at The Villa restaurant



**Paul Harris Award recipients: TOM JACKSON** his 2nd, **RITA ALONSO** her 1<sup>st</sup>, **Nancy & RODGERS BROOMHEAD** their 7<sup>th</sup>



### Announcements and Presidential **PBR** Notes

**BANA SOLOMON** will host Handicapables decorating at the Church of the Roses the Saturday 12/15 @ 9:30 AM, many Rotarians already signed up. Also, **NANCY HILL** reminded that there will be may Rotarians volunteering at the 12/15 Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Lucky's Montgomery Village with 1 hour shifts beginning at 10 AM. **RON TAYLOR** is looking for desirable Live Auction items for our 3/16/19 Fundraiser. He is hoping to get many of the same items as last year like VIP Wine Tours, Brewery Tours and the Molokai trip, please look for similar items. **RON** is also looking to compile (12) \$100 restaurant gift certificates for Dine Around Town. **RITA ALONSO** is asking pairs of Rotarians to compile theme baskets for the Fundraiser. **SUE BISBEE** representing the Distribution Committee informed that the Board last night approved distributions for Roseland University Prep scholarships, Rain Harvesting in Tanzania (project led Sebastopol Sunrise Club), LifeWorks Family Counseling and Safeway gift cards for Brook Hill School families in need. **JOAN GERMESHAUSEN** pinned today's Paul Harris recipients above, **TOM CROFT** reminded that **RODGERS BROOMHEAD's** former life insurance employer, still matches \$1 for every \$1 he donates to Rotary International! **PBR** thanked **GIULIANA BROCKWAY** for organizing the Xmas party last Saturday night, great food, & a lot of good cheer.☺ (More photos on attachment). **PBR** outlined the monies collected thus far from our Club for victims of the Paradise Fire. For those who hope to work more on a hands on for the victims of the fire to contact **Jennifer Strong**. Club Year Anniversaries: **TOM JACKSON** 4, **MARILYN LIRA** 11. **MARILYN LIRA** has free Rotary Pins to wear always!

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**RAFFLE and some happy XMAS trivia to get you in you in the spirit!**  
**GEORGE KEMMERER** was a lucky 2<sup>nd</sup> raffle draw winner but the \$\$\$ eluded him, consolation alcohol did not. **Q:** Which country can be credited with the creation of the Christmas beverage, eggnog? **A:** England... **Q:** Which country does St. Nicholas originally belong to? **A:** Turkey...  
**Q:** What two phrases will you almost always find on Christmas gift tags? **A:** To and From...  
**Q:** Which country gifts the Christmas tree that is placed at the Trafalgar Square in London, according to Christmas tradition? **A:** Norway... **Q:** Which is the most popular ornament used to place at the top of the Christmas tree? **A:** An angel ... **Q:** The French word "Noel" is often used around Christmas, but what was its original meaning in Latin? **A:** Birth ... **Q:** The modern Santa Claus is a mix of what (3) figures? **A:** Saint Nicholas, Father Christmas & **TOM CHAUNCY** 😊😊😊



**\$HappyDollar\$Birthday\$Phone\$GoodAdvice\$**

**JOAN GERMESHAUSEN** had a very low key, recent birthday. **KEN CARR's** wife Judy had a recent birthday. They are downsizing, so a trip to Osmosis Spa was the perfect non-material birthday gift. **KEN** was justifiably gushy about Judy & made it a **\$BellRinger\$!** Next **KEN** was happy his oldest granddaughter is pregnant after a recent wedding. **MARILYN LIRA** heard her phone ring & donated \$5. **PBR** realized it wasn't wise to accuse wife Alison of dementia, when he thought he had already told her he was President, again!

**BARRY COGBILL** is back from trip to Uganda, Nepal & reported on Rotary International Projects



(Left) Samson Egasa from our partner club in Uganda (Tororo Rotary) showing us one of 5 solar powered water projects his club orchestrated. (L-Ctr) School kids in Uganda our solar cooker project will help feed. (R-Ctr) **BARRY** & Sukman, the leader of Digam Village in Nepal. This greenhouse is part of the Global Grant project & will help them extend their growing season. (Right) Digam villagers learning about sustainable farming from a Rotary sponsored instructor and also simple tasks, like how to wash your hands.



Today's Speaker: Mark Randol, U.S. Merchant Marines: Unsung Heroes of World War II

**JIM WIESCHENDORFF** introduced Mark Randol, with over 35 years of military & federal service. Mark has a Master's Degree in Government and a Ph.D. in World Politics. He served as the senior specialist in domestic intelligence and counterterrorism at the Congressional Research Center in Washington, D.C. One of the greatest and largely untold stories of World War II was the contribution of the US Merchant Marines operating cargo ships & oil tankers that brought arms, ammunition and other supplies to support fighting forces in Europe, as well as in the Pacific during WW II. What you probably did not know, is that one out of 26 merchant mariners died in the line of duty during WW II, a higher percentage than those killed in any of the combat services. Mark discussed the importance, chronological history of the Merchant Marines in the war and also provided sobering statistics on fatalities of both Merchant Marines & German U-Boat operators. He described how the cargo ships & oil tankers provided critical supplies to sustain Great Britain and later Russia as they fought the Nazi onslaught. The supply ships carried everything from oil to foodstuffs to Studebaker trucks. When the red army battled the Wehrmacht on the Russian Steppes, they did so wearing winter boots that were made in America! Those boots reached Russia on ships manned by Merchant Marines crossing the Arctic Circle through U-Boat infested waters in what came to be known as the "Murmansk Run". Later in the war, they would supply the war materials to support the Allied invasion of France. Despite the danger they faced, Merchant Marines were never given veterans benefits nor were they accorded the honors they deserve.

**Programs coming up at our Santa Rosa East Rotary Tuesday meetings:**

- December 18<sup>th</sup> U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Speaker TBD
- December 24<sup>th</sup> **DARK, Merry Christmas!**
- January 1<sup>st</sup> **DARK, Happy New Year!**