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I usually save my goodbyes until the close of my comment, but today's is a special one. I have to say goodbye to my old friend Bud Sonberg who passed away last week. Bud and I met in the ninth grade and were special friends from then on. The usual separation occurred when I got married, and later he got married, but in the last few years, we re-connected. I never left town, but Bud went on to be part of PG&E's upper echelon, being stationed at Salyer/Willow Creek, San Francisco, Fresno, Garberville and other places as a supervisor. He moved back to Eureka in retirement, and eventually, ill health took him down. He fought it every step of the way, though, but cancer finally got him. He was a tough old guy, and I'll miss him a bunch- Goodbye Bud.//The community comment last week by the young man whose name I never did get was right on the mark. He talked about the Electoral College and how out ^{OF DATE} ~~of date~~ it is, given the modern day communications and public knowledge. He talked also about the need for it in the days when folks didn't have the connections we have now. His comments on whether or not we needed political parties was something I had commented on years ago and has some merit, because -how many politicians are obligated to be loyal to their party when it comes to many issues, such as supporting a candidate for office? Anyway, that is one issue that could be taken up some day when they don't have anything else to do.//

Today is the eleventh day of the eleventh month, and at the eleventh hour we will celebrate Veteran's day at the Adorni Center on Eureka's waterfront. One person who won't be there is Herb Wall, that skinny sailor who could still fit into his original navy uniform. Herb was a great guy, and he passed this last year. I knew Herb for a long time, and I miss him at these veteran's memorials. Our Barbershop Chorus will be there to sing "God Bless America and our National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner". Here is a HUGE THANK YOU for our veterans both past and present, and living or deceased. The Adorni Center is always packed, as is the Ocean View Cemetery's memorial area in May, so we know there are a lot of people who remember our veterans and the sacrifices they made.

//This coming Friday is Friday the Thirteenth, a date that bothers a lot of folks, but one good thing that's happening

Friday the Thirteenth this month is the Eureka Chamber Music's Concert Series featuring Darla Robotkina, a wonderful Russian Pianist. I've heard her before, and she is great! The concert starts at 7:30 at Calvary Lutheran Church, South and Prospect Streets, across from Alice Birney School-Be There! Calvary's Sanctuary is a very acoustically correct building, so you get the best sounds as these artists play their instruments or sing. There is always a "Meet the Artists" reception following the concert, so come and get some class- you won't be sorry!

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