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Minutes

Meeting conducted at Sportsman's Hall

Members present: Carol Abbanat, Margaret Birge, Christa Campbell, Heather Campbell, Ken Harper, Boyd Holler, Jack Mallinson, Jim Maroun , Dave Rogers

The meeting was called to order by President Dave at 8: 03 am.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Coming up this week is Jack's birthday.

Two bits, four bits….dollar: Ken donated $2 to celebrate the birth of Cher Williams' grandson, Alex Mason Williams, yesterday evening. Cher is a member of the Placerville Rotary club. Margaret donated $5 to celebrate the fact that her new business venture, Around About Transportation, did a transport every day of the week last week, and encouraging start. Carol donated $5 to celebrate the performance of her grandson Anthony in the recent local academic decathlon. Anthony got five medals, including a gold. She also donated $1 to note that the Interact Club had made 78 WAPI water pasteurization devices on Saturday. The WAPI device is used heavily in third world countries where water is hard to secure, and is often unfit for consumption. Jim donated $2 to celebrate seeing some members of the club he had only met once, sometime in the past. Dave donated $10 to tell the story, albeit a sad story, about an operation that his dog will need. He had recently cancelled the insurance on the dog, and shortly afterward, found out that the dog will need an operation that will cost thousands of dollars.

Jack donated $5 to celebrate rising water reservoirs in Sonoma County, and his win of the 50/50 drawing at the Healdsburg club last week.

Announcements: Martin let us know that he will be a grandfather soon. He was also happy to tell us that he had done some detailed research into the history of the Rotary Club and founder Paul Harris. He was very much impressed by the Rotary business model, noting that the club operates with an overhead of only 3%, thanks in large part to major contributions of work by volunteers.

At Margaret's request, Jim offered a little of his history. He was born in Lebanon but has lived in the United States his whole life, brought here when he was six months old. He started working in the family business when he was nine, and has always had a fascination for computers, his first being an Apple 2C. He worked in real estate in Napa where he developed an interest in local government. After taking time to take a motorcycle trip around the country he went back to school, graduating in Computer Science in 2000. In 2007 he went to work for Apple and met his wife, Heidi, who he married in 2011. They moved to Pollock Pines to take care of his mother-in-law, and loves the area.

Share Our Success: Dave has requested that parties responsible for portions of this let him know when their parts will be finished.

2015 Pilot Guidelines: The Rotary International Board of Directors will select 2000 clubs to participate. New things to be considered will included flexibility on when, where, and how clubs can meet. Internet meetings are an option.

District Governor visit: Dave and Eric will meet with the District Governor in the near future. Dave will give the club a debrief of meeting during the Assembly on February 25th.

Strikes for Scholarships: We now have more sponsors. Margaret has sent that information to the Mountain Democrat for the advertisement they will run. Jim gave a report on team applications. Club members are still gathering teams.

Fire Safe: The question was raised as to whether we would contribute to the Fire Safe Council. Heather discussed some possible ideas that the Fire Safe Council is working on. The next council meeting is February 18th, 7 pm, and the Community Center.

50/50: Ken was the winner and will donate his winnings to the Polio+ project.

Polio+: $43; 50/50, $7.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Ken Harper,
Secretary