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UPSTANDING THOUGHT

Walt Nelson had the good sense to defer to Ray Welles to give today's Thought. Ray generally performs only from high places, so naturally he compelled New Pres. Paul to stand on a chair and assume the position for induction. He recited the required promises for Paul's confirmation:

- To end his life-long love affair with the camera.
 - To bring his lovely wife to meetings as often as possible.
 - To be brief, terse, succinct, concise, short and snappy.
- (The pres waffled on this last one.)



Ray set the bar rather high by quoting Albert Schweitzer: You don't know what your destiny will be, but the only happy ones are those who have thought and found how to serve, with a compulsion to help for all their lives.

The pres's response was not quite as heroic. He needs help, and he's forgetful. Well, he did have his whole family here to help, and he remembered who they were.

CHANGES ARE COMIN'

One is to have a Joke of the Day. Who else to kick this off but that well-known clown, Pat Flaharty. He told of an accident at a brewery (at the land of Pat's ancestry, of course) where poor John drowned in a vat of Guinness Stout. In answer to the question whether he went quietly, it was explained that no, he got out 3 times to pee. (Maybe the pres will want to re-think this change, which calls to mind the infamous Day-After-Thanksgiving Jokefest back in ancient times.)



Another change is, instead of imposing fines, to ask the recognizee to value his own recognition. This was tried on John Fazel who confessed his birthday. Sgt-At-Arms Gillett Johnson added a new wrinkle by saying John could pony up either a \$20 bill or a \$1 bill. Then he grabbed both.

Yet another newbie is that from now on, each member who is not sitting at a table including at least one guest will pay \$1. Since the Sgts-At-Arms are Gillett Johnson and Joe Metcalf, it will be pretty futile to resist.





SHE FINALLY REALLY MADE IT

This time the organization was prepared. Venera Maysuryants got her new member packet and an earful about the purpose of Rotary. She learned the hard way that New Member Induction and Expose Yourself are two different things, when the pres interrupted her very interesting autobiography to explain that she'll get her opportunity, big-time, to tell her story later. We learned that she also answers to the name "Venus", which is a translation of Venera. We'll find out which she likes best as we go along.

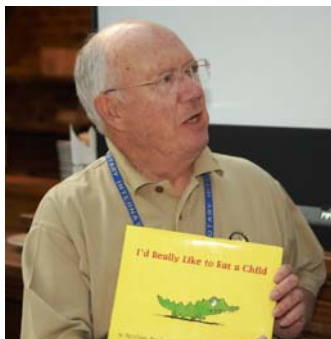


LOOKING FORWARD

Everyone undoubtedly was broken-hearted that there wasn't enough time to introduce the board of directors this week. Once again, everyone will attend just to catch a glimpse of them next meeting.

This week will feature The Danes. They arrive Sunday evening after having driven around the West for 2 weeks, and will embark on a strenuous itinerary. The second-biggest event will be Teatro ZinZanni in SF, which no one seems to have seen, but everyone has heard is a unique dining and wild show experience. The biggest event will be the TGITLFOTM at the Fillingers' Friday evening at 5:30 onward. The Danes will also be subjected to LSR harassment at the Friday morning meeting. The hosts and guests are:

- Tom and Pat Black.....Bent and Inger
- Cal and Agatha-Sue Lee.....Per and Lis
- George and Carol Chaffey.....Herbert and Kirsten



AN INTERNATIONAL STAR

Salt Lake City will never be the same after hosting the Rotary International Convention, and the LSR reps in particular. They were Paul/Glenda, Chuck Kenney/Rosie Mann, and Bob Heinen.

Paul's slide show and narration, as usual, cannot be replicated in these humble pages. No one ranges over the ridiculous and sublime like Paul. But he is definitely an admirer of the event, particularly the friendliness of all the Rotarians, and the scope of the projects seen at the booths in the enormous fellowship hall. Already you should be prepared to be drafted into Paul's People who will march en masse onto the RI Convention next year in Los Angeles.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Carolyn Thiessen, Alamo Club and former Dist. Gov. 1st Lady
Rosemary Mann, Berkeley Rotary pres-elect
Larry Sly, Concord Rotary and Food Bank
Gene Vogel, Concord Rotary



GUESTS

La Ray Spencer, Prudential Realty
Itzel Ruiz, from Mexico, educator of day laborers (Go, Pumas)
Da Fillingers: Glenda, Tamera (China), Mark (Orinda), Dana (Lafayette)



UPCOMING

- 7/5: Teatro ZinZanni with the Danes
- 7/6: The Danes from Logstor
5:30 - TGITLFOTM, Fillinger's, with The Danes
- 7/10: Board meeting, 7:00 a.m., Park Hotel
- 7/13: Skip Skivington, terrorism preparedness
- 7/20: Cliff Dochterman -- bring everyone for this show
- 7/24: New Member Orientation, 6:30-8:00 (presumably p.m.), Brad Davis's
- 7/27: Expose Yourself
5:30 - TGITLFOTM
- 8/3: Jill Buck, GoGreen
- 8/10: Niroop Srivatas, Lafayette City planning
- 8/14: Board meeting, 7:00 a.m., Park Hotel
- 8/31: Our first working TGITLFOTM -- at the Raeths', sticking labels in dictionaries to be distributed at the beginning of the school year
- 9/7: Distribution of dictionaries right after our meeting
- 9/21: Overaa Construction, Lafayette Library construction

