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**Today's Meeting** Clyde "Easy Glide" Brooker convened his fourth meeting by having Sean Kolb lead us in the salute to our Flag. Marc Faye led us in an up tempo rendition of Rotary Grace.

Clyde's words of wisdom for the week come from Mel Brooks. "The difference between Tragedy and Comedy: Tragedy is when I cut my finger. Comedy is when you fall into an open sewer and die." Sounds like something Governor Leptomane (Blazing Saddles) would say.

**Visiting Rotarians/Guests /** Sadly we had no visiting Rotarians, but honorary members Pauly van Muyden and Helene Dorris joined us. Sean Kolb lunched with his children, Aimie and Griffin.



**Announcements** Les Engelmann, back from a Scandanavian vacation and proudly still a Republican announced that we won the District Publicity award for communication with the the local community, thanks in large part to Steve Venables. We also won the Presidential Award for all we did last year and our donations to the Foundation.

President Clyde asked us to leave our written ideas for a community project on the back table. They will be considered next week. If you don't remember, this is a project to spend our \$20,000 surplus.

The Fair Beer Booth sign up chart will be circulated next week. Sunday afternoon and evening of the Fair is the big time. Sundays are intense, but fun. We need the physically active members for Sunday.

The McGibbon pool party is this Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring your own food and drink. Ice cream will be supplied. It will be a good way to cool off on one of the hottest days of the year.

Tom LaBrie had rotator cuff surgery. Get well soon, Tom. I don't think it will add any distance to your drives, however.

This may be the last meeting we see Gary Wegener. Gary and his brother are off to Siberia, east to west, for a motorcycle trip. Hopefully, Putin lets Gary come home.

The Christmas Party will be December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Fliers Club.

The Evening Club's annual beer fest will be September 6<sup>th</sup>. Clyde has details.

Clyde thanked Christy Hayes for creating a Face Book page for the Club.

Kris Kristensen announced that the website has a calendar with all event dates.

Clyde thanked our server, Veronica, for turning in \$5 she found on the floor last meeting.

Tabb announced that the Rotary Softball team won its second game and we are 2-1 (now 2-2) in July. We are actually not that bad and if people showed up regularly we would be at least .500 for the year.



***Birthdays and Anniversaries*** Again, nobody confessed to an upcoming birthday. We had two anniversaries, Dan Stroski celebrated his 38<sup>th</sup> on July 18<sup>th</sup> with Ginny. Kevin Haarberg will celebrate his 18<sup>th</sup> with Lorie on July 27.



***Recognition*** Gary Bunch delivered a clutch pinch hit for David Janes as our fine master. Dona Mast was happy her granddaughter is coming home and her other granddaughter passed her EMT test.

Roger Dorris was thrilled that he and three others from our club won their 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive flight on Stag Day at the Fliers Club. He would not rat on the others. He also called in to some radio talk show, now what working person does this, and eloquently discussed the merits, are lack thereof, of our EPA. Roger had to pay twice.

Les Englemann, once again in plaid shorts, paid for his Scandinavian vacation.

Sean Kolb moved and has become next door neighbors to Tony Delevati. Tony also paid.

George Burger confessed to being part of the championship flight with Roger Dorris and Mark Ullrich, who hadn't confessed yet. Jim McGibbon then proudly, but meekly, admitted to being the fourth member.

Bob Moelller was proud to remember that 50 years ago he and one other member of our club went to Valley Forge for a Boy Scout Jamboree. The other member was George Berrettoni.



Roy Holmes remembered this Scout Jamboree also, as he went as staff for the Clarksburg scouts.

Gary picked on Peter, "Homer", Holmes, our resident soccer expert regarding the World Cup. Peter thought Germany was the best team and that Brazil was overrated.

Laurie Ruiz announced that Nugget Markets has a name change in store for Food 4 Less..

Gary Wirth was back from Europe. He went to Northern Ireland and won a golf tournament and then was with the Engelmans in Scandinavia.

Rich O'Malley was fined for having the honor of sitting with Helene Dorris and Pauly van Muyden.



***Rags to Riches*** Trying for \$689 with only eight cards, Carl Rodegerdts won a free lunch.

**Today's Program** Jim Nolan introduced Sheriff Ed Prieto. One of Jim's cousins is married to one of Sheriff Ed's daughters. Ed was just re-elected, without opposition, for his fourth term. Ed has been in law enforcement for 46 years. He has been in a supervisory position for 30 of those years. He was first elected Sheriff after 31 years with the Highway Patrol. He was a commander in the CHP during the Rodney King riots in LA. Ed, at 6'5", was once a double for Erik Estrada, all of 5'10", on CHiPs. Ed has five daughters and is married to the second in command of the Highway Patrol. With his father, he was the first father-son motorcycle team in law enforcement.



Ed commented freely and candidly on the recent Grand Jury report about his office. He takes all complaints seriously and runs an open office and welcomes discussion about his and his deputies' performance. Several agencies have investigated complaints and found no wrong doing. Ed meets regularly with Union Representatives, two or three times a quarter, and has not heard anything about "moral issues". He actively collaborates with outside agencies. He looks forward to Monday mornings and plans on serving four more years.

Ed is very concerned that society is becoming more violent. Domestic violence is also increasing, especially with female attacks on males. Drugs, either directly or indirectly account for 80% of crimes.

Part of the Sheriff's duties is to run the County Jail. After about 90% capacity they must start releasing inmates, low level offenders. The facility reserves 162 beds for inmates sentenced to State Prison. This presents quite a challenge, as these offenders are sentenced from 3 to 18 years. The normal prisoner is sentenced to one year or less. The beds reserved for the State prison releasees cannot be rotated. Sheriff Ed is very worried that in the next three years there will be no beds for first time offenders. A new expansion facility is under construction which will provide 37 more beds, 21 of which will be for the mentally ill.

Ed strongly believes in vocational training for inmates and programs of rehabilitation to try and reduce recidivism. The current program teaches basic skills, such as construction, right at the facility and is available post release. Religious group mentoring he believes is very helpful. Part of the new facility will be a daily reporting center for releasees. Parenting classes and drug rehab are also offered.

During questioning, Ed stated that we are losing the war on drugs and he is not sure what is right or wrong with drug enforcement and policy. Most law enforcement agencies are against legalizing drugs, but Ed is obviously conflicted on the wisdom of keeping all drugs illegal. Legalizing drugs will reduce the cost of incarceration, over \$120 per day per inmate. There will still be the cost of rehab. He is not sure legalization would increase the use of drugs.

Gangs are a major and growing problem. Interestingly, the weapon of choice is switching from guns to knives. Knives have no registration process and can't be traced. Ed believes Gangs will become the biggest threat to society. Just ask Honduras.

When questioned on the biggest change he has seen, he believes it is the lack of parenting.

As usual the Sheriff was well spoken and quite candid and informative. Thank you Sheriff for an excellent program.



***Upcoming Programs*** Next week we have Luke VanLanningham, advisor to the Pioneer High FFA. August 5<sup>th</sup> we have Kathleen Weis, CEO, and our own Lorraine Alvarez Opper, Yolo County Regional Manager of the American Red Cross Capital Region.

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