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**Have you got your Gala tickets?
If not BUY NOW before they are all gone!!!!**

For this week's tempestuous meeting President Christine Cross persuaded Art Snow to lead in the flag salute and John Glenn to lead us down the righteous path of the 4-Way Test.

Frank (him of the Peabody Hotel fame) introduced a plethora of welcomed guests from "Up North" that included Eric Wood from Penticon British Colombia and Jim Hewitt (most strangely from the same place). Mr Irving from Calgary South and Moe Lesyk from Winnipeg..... Is there anybody LEFT in Canada??? Flying the flag for US visitors was Benn Handel from Poughkeepsie New York and John Peterson from Yucca Valley.

One could hardly forget or let one's eyes stray for long from the lovely Lea Berghmans who was setting off back to Belgium for an extended visit. With promises she will be back, she left us all with a tear in our hearts.

There was some confusion on whether it was Rotary's 103rd or 106th anniversary. The wise elders soon corrected the confusion by proclaiming it was certainly the 106th anniversary..they were there for the first meeting.

Karl Kruger had a membership moment with the request that we all consider some lawyers or bankers that we know. It was not (it seems) a witch hunt where we could tie them to the stake, but a request for them to become members of our Rotary Club.

Ed Ellis gave his final Hurrah talk about the gala fast approaching... in fact by the time the ink has dried on this missive it will all be over and we will be singing praises for ever more!!! It should be an event to remember and a wonderful time will be had by all – promise!

Jacque (her of the Wachs division) noted the Youth Act Charter Party where much fun was had with Pizza and pop...apparently the squirrels were not invited as they are now caged (the plants not the squirrels).

Judy Bronstein announced with that certain flourish that hangs on every word that the garage sale was on April 7th. For all those who have garages for sale, you can drop them off on Saturdays between 8 and 12...

The wonderful better half of our Bob Allan ...Carrie Allan gave a well presented and informative speak about her GSE trip to Korea. Filled with photographs and anecdotes, it was a superb presentation of her travels.

Sir Stanley (him wot speaks English proper like), was once again fine master for the day. Of course no one had a hope in Hades of getting a question correct – but it is fun while it lasts!

Happy Dollars from Karl whose wife is home from a long trip; Lea who thanked all who gave her such a good time at her party and for 5 wonderful years in Rotary. Her parting remarks of “I’ll be back” echoed a certain Governor – but Lea’s body bumps were in MUCH better places!

Christine was happy to see Margie ... hell .. we ALL were..Norm Brown had to give thanks for women in Rotary.. it keeps his heart moving...

The raffle was won by our Texas transplant Janie Bolitho though she only walked away with \$32.00 leaving the \$159.00 for another day.

Next meeting will feature Lori McLune to talk about the school District before she retires...

TTFN

Mark Stanley