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JOYFUL HAYS DAY

Well, all that new member Hays Englehart did today was deliver the Thought, expose himself, and savor it all at the TGITLFOTM. This after he finally was admitted through the Pearly Gates last week and, immediately after that regular meeting, crashed a board meeting. Clearly the title of his thought, "The Joy Of Accomplishment", was appropriate. He also accomplished reciting one of the more lengthy Thoughts in our brief history. The bottom line (literally) was: "Though the outer rewards of accomplishment are many, accomplishment is also its own reward. Choose today to make the effort, to persist with purpose and commitment, and know the special joy that accomplishment brings."



The special JOY that accomplishment brings



OCCASIONAL OCCASIONS

A rare event -- both Dave Watson and his B&A list were here. Unfortunately, Dan Herbert was not, so he can wait in a cold sweat over the next week to see what sort of retribution he will suffer for having an anniversary. Dave was on a mission to catch up, claiming there is no statute of limitations on fines. Therefore, Steve Ware and his April 6th birthday were dead meat. Hopefully the oysters of which he partook at Stinson Beach weren't that bad. Annette, the kids and the mother-in-law (from her Old Kentucky Home) were also present. The \$30 fine was happily covered by Steve's good friends Buddy Burke and Paul Bettelheim. George Chaffey thought he did something clever by having Carol take him to Marie Callender and the SF MOMA on her birthday. The \$30 recognition may have cut into his savings. And of course once again we see that man

Hays Englehart, who vicariously celebrated Regina's birthday by trying to explain the locations of Chicago and Indiana which is where she and the kids were. And no summary of Occasions is complete without noting that Kevin Croak was late again.

An upcoming occasion, as related by Steve Ware, is a trolling party at the Lafayette Chamber Mixer on May 9th, 5:30 to 7:30, at Steve's place of alleged business, The Forge. Trolling for members, that is. Please turn out, wearing the appropriate shirt, for a good time including jazz band and refreshment.

IMMODESTY

Damn, we're good. That at least was what seemed to be conveyed in the article about LSR which Tom Black forced into the CC Times. The Pres, no shrinking violet he, added to that the success of the CEID Walkathon and the contribution thereto by his merry LSR crew. (Bob Heinen almost lost his favorite easy chair



which apparently was mistaken for an old rusty folding chair, but it was returned to him with appropriate ceremony.) Also of note was Thomas Raeth's skillful placing of the Plaque at the Petanque Park near the Lafayette Community Center.

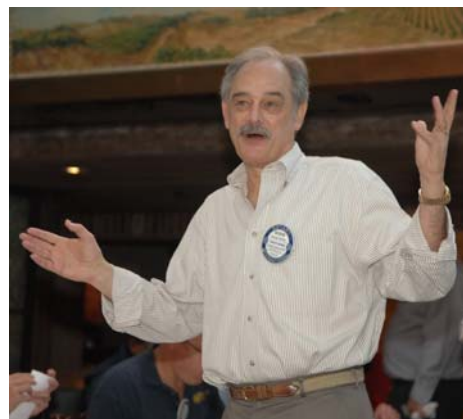


“Finders, Keepers”

SLOVAKIAN MERRIMENT

Skip McCowan announced that we are having a girl exchange student who will be our first visitor from the Slovak Republic. One host family has committed, and another has been volunteered by the Acalanes principal. So at least one more is needed. The time period would be about 3-1/2 months. Skip needs to give our decision within two weeks.

This reminded of George Chaffey of his last Slovakian connection, a G.S.E. team member who contributed a joke about beer. Any attempt here would fizzle, but if you try really hard, you may be able to get George to repeat it once again.



Again..... ;)



GIVING HOPE THE OPPORTUNITY

Alice Hiatt and Robin Felix of Hope Through Opportunity were congratulated for all their good work and given a \$700 boost. It will be recalled that we've left our mark in Tanzania with a couple of containers of goods and a very sturdy bridge. Another life-saving container is coming up, benefiting a hospital with 400 orphans. The list of useful items to collect is long, and will soon find its way to you. Alice, who will be going over this fall to climb Kilimanjaro for the 10th time, is taking a little time to relax -- the relaxation being climbing up to Mt. Everest's base camp, which is at a similar altitude to Kilimanjaro's peak.



