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## LAST MEETING:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**FELIX BELMONT** was named *Man of The Year*. Of course, we already knew that! By KVNF vote.

The Bishops are back as well as Sharon and Don.

Kid's Pasta Project dinner is April 14 at 6 PM at the Blue Sage for the *Jamaica Outreach Project*. Be sure to sign up in advance.

### PROGRAM:

**CHERYL OELTJENBRUNS** discussed the Abraham Connection Foundation of which she is President of the Board. It is a homeless shelter project from November 1 to April 30, the shelter season.

Most of the residents in the shelter are Delta County residents. Also most have been homeless previously. She related a lot of success stories to help them become self sufficient. But they are not successful with everyone. Sometimes residents are told to leave if they are too disruptive.

This is house in the basement of the DELTA Methodist Church. It is a fully volunteer organization since the beginning. The first season they had 77 bed nights; the second season, more than 600 bed nights; in the third season more than 900 bed nights and in the fourth year, 700 bed nights.

Today there are more than 300 volunteers for meal preparation, laundry, and overnight supervision. There is 34 hours of volunteer time per day needed.

Finances come from donations and grants.

One night staff person is paid. They have relatively low expenses. They are looking to raising funds and their own facility.

On the average people stay two months. The shelter is open 6PM to 6AM. Seven churches are open from 6 AM to 8 AM for breakfast. Residents are given shower passes to use at the Recreation Center.



## NEXT WEEK:

**MIKE LUDLOW**, President of Oxbow Mine. He will discuss Oxbow's plans.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Erik H. Erikson**, the eminent USA psychoanalyst, famous for conceptualizing the *Stages of Life* as they unfold....maintained that a mature adult, who has achieved success in life, reaches a point where he naturally wants to expand his life to care for more than just himself and his family. He feels the need to become a supportive person in his own community and a mentor to young people. Avoidance of this "generativity", wrote Erikson, results in stagnation and an old age that is likely to be filled with a corrosive feeling of frustration.



The true Rotarian....is by temperament a "doer", and his maturing desire to reach out and help others fits perfectly with his obligation as a Rotarian. By nature, by ability, and by association, the club member is disposed to serve.

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Editor's note: Our club appears to respond to this. [Back](#)

Back in 1993 I had this in a bulletin:

I think Doc Bradshaw said, 'When the hospital gives you one of those skimpy gowns you know the end is in sight.'

(I don't think I need to draw you a picture.)

"An object of great importance and concern is to simplify your system of finance and bring it within the comprehension of every member of Congress."

Thomas Jefferson, 1802

