

ROTAJET

Next meeting is Dec. 9
(Invite a friend or two)

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PANDEMONIUM RULES!

Mike Green delivered the invocation, while Magnolia Center's own country and western "shock jock," **Eddy Longshore**, led the flag salute.

This week the club welcomed **Bill Sclarr** (a guest of **Bill Friesmuth**) and our very own honorary Rotarian, **Jan Fanton**.

Song leader, **Eddy Longshore** led the Welcome Song, and the second time in a row, we actually didn't sound that bad (that's probably because **Ron Hill** and **Howard Born** agreed in advance to lip sync).

Pres. Kathi was unable to attend today, so **Richard Blecker** did his best to run the meeting. **Richard** appears to be the consummate cool, calm, *Mr. G.Q.* type person who never gets his feathers ruffled. However, that façade all came apart today when **Dave Foster** and his rowdy cronies decided take over the meeting (all in good fun, of course). *Mr. G.Q.* was visibly rattled when his microphone didn't work, he didn't have a bell or gavel, and he found that he couldn't out shout the hooligans at the back table (**Foster**, et. al). Add to that the fact that the guest speaker didn't show up, and you can imagine that poor **Richard** was just glad to get through the meeting, and crawl back to the safety of his office and tax books. The sad part about this whole deal is that **Richard's** term hasn't even begun, so I sure hope this isn't a preview of things to come for him!!

Mike Green's wife, **Lyn**, celebrated a birthday on the 26th of Nov., while **Ed Jezbera's** wife, **Carolyn** celebrated her birthday on the 28th. **Ed** said he took Carolyn to Lake Tahoe for her birthday, and **Mike** said that he and **Lyn** went to Hawaii. **Ron Hill** was overheard to say that he thought taking **Sherri** bowling and then for a light repast at the Food Connection for her birthday was a big deal!

The "official" election was held today, and the results for the new president and board members were announced. It seems like everyone whose name appeared on the ballot won (although some write-in guy named "other" was a close second in all categories). Congratulations to President elect-elect **Richard Pershing**, and also to new board members **Ed Jezbera**, **Jim Miller**, and **Laurie Brower** (does this mean that since we will have two **Richards** in a row as president we'll have to number them, like they do with kings or popes??).

Bill Friesmuth announced that the Pageant of the Masters for 2005 will be Tues 8/2/05. (now here's an example of good planning).

Richard Blecker announced that we will either have a Christmas party on Dec. 23, *or we won't*. He also said the club will be dark on Dec. 30, *or it won't* (he really said this folks; I'm not making it up). **Don Pulsifer** then said it's clear that **Richard Blecker** will either be a decisive president, *or he won't* (okay, I made that up).

Howard Born had the lucky ticket for the Blue Marble drawing, but did not select the bluest marble in the bag.

Please mark Thursday, December 16 on your calendar. On that date we will have our meeting at Sunshine School. In addition to receiving wonderful Christmas entertainment, we'll also have the opportunity to place a permanent plaque at the school in memory of **Don Thompson**.

The Secret Hand Shaker was **Laurie Brower**, and the Shakee was **Jerry Miller**.

Today's Program

True Confessions

For some inexplicable reason, several of our more *esteemed* members felt compelled to come clean and confess their recent transgressions:

Howard Born admitted that even though he went to Kentucky and bagged four deer, club members should feel sorry for him because it rained every day he was there. However, **Howard** picked the wrong group to ask for support, as evidenced by the huge fine that was heaped on him, at the urging of his fellow club members!

It was rather noisy at the back table when **Marie Mahaffey** confessed her tale of woe, but I think it went something like this: Just before she and **Ralph** were to leave for a trip to Costa Rica, their loveable pooch *got stoned*, so that had to rush him over to **Dr. Jezbera**. I couldn't quite make out what happened next, but **Marie** mentioned something about receiving an unusually high vet bill and *screws*, so I guess there must be some connection there.

Richard Pershing confessed that he and some of his family members sojourned this past weekend in lovely Primm, Nevada, where they took in a little land sailing. For those of you who might not be familiar with this sport, this is where you find a desolate patch of flat, arid, desert and see how fast you can make a sailboat on wheels go, without killing yourself. (this must be why the folks in OC make fun of us in the IE). Not surprisingly, **Dave Foster** was the only one in the group who said this sounded like something he would like to try!



Thought for the Day

Aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life.

- Dr. David M. Burns