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This Week at the Club

The Heights... and the Depths

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(March 5) **Lester**, mustering all the prestige and power of the Presidency behind him, boinked the bell and caused the sound of music. **Lowell** followed with Words of Wisdom from Mark Twain. “Life is short... Break the rules... Forgive quickly... Kiss slowly... Love truly... Laugh uncontrollably... and never regret anything that makes you smile.” **Lester** carried the theme into his introductory remarks. “Good Morning, Kiwanis. It’s teacher day in kindergarten... gifts... florist’s son... teacher guesses... flowers?... student wondered how she knew... second gift was from a candy store owner’s daughter... Candy?... Yes, how did you know?... lucky guess... third gift was a box from a boy whose father owned a liquor store... dripping... teacher tasted it... Is it wine?... No... Is it whiskey?... No [punch line].” Groans, but at least everyone remembered Mark Twain’s advice: Forgive quickly. “Any guests?” **George** introduced **George David**, his guest. **Jeff** introduced “returning guest, **Ryan Ellis.**” **Bill** introduced “Mr. Semper Fi, **Don Frasier.**” And **Jeff** made a deft handoff to **Malcolm Maclean**, who introduced 3 Builders Club visitors. “Any Happy or Sad dollars?” **Don** wasted no time. “I have Triple Sad \$\$\$... my dog... knee ailment... took him to the vet... CCL injury, like an ACL injury... second part is, my wife blames me for the whole thing... third part... the vet told me what the surgery will cost, so now I’m looking for a job.” **Jeff** paid a “GlobalWarming\$... removed a carbon sink... a 40’ tree... which produced a visit from the Tree Committee.” Which produced some animated reactions from the breakfast crowd. **Jim** paid 2\$\$ “because I have to leave early and will miss this morning’s presentation... also had a nice trip to gold country in the foothills... didn’t find any gold coins.” **Jay** paid a H\$ for a trip to Reno and Lake Tahoe. **Lester** paid a S\$ for “my neighbor’s tree campaign.” And a H\$ “for the Warriors.” **BobB** paid a S\$ but can’t remember why because he didn’t take notes. **Ryan** paid a \$ but Bob had another lapse in his note-taking. Sorry Ryan. **Lester** looked at the birthday calendar and sure enough found one, **Jan**, who endured the howling with some scowling, and then a sweet smile. Mr. Good Guy turned out to be **TomB**, who bagged fines from **BobM**, **Jeff**, **Steve** and **Jim**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) **Jay** gave a “quick report about the Midwinter Conference... 700 Kiwanians gathered in San Ramon... the Eliminate Program has raised \$50m so far... we have 60 Model Clubs where each member contributes \$750 with a 5-year payoff... when started, 60 nations were at risk for neonatal tetanus... now down to 29... membership is going up... 2500 new members... don’t forget the March DCM on the 20th, at Fairfield... need 2-3 from our club. 2) **Lester** promised to send out an email for the DCM. 3) **Lowell** paid a H\$ to announce that “the SH Library is the second best small library in the country.” 4) **Don** announced the flyer he sent out by email for Bale Mill volunteers to be millers. Orientation is this Saturday. 5) **Lowell** said the sign project has to wait for warmer weather. 6) **Howard** sent around the hours report. 7) **George** showed off the new free breakfast coupons and urged members “to grab 4, 5, 10 of them and invite people.” 8) **Malcolm** talked about the Builders Club, which he described as “a solid group. Every year it seems like it might not happen again, but then kids show up and do a great job.”

DRAWINGS: **BobM** won the Fine Free drawing. **Drew** won a shot at the marble game. Being on the Marble Committee didn’t seem to help.

In lieu of a guest speaker the club had an open discussion of various topics.