Barry + Sheila

WE SEE THE FUTURE

And now, although this is the April 27th morning issue, we magically take you to the same evening, the next morning, and even into the next afternoon. Friday evening saw the long-awaited Durlister TGITLFOTM. You had to earn your way there -- parking your car was almost



The tree house

as challenging as the walk up the driveway. But once there, a golden afternoon on the hillside was enjoyed by all. The deck built around the big tree was a favored location. Sheila graciously conducted house tours which included usual art and artifacts, as well as absolute killer desserts. It was good to see the Reicherts turn out for the occasion. Many thanks to Barry and Sheila for carrying on the TGITLFOTM tradition and putting up with these party animals.

THESE PARTY



ANIMALS???

Saturday was the District Leadership Conference in Vacaville. Our incoming leader, The Other Paul, was in his element. Perhaps his most remarkable achievement was in persuading 12 people to go. But they were glad they did. Once again, a description here would be feeble, but if you try hard, Paul might just persuaded to tell you about it. In fact, he'll probably do so at an upcoming meeting.



The leadership "BrainTrust"hmmmm, more on that later, after we think about it



DOUBLE EXPOSURE

Today's offenders were Dave Watson and, yes who else, Hays Englehart.

Hays was the first exposor to give us a Life Map. This document, looking a bit like a Dungeons and Dragons game, gives an excellent view of the sanitized version. But the real nuggets lay in the telling. First of all, he went to the same school as Brad Davis (Sac State), which therefore by definition had to be a pretty shady place. Later, in 1989, he helped form a new Rotary club, the "L.A. West Side Sunrise", of which he was the second president. What went on there, he seemed to want to conceal. Then, starting in 1996, he had six sad years when he was exiled from Rotary. He blew out two kneecaps walking up and down the Statue of Liberty. He cured them by taking up mountain bike riding. Then he got a bit off course in a bike race and fell off a 100' cliff, snapping his collarbone. He then took up the safer sport of motorcycling, which he's still doing with a gang of old fat bald guys. Just before moving here in 2006, he took a little 3,200-mile trip through the Rockies. He's now lost 50 pounds and some hair. For dull details like his financial consulting and other businesses, see the flip side of the Life Map. Oh, yeah, he now lives in Orinda with Regina and they're usually wondering what their two grown daughters are up to.





Dave Watson's family has been making its mark on California since 1849. Dave was born a little after that, and the first mark he made was with his foot on the top of his twin brother's head as they entered the world. It was a quiet family, with 5 kids including 2 sets of twins. Dave's godfather was Vasco Giannini, owner of Orinda's famous Black's Market back in the day, therefore Dave bagged a lot of groceries and was fired 3 times. He went to Oregon State as a defensive end, got hurt, and (something like Hays and motorcycles) took up the safer sport of rugby. Dave

related a dizzying array of employers and of new companies he bought, sold and created. A technology reporter should have been engaged for this gig. But he's now engaged in something a little more down-home: Professional Automotive in Lafayette, which put on the Car Care America event at Orinda Motors, unfortunately at the same time as some potential workers were becoming Rotary leaders in Vacaville. One thing that we know is solid is the marriage of Dave and Bonnie, because it was solemnized by none other than the Rev. Ray Welles.



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does anyone know what's going on?



GUESTS

Kristi DeVoe, Walnut Creek Rotary
Alice Hiatt and Robin Felix, Hope Through Opportunity
Barbara Dising, Soroptimist from Berlin
Joe Masciantonio, courtesy of the very visible Dave Watson



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UPCOMING

- 5/4: Michael Pope, Alzheimer's Service of the East Bay
- 5/5: Rotary Foundation Day, Western Ranch Museum
- 5/9: Lafayette Chamber Mixer, 5:30 - 7:30 (see Steve Ware)
- 5/11: Lois Grandi, Playhouse West (great actress)
- 5/18: Amy Worth, MTC (formerly Orinda City Council), regional transportation
- 5/31: TGITLFOTM -- Riegg
- 6/1: Dr. John Bernardin, District Literacy Program Chairman
- 6/8: Shelley Sandusky, attorney, death Penalty in California
- 6/17-6/20: International Convention, Salt Lake City
- 6/22: Henry "Bud" Wolf
- June TGITLFOTM will be held in JULY !!!! Go figure
- 7/6: TGITLFOTM, Filinger's, with The Danes
- 7/13: Skip Skivington, terrorism preparedness
- 7/27: TGITLFOTM -- Davis?



Two goofy LMSR guys in leadership training