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THOUGHTFUL PLAN

Walt Nelson drove the message home. Don't start the day until you've formed a plan. Don't start the week until you've formed a plan. Don't start the month until you've formed a plan. The only thing he left out was the time we're all thinking about right now. Do you have a plan, or at least a resolution, for the New Year?

BIG BUCKS

A visitor paying a recognition? Outrageous. But maybe that describes Gary Westernoff, past president and ex-member. He came all the way from Hawaii just to tell us he's celebrating his 1st anniversary on January 8th. His bride Taemi came along and was

introduced to some more outrageousness, especially compared with Rotary clubs in Japan. But she adjusted nicely and hopefully enjoyed herself.



Rich Shearer, Gary's sometime protege, delicately described the nature of his recognition -- "Kick me". Seems his last two newsletters didn't quite make it off the presses. Hopefully \$10 per newsletter quieted his conscience.

Don Reichert bought recognition for his birthday 2 days early. He'll be off for parts unknown for a while, and undoubtedly worried about the interest on his recognition that would mount up before his return. His birthday approximates Jack Benny's, but he wasn't nearly as tight as Jack with the buck.



Patti Witalis celebrated Christmas, her birthday, and initiation into the Social Security club all at once. What date was that, you say? Figure it out. It apparently was worth a great deal to her, judging from her recognition.



Thomas Raeth had a happy day thinking about his birthday in 1957. It included a morning ski, a special dinner, and purchase of a truck. He happily paid his recognition, to be applied to Simone's Paul Harris account.

WINE & STREETWALKERS

Ken Kosich, auction impresario, given appropriate fanfare, said the donations have started to roll in, including a genuine Witalis original oil painting



Gillett Johnson gently requested that each member bring him a \$20+ bottle of wine for the occasion. He'll not only collect it, he'll value it for you for 1040 purposes, despite what Chuck Kenney may say. What Gillette will not do, despite an announcement to the contrary is just collect \$20 and buy your wine for you. Don't show him the \$\$\$ -- he wants the red or white.



Streetwalkers are definitely desired. There's been a good sign up for Tom Black's cadre, but he could always use more to tempt the merchants into donating happily.





INTERRUPTED REPORT

Zuska was innocently giving her report of what's been shakin', when our well-mannered president asked her if when Gregor was interviewing her last week, he "made any moves". She cheerily replied that he was nice and very funny. She couldn't have fielded that questionable question any more adroitly.



SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

Yes, that's what the Reno trip was called by Chuck Kenney as he reminded us that it's happening on the 13th and 14th. If the weather is anything like today, it could indeed be a spiritual experience. But there's always Tay Wheeler's Martinez send-off, plus mooching food and drink from the Berkeley club on the train.

John Fazel announced that next week's program features Donnie Priest who survived a plane crash in the Sierras at the age of 10. (No one seemed heartbroken that this is replacing the originally scheduled program.)

Whether Ray Welles approved of the foregoing as spiritual experiences is not clear, but he certainly had one when he won the Raffle.



PROGRAM: THE WORLD REINVENTED

We saw Jim Marggraff a couple of years ago and were dazzled by his invention which has since become better known, the Fly Pen. It seemed like the ultimate technological achievement, but his presentation today showed that it is a mere beginning of a very new era.

First of all, though, he went everyone one better when it came to spiritual experiences. Diving without scuba gear into a cave at the island of Tonga. Timing it so that the water is down, leaving air pressure, but a foggy scene. Water comes back up, ears pop, struggle back. Cycle of pleasure and pain.

Anyway, the Fly Pen was made as a Leap-Frog product. Jim's new company is Livescribe, for which he hired a bunch of top execs. The featured product is the "Pulse" Smartpen, which is small and more pen-like than the Fly Pen. Also needed is Dot Paper, which costs only 10 to 20% more than regular paper, or you can actually print your own.

What does it do? Well, as you take notes, it records, so you can just tap on one of your notes later and hear exactly what was said. It can be sped up or slowed down. It can translate what someone says in another language on the spot.

You can also make a Flash movie of your experience. All this can be communicated elsewhere through computer magic.

The products will be announced at the end of January and shipping will start in February. A set of a 2-gig version, which includes pen, USB cradle, headset and notebook, good for 100 hours, will cost \$199. A 1-gig version will also come out costing less.

This little synopsis is laughably inadequate to convey this guy's genius. He got a rare standing O from this cynical group.



VISITING ROTARIANS

Don Jenkins, Orinda
Larry Sly, Concord and Food Bank
Palmer Riedel

GUESTS

Ron Brown, still in limbo because his papers are in NJ
Gary & Taemi Westernoff
Simone
Katie Rose
First Lady Glenda



UPCOMING

1/11: Donnie Priest, plane crash in Sierras
1/13-14: Reno Train Trip
1/18: Richard Bolles, best-selling author, job hunting
1/25: More exposure: Rod Ford-Smith and Steve Ware

2/8: Clay Gardner, Salvation Army
2/15: Budd MacKenzie, Afghanistan
2/22: Jay Lifson, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce
2/29: Exposing Dan Herbert and good old TBD
3/7: Lisa Vordergrueggen, political writer, CC Times
3/15 THE Lamorinda Sunrise Annual Dinner + Auction

4/24 -26: District Conference, Sacramento

6/15 - 6/18: Rotary International Convention, Los Angeles

