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RAFFLE NO raffle this week!

Welcome Gianna Marie Curtola

Danny reported today that Gianna is doing fine now after a scary (especially for her parents) start in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for several days after her January 2nd birth, mostly as a precaution.

CONGRATULATIONS Danny, Julie and baby Gianna!

We had a very large crowd today for Refresh Rotary hosted by Maggie Griffin and Larry McClure. Thank you both for the drinks!

Guests were (as well as I could tell): Ken Wong (lawyer), Chris (former Secret Service), Ken McLachey (former Jet Jockey), Michelle (Consumes River School District), Lou Wallace, Christ Gardner (Paint Right Pros), Tim (Cal Trans), Patrick, Randy Penora (retired), John Huffman (Aflac), Michelle Elders (CPA), Colleen Waters (Estate Planning), Sgt. Alex (Asst. to Sherriff Jones), Mari & Prete, Duane's wife of 26 years — Shirley, Todd Lutes (Lutes Mitsubishi), Angela Kellogg (Chaplaincy.) Todd Wallace (Good Sheppard Lutheran), and visiting Rotarians: Carolyn Lewis (Passport Club), Doug Holland (Carmichael Club.)

Happy Bucks: Ben Fox—nice to see you again! \$10; Danny Curtola—became a Bell Ringer for his new baby girl but wants the funds to go to Rotary House because of his new found knowledge of the hardship parents of sick children go through. Larry McClure gave \$10 (paid by Bill Hambrick) for celebrating his birthday and not having to hear us sing to him. John Gabriel announced he will be 71 on 2-3 (born on 2-3-45) but will be traveling so he became a double Bell Ringer! Katie Pexa had to pay \$5 for her badge that Tom Griffin stole from her and Jonathan paid \$10 for the badge Katie stole from him! Nice to see you, Jonathan!

Pres Steve remarked about how great our visit to Leo Palmiter was last week and thanked Michael Grace again for making it happen.

Bill Hambrick announced the schedule for the next 4 dictionary hand outs: Wednesday, January 27th, 1:15pm, Dyer Kelly; Friday, January 29th, 1:45pm, Whitney School; Monday, February 1st, 1:45, Cottage School; Thursday, February 4th, 8:45am, Greer Elementary. Thomas Edison TBA. Call Bill if you want to help distribute dictionaries.

Joel announced that the Sacramento Chaplaincy will be helping with the Horsepower and Holdem Poker Tournament selling tickets. He also announced that Sam's Club and Walmart are partnering to sponsor \$11,000.

Paul King spoke about putting together ideas for the next grant proposal hoping it will be our 3rd year in a row to have a cooperative grant with other clubs in the area.



Carolyn Lewis said the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Sacramento Children's Receiving Home is on April 19th.

Sherriff Jones is our speaker today. Steve introduced him by saying he has four children and represents one of the few counties where law enforcement and fire work well together. He also said Howard Stagg is part of the volunteer Air-Corps who will fly suspects like Gallegos who Howard flew to Nevada to stand trial. Sherriff Jones said he moved to Sacramento as a child from Glendale, California for his dad to start a business here. He has always been active in supporting business issues because he saw what it takes for someone to start and run a business. Sherriff Jones love to speak to community groups like Rotary because he is impressed with what they can achieve. He spoke at many clubs in speech contests as a student and started a Key Club at Valley High because of his experience with service clubs. He is truly grateful for the partnership we have with SCIP.

The state of law enforcement: Sherriff Jones feels Sacramento law enforcement enjoys a high level of support. He feels it but knows that a lot of the Deputies don't get to feel it in the same way. It becomes a leadership challenge for him to get them to understand what he knows is true. He feels introspective and thoughtful people are called to join the Sherriff's Department. His major challenges are recruiting and retention.

In the 1980's and 90's there was a pendulum shift—the 3 strikes law that originally helped jail repeat offenders produce a lower trend of violent crime was targeted. A realignment happened to reduce the prison population and then many who should have gone to prison were instead sent to County Jails. Early releases let people who should still be incarcerated be out in public again. It used to be easy—if the sentence was under a year you went to County Jail, over a year you went to Prison. Prop 47 the "Safe Neighborhood & School's Act" was poorly written and passed although most people didn't understand that it would turn many felonies into misdemeanors. It would also release felons in jails awaiting trials because their charges were reduced. It also changed any felon who was convicted at anytime of one of the crimes that were changed to misdemeanors to have their record changed and they were no longer considered a felon. The recidivism rate for the released prisoners is 70%.

The Governor also signed an Executive Order to reduce a second strike offense by 50% which allows felons to get out of jail much earlier—he signed this with no judicial or legislative review without regard to the consequences. There are 60,000 warrants out for "no-show" court appearances and no one is even looking for them. There is no room to house them in jail so they walk around free without consequences.

The good news is that the Sherriff's Department is hiring new recruits and will be more efficient than before. Sherriff Jones feels there will be a polarizing event which will make the pendulum swing back and tighten up the laws that have allowed this to happen. There has been a state-wide 30% increase in violent crimes. Sacramento County has decrease except for domestic violence.

Why did Sherriff Jones decide to run for Congress? He was approached by the RNCC to do on a national level what he has done in Sacramento as Sherriff. He said he would only run if he was assigned to a committee with some teeth to make a difference like Homeland Security. He says this is not ego driven, it is a continuation of his life-long desire to make an impact.

He is frustrated by California which is controlled by the liberals in San Francisco and Los Angeles and yet the rest of the state is mostly conservative. With the Democrats in charge the legislature has not been able to get anything done. For example, every single Sherriff and Police Chief spoke out against Prop 47, but the liberal advertisements made it sound like it would make schools and neighborhoods safer when in fact it has done the exact opposite. At this point there is no way to repeal Prop 47, but some items may be added to it like getting DNA swabs, firearm restrictions and the date rape drug being handled differently that other drugs. Felonies can be changed to misdemeanors by the legislature, but the reverse cannot happen.

There are moderate democrats like Jim Cooper who in time will help the far left Democrats move more to the center. Sherriff Jones says offenders who have spent time in jail are better off than those who have been set free. More inmates receive their GED education and graduate than adult offenders on the streets.

What can neighborhoods do? Do not tolerate crime. Use a dog, alarm system, car alarm, close circuit TV, even fake alarm signs and fake cameras are a deterrent. Criminals are stupid and lazy and will move on from a location that appears to be protected.

Thank you, Sherriff Jones, for an informative presentation!
Thank you again, Maggie and Larry, for the Refresh Rotary Sponsorship!



Carolyn introducing Chris Gardner



Duane introducing wife Shirley



Pastor Earl with Pastor Todd Wallace



Stuart introducing Todd Lutes



Michelle



Christine introducing Lou Wallace



Michael introducing Chris & Ken



Ben introducing Patrick



Pledge



Doug Holland



Ken Wong



Sherriff Jones, Ken Wong





Introductions



Sherriff Jones



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