

Dear Rotarians...

You were good to me all year.

Please be good to me today.

Don't forget. My family is loaded with guys named Vinnie, Tony, Sal, and Vito who are very protective of me.

With a wave of my wooden spoon...

President Donna

Todays Program

It's all about **Donna**. This editor was not in the loop so SURPRISE! Hope for the best.

Last Week

Jim Zenner won the raffle prize. He was sitting next to me. So close, yet...

Donna took one of her last opportunities as president to give thanks to her directors for helping her through the year. Chocolate handcuffs to **Martin Bernal, Lane Lawson, Janet Gluch, Karen Beeson, Larry Fogelquist, Colleen Harrison** and **Heather Stiles**.

Ian was given a crystal 'plaque' for all he does for her presidency.

Two auction items, tickets donated by **Wally Dale**, and a painting by **Ed Penniman**, were won by **Carol Lezin** and **Gerry Turgeon**. Thank you.

Tom Foster did a fine job as detective. *Habia muchos oportunidades para muchos dolares de felicidad.* Notably, **Maurice's** grandson, 15, is going to Palermo Italy for a Rotary youth exchange. Tom ended his report with a reading of an old document written by mostly attorneys. The passage stressed the right to throw out a bad government and start anew. (ED.: While his words spoke to taking the opportunity now, to honor the Declaration of Independence, since we do not hold court on July 4, I wonder if he was really meaning to start Donna's debunking one week early. Referring, of course, to the tyranny of England over these, our, states. Editorially, 'England' refers to 'Donna,' and 'Divine Providence' refers to 'Jim Weisenstein.')

Last Week's Program:

Stoney Brook

"Why Rail, we ask?" was the query two weeks ago. Last week, the question could have been, "why walk?"

The Way, or, El Camino de Santiago de Compostela, is a pilgrimage taken by hundreds of thousands (millions?) of Christians over the centuries, and one year ago by Stoney Brook. He started with a not- so- heavy rucksack, confident that he would not ever need a sleeping bag or tent. And early on, lightened his load more by jettisoning extraneous articles. His story tells of finding peace along the way, peace with the weather, whether it was wind, rain, hot or cold, it was never a bad day. Each day began the walk at 5:30 and by noon he would be at his destination to enjoy lunch and wine, with the locals. There was peace with the communities of host people that he encountered, wonderful people, selfless and interesting. Family and friends is what life is all about. And there was his spiritual peace after leaving his rock at a cross,

Cruz de Ferro, where pilgrims leave a symbol of their life's burdens, in order for them to be lifted.

In 44 A.D, St James's remains, after being martyred in Jerusalem, were brought back to Spain. His remains are buried at the shrine of the apostle, in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia.

Wow another great program!

Once every few years I am offered the opportunity to be Spokes Editor. Thank you for reading and commenting. If you would like to give the 'job' a try, let somebody know. Volunteer. Peace.

CLUB CALENDAR

Member Birthdays:

6/27 Drew Miller

6/30 Larry Wallerstein

Club Anniversaries:

6/25 Ed Penniman 22

6/27 Wally Walker, 29

6/30 Jan Derecho, 20

Wedding Anniversaries:

6/28 Larry Wallerstein, Linda, 12

6/30 Lee Courtright, Lynne, 53

6/30 Burt Rees, Cynthia, 53