

Arden Arcade

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Pledge by Mike Grace

Invocation By Steve Turner

Guests of Rotarians: Michael Caplan introduced his nephew, Todd Sperber from the Sacramento Children's Home and husband of our speaker, Maria Salazar Sperber. Michael also introduced his wife, Louise. Joel introduced Todd Lutes. Visiting Rotarians were Kary Moore, President of the Sacramento Breakfast Club, and Todd Klonger from the Sacramento Club.

Patt sent around a sign up sheet for helpers at the Laurel Ruff Holiday Party on December 8th. We need everyone to participate and help serve the Laurel Ruff students in their classrooms as well as the students from the 4 local grammar schools we are hosting. Santa, Matt Ross, also needs some "elf help" handing out candy-filled canes.

Prez Steve reminded everyone to "save the date" for the December 5th Murder Mystery Christmas Party. The theme is a 1920's speak-easy—dress appropriately. There will be a catered dinner and an upstairs cigar bar. The event starts at 6pm at 1860 Howe Avenue.

Rotary Van update. The design has been chosen and the committee is meeting today to purchase the 15 passenger van.

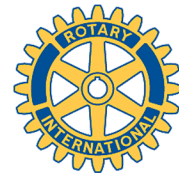
Carroll Cook arrived just in time to update us on the coats for Dyer Kelly. He went to Macy's today and bought 38 coats—his sales receipt says he saved \$2500 while only spending \$710. Today we'll pass the hat and Carroll will match all donations 1 to 1. \$350 was raised so there's \$700 for more coats. Be sure to keep bringing them in—it's cold out there!!!

Welcome back to Jed! He's doing better—this time they put oil in his eye which he'll have until January but he's happy to be back.

Paula is out with a wrist injury and may need them to break it to fix it—yikes. Hope you're doing ok, Paula!

The Sacramento Breakfast Club is selling poinsettias for \$10—their president will be back on the 1st of December to deliver and also will bring extras.

Matt Ross updated us on the Rotary Foundation Donation month of November. He said as soon as you make your donation you will be removed from his email list which he will send each week to solicit your donation. Remember, we want to maintain our Every Rotarian Every Year status. Donations will be matched 50 cents to each dollar. Last year our club donated \$16,000.



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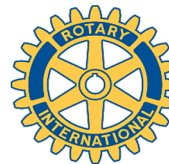
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RAFFLE TOTAL: \$568.00

Next Week: \$598.00

Small Pot \$212—Danny Curtola had the number but didn't pull the ace of spades!

Large Pot—\$356—Lillie Tonkin had the number but didn't pull the ace of spades!



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Our speaker today is Maria Salazar Sperber, the President of the Friends of the Crisis Nurseries, and auxiliary of the Sacramento Children's Home. "The Friend's main objective is to cultivate an understanding among local public officials, and other community programs, for the need and importance of providing confidential, immediate childcare in our community in an effort to reduce child abuse and keep families together."

Mrs. Sperber helped to draft and pass Senate Bill 138, Cole's Law, which allows child victims of sexual assault to testify via closed circuit television in specified circumstances while she worked for Senator Abel Maldonado.

Maria and husband, Todd, have 4 children. Maria is a tri-athlete, and is married to Michael Caplan's nephew, Todd. Todd is the Director of Philanthropy at the Sacramento Children's Home. The Sacramento Children's Home mission is to prevent child abuse, care for kids in an emergency, educate parents on better child care and help parents and caregivers in crisis to help keep kids out of Foster Care.

The Crisis Nurseries used to receive HUD money but that has been cut so they are running a \$350,000 deficit. Over 22,000 children were helped last year. They keep about 100 babies a month in the nurseries. Maria told of several clients like a young single mother who had post partum depression and checked her baby in to the nursery for a few days until she could get her act together and also apply to American River College in nursing realizing that she had to provide for her baby. She also used the day care while she attended school and has gone on to UC Davis and become a nurse.

The Crisis Nurseries Program were designed to serve the most vulnerable population. They help children from birth to 5 years and act as a community safety net to keep families together and prevent child abuse. Sometimes grandparents are left to raise a grandchild and they can also use the crisis nurseries for help. They can help clients find other community resources to help manage their crisis.

During times of emotional stress, domestic violence, drug and alcohol addiction, and rehabilitation, the crisis nurseries can help. It makes an impact on the community to help manage these situations. They have a case manager assess the needs and decide how the nurseries can help. The nurseries are a safe, secure, non-judgmental, voluntary environment. The nurseries provide care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. There are 2 sites, 40 employees with a 1.8 million dollar budget. They have a \$350,000 deficit. Arden Arcade Rotary donated \$1500 to help.



Maria accepting the Arden Arcade donation. Thank you Maria and Todd for the great presentation!

There will be a meeting next week, November 24th. Steve is trying to get a Homeland Security official to give us a update on the recent terrorist activities.

December 5th, Christmas Murder Mystery Dinner Party
December 8th—Laurel Ruff Holiday Party