

Dear fellow Rotarians,

The Magnolia Center Rotary Clubs weekly meeting on Thursday August 26<sup>th</sup> at Tava Lanes was a little too routine for this reporter. The usual quick adjustment and wire wiggling to get the PA system to work, followed by someone finding the American flag and bringing it up front coupled with Prez Kathi's [Chicken] norm of ringing the club bell while packed away in the podium felt lined bell case almost caused my mind to explode.

Luckily someone reminded me to take notes in advance this week, I did however have to borrow a pen [thanks Spike], and because my mama fed me with a slingshot the placemat that these notes are on are a little messy, but be thankful that someone records "What It Is" at Mag Center. Speaking of Spike, he got into a front/rear collision with his pick-up truck and brought it in for examination to determine the amount of damage it has, Spike you really disappoint me son, didn't anyone ever teach you how to wreck a truck? A quick check found only a bowed trailer hitch and loose bolts from his last self attempted oil change.

So here it is in no particular order; Prez Kathi slipped up and mentioned she went to Mount Whitney, Jim Miller had a birthday and didn't want a birthday song until he found out that cost more, speaking of songs, after hearing both the welcome song and birthday song someone at my table wanted to know if the song leaders [yes there were two of them] were drinking?, to which I answered, they don't call themselves the "High Notes" for nothing. Jim Miller made the mistake of complaining about his inability to understand the difference between a red badge and a blue badge, and why his is red and most of ours are blue, he also tried to implicate me in some kind of sorry scheme to justify his momentary wallet paralysis but it didn't work after I addressed the court. By the way Jim, red badges indicate new member status and the color red closely resembles the color of the pink slip, hope this clears things up for you. Prez Kathi and unreadable fellow Rotarians due to grease stain on placemat, went to a membership seminar where she obtained a beautiful membership expansion instruction manual which when opened had two words printed in bold letters "ASK SOMEONE". The postcard phantom sent a PC from Havasu City, which was postmarked from Phoenix, and the card promises many more to come. Eddy Longshore, one of our respected realtors, asked if Prez Kathi rented a houseboat when she visited Mount Whitney??? Evidently Eddy has his geography somewhat mixed up or confused with the postcard phantom's last known location. Ron Barnard was on vacation to Las Vegas, but referred to this trip as the weekend in Hell, something to do with losing two thirds of his posterior view. Club treasurer Howard Born says "pay up sucker", actually I borrowed that phrase from Jesse James, Howard politely asked for everyone to send in your check so he can pay our club bills, he also implicated himself in a future Caribbean cruise. Attendance chair Dave Pekarek had something to say but a well-placed grease stain prevents any further comments. The last three numbers of the winning ticket for the blue marble drawing were 333 and club gambler Ron Barnard had it but just like last week pulled another loser from Prez Kathi's bag of tricks. We had a visiting Rotarian from the Mammoth club [brewery owner] down the hill to visit his mother who has lived here for all of over ninety years, who would donate a case of beer to the golf tournament if we could find his mom a roommate, Joe Vogel wasn't in attendance at this meeting otherwise we surely would have got our case of beer on the spot, because Joe could be easily talked into visiting mom until the beer runs out. We now can make up for missed club meetings online at [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org), it will take 30 to 45 minutes to complete and questions will be asked before you receive your official makeup.

Today's program was introduced by Spike, Harlan Batalluge, a retiree who is giving back to the community with volunteer service, his lecture was on the evils of drug and alcohol addiction, he stated that the United States has approximately 5 % of the world population but we consume 60% of the worlds drugs and alcohol which causes us to spend 400 billion per year to battle drug and alcohol problems.

Don't forget the board meeting next week and the 15<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament Monday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2004, Jurupa Hills C.C. Riverside California.

On a side note; I called Prez Kathi and apologized for my extreme behavior [I may have stepped over the line], but I only had to hit the reset button once. Rotarily yours Dave Foster