## Arden Arcade

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Pledge by Stuart Nelson **Invocation By Steve Turner** 

Guests: Earl Heverley whose application for membership has been approved by the board, Remember, Saturday is the Day of Hope put on by 12 churches to bring unity resources to the West end of the Arden Arcade area. 35 agencies will be there giving out food, free haircuts, help with resumes, employment opportunities. There will also be a kids zone and lots of fun! Bill Hambrick also introduced visitor, Alison Conwell, a felloe ultra runner.

The club sang Happy Birthday to Jeri Petersen and Christine Hock.

Al Cady handed out information on the Foundation—Legacy of Giving and Bequests. Al pointed out you can use IRAs, Insurance Policies and other means to fund a Bequest. You can name RI in your will or trust and you can also name The Arden Arcade Foundation.

The update on the Rotary Van—the committee is meeting next week to do a MOU—memorandum of Understanding. They are getting feedback from Insurance companies and the wrap dealers. At the Foundation Dinner the grant helping us obtain the Van is being highlighted

The Board Meeting is November 11th at 5pm.

Carroll Cook updated us on Dyer Kelly and our Annual Coat Drive. Carroll talked to Paco at the school and asked if they wanted us to do something else, but Paco said no, they really need the coats. So Rotarians this is the time to donate or buy coats and bring them in to Carroll. The hat was passed and \$280 was collected to we're already 25% to our goal of 100 coats! Please purchase sizes 7-8 through 18-80 in children's sizes.

Tim Cook was able to have Walmart donate 20 \$50 gift cards to Dyer Kelly and a \$2,000 donation to the Ray McClure Scholarship Fund in the Arden Arcade Foundation. Thank you Walmart and Tim!

Thursday is the mentor program at Sac State with Encina students. Paula is attending to observe and learn how they run the program.

Next week there will be a poker tournament meeting after our regular meeting.

Dan McCallum became a Bell Ringer (again!) because he took his daughter duck hunting for the first time in 11 years and loved it!

Joe Green thanked everyone for their good wishes for his brother who is doing well and will soon be fitted for a prosthetic leg. Joe



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Attendance: Jed Van Wagner

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## **RAFFLE**

Small Pot \$192—Bill Hambrick had the number but didn't pull the ace of spades!

Large Pot—\$336—Bill Hambrick (again!) had the number but didn't pull the ace of spades!



Visited his brother at Walter Reed Hospital and was very moved by seeing so many of our military and veterans there.

Today we are joined by Jean Herschede the new director of Amigos De Guatemala. Amigos De Guatemala was started by Rotarian Bob Hatmaker from the Groveland Club. Bob got us involved in the project at the very beginning through Water Anderson because they were cograndparents of Steven Anderson's children. Bob and his wife wanted to do something that impacted girls and education.

They found the place in Guatemala where mostly indigenous Maya lived and where education is compulsory through the 6th grade. Most of the girls don't even get that far. Going beyond the 6th grade costs the families who make an average of \$500 a year. It costs \$300 to send a child to Middle School and \$800 to send a child to High School due to increased transportation costs.

Arden Arcade has been a Partner Club as well as supporting students and will continue to do so. We also have individual members who choose to support students on their own. There are 20 Rotary Clubs and other individuals that support this cause. Amigos De Guatemala supports education through scholarships as well as healthcare. They have also built a library in town for the students to use.

When Jean took over as Director, she applied for a 501C3 status so they could be eligible for grant funds. She also established a website: www.amigosdeguatemala.org.

Currently there are 73 students being supported by Amigos De Guatemala and 70% are female. Jean said when you educate a young woman she will educate her family as well as the community. When the project first started there were no girls who finished the 6th grade, now last year's graduating class was all female.

Each year in January, Jean and other interested parties visit Zacualpa to interview the new students and produce a bio for their sponsor, they share meals with them and get to know them. They also hand out Spanish Dictionaries to third graders in the local school. If you are interested in going on one of these trips contact Jean for information.

Jean is trying to raise \$20,000 in grant money to provide Solar lights, vision care, dental care, and medical services. With the \$20,000 used for transportation, she will be able to secure \$450,000 worth of used medical equipment.

The question was asked, what would their likely income be after completing high school? It would be 2 to 3 times what their family makes. In these schools, their career objective is decided at the end of 9th grade (middle school) and high school focuses on training them for that career. It was also asked if there are local Rotary Clubs involved. The answer was no because the closest club is 5 hours away and they have needs around their own community.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

November 7th Day of Giiving—Encina High School

November 7th—Pasta Feed

November 10th—Dan Spector—US Senior Open

November17th—Children's Crisis Nursery

December 5th, Christmas Murder Mystery Dinner Party

December 8th—Laurel Ruff Holiday Party