



President Judy Martin	May 2, 2024	Volume 10 Number 17
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THIS WEEK

Our club’s next regular meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 2, 2024**, at 12:15 pm in the Sequoia Room at *North Coast Brewing Company* for a Club Assembly.

LAST WEEK IN ROTARY 4-25-24

by Kathy Holmes

President Judy Martin loudly tapped the Roto bell, welcomed those present, called the meeting to order, and asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. After **Richard Neils** led the group in the singing of America, **President Judy** read this inspirational quote from Martin Luther King, Jr.

" We may have all come on different ships, but we’re in the same boat now."

Birthday: **Ryan Perkins’** brother **Randy** celebrated his 58th birthday on **April 21st**. Ryan revealed that when Randy turned 21 *Chico State* was considered “the number one party school in America”. Playboy Magazine even published an article about Chico’s parties during the **Pioneer Days Parade** that year.



Trips: **Richard Neils** just spent three days in New Orleans reconnecting with some of his mates from his time in the Marine Corps. One of the highlights of this trip was a visit to the *World War II Museum*. Richard presented **President Judy** with a mug from the museum for a future club auction.

Doug Hammerstrom and **Diane Harris** recently returned from a music themed trip to north central Scotland where it was “wet, cold and rainy”. The tour director was a Scottish musician who arranged for their group to have nineteen private concerts, most featuring bagpipes. **Diane** revealed that there once was a Scottish law prohibiting wearing anything under your kilt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Holmes reminded our club about the **Plant Sale** sponsored by the *Fort Bragg Garden Club* this **Saturday, April 27th** from 10 am to 2 pm. This event will also have a “Pop-Up Boutique” located at the *Amerigas Parking Lot*. {Editor’s Note: This event earned over \$3,200—the most ever!}

Richard Neils announced the **Fort Bragg Shred Event** to be held in the *Fort Bragg Town Hall Parking Lot* on **Saturday, April 27** from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Individuals can bring up to three 35-pound boxes of documents for safe, secure, on-site shredding.



Back for its 45th year, the **John Druecker Memorial RHODODENDRON SHOW** is happening **Saturday, May 4** and **Sunday, May 5, 2024** at *Mendocino Coast Botanic Garden*. This juried show is quite possibly the largest in California with a typical show displaying more than 800 entries and filling the big tent with cascades of color and fragrance. Regular admission rates apply on the days of the show.

Cesar Yanez is looking for some volunteer bartenders to help during the **A-Z Foundation First Annual Veteran’s Event** to be held on **Saturday, May 18th**—Armed Forces Day. This fundraiser will benefit military veterans and individuals with special needs. Only 110 banquet tickets will be sold. This includes a meal, open bar, and a gift at the door. Single tickets are \$60, \$95 for a couple, and \$40 for children under 17. For more information contact **Richard Neils** at 707.357.0131 or visit www.azfoundationgroup.org.

Eve Yeomans reported that her son Henry was recently involved in a motorcycle accident near Noyo Harbor in which he broke his knee in two places. He will be recuperating at home for the next five to six months.

President Judy thanked all our members who pledged to support her daughter **Chloé** in last week’s **HIT-ATHON** where **Chloé** belted 13 out of 20 pitches and raised \$860 in support of the *Fort Bragg Girls Softball Association*. If you haven’t already paid for your pledge, Judy will be contacting you.

Richard Neils thanked **Don Landers** for creating the flyer about **The American Legion Post 96 Pancake Breakfast** from 8 am to 11 am in the *Veterans Memorial Building*. On **April 6th** over 40 people attended their first event, and two new members signed up.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 96
Pancake Breakfast
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Orange Juice and Coffee included
8:AM to 11:AM
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
Open to the Public
April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6,
August 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5,
Nov. 2, Dec. 7
\$10.00
VERERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
360 N. HARRISON ST.
FORT BRAGG, CA 95437
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CLUB BUSINESS

Eve Yeomans thanked our club for its \$936 donation which covered a *Subway* catered lunch at *Willits High School* for **FFA (Future Farmers of America)** for students from Lake and Mendocino Counties. The President of the *Rotary Club of Willits* helped pick up and deliver the sandwiches today.

Ryan Perkins revealed that **Friday, June 28th** will be the **Second Debunking of President Judy Martin**. More details will be forthcoming.

Another pin check was issued and more fines were collected today.

Gary Champlin reported that this year's high school scholarship recipients were finalized last week and he will give a report to the club on **Thursday, May 16th**.

Eve Yeomans is looking for volunteers to drive **RYLA** participants from Fort Bragg to Ukiah on **Sunday, June 9th** and pick them up the following **Friday, June 13th**. Our club has traditionally sponsored at least six juniors from *Fort Bragg High School* to attend this week-long "life changing outing" while most other clubs in *District 5130* only sponsor one or two students.

There was no scheduled speaker for today. **Eve Yeomans** expressed the need for a few more speakers to finish up this fiscal year. It is up to every Rotarian to provide at LEAST 2 speakers per year. Please click the link below, look at the sign-up sheet and fill in an empty slot.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11NOB4FoowyJ9ObKtFfO9hd34Rkg-XoG55oYH_nd9B0E/edit?usp=sharing



Cesar Yanez reminded our club to attend our club's first ever **Festival of Brotherhood Fundraiser!** There will be a dinner on **Cinco De Mayo** at Cesar and Juanita Yanez's house. Menu will include Beef Birria, Chile Rellenos, Chicken Enchiladas, Vegan Pozole, a variety of tamales, salad, rice, and beans. Margaritas, beer and wine as well as a variety of non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Email Jennifer@HarvestMarket.com to RSVP by **May 1st** at the very latest.

Kathy Holmes had this week's winning raffle ticket but was unable to select the winning white marble. Today's meeting was adjourned at 1:16 pm after **President Judy** ended with "Be a good person!"

COMING EVENTS

- *May 2 Club Assembly
- *May 9 Hospital update by Judy Leach.
- *May 16 Rotary Scholarship winners
- *May 17-18 District 5130 Conference in Rohnert Park
- *June 6 Parents and Friends by Jackie Bazor

