

# Arden Arcade

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Pledge by Tim Cahill

Invocation By Earl Heverly

Michael Caplan fined Prez Steve for introducing Tim Cahill as Tim Cook by saying “to forgive is divine, but I’m not divine.”

Guests were Patrick O’Neil, and Rob Olmstead, Patricia Clearwater (Jonathan in disguise!), Jennifer Huntsinger with her service dog, Lacy, and her son.

We sang Happy Birthday to Rob Ford, who celebrates on March 12th.

At 6 am, on Channel 31 the Rotary Van was introduced to the community. We got some good PR for the clubs involved. Prez Steve is going to email the coverage to everyone.

Tim Cahill announced that on Thursday, March 10th, at 8am, Omni Berra will be speaking at Kuni Chevrolet on Fulton and El Camino. Everyone is welcome. The event is sponsored by the Fulton Avenue Partnership.

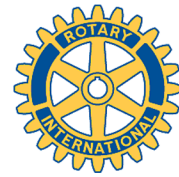
Joel said the sponsorships for the All in for Arden Arcade Poker Tournament are going great—only 4 bar sponsors are left. He also mentioned that Steve Newman got another \$2500 sponsorship from Walmart. Our charge now is to SELL TICKETS! We need people in the seats to make the tournament successful. Jeri also mentioned we need silent auction items—gift certificates, get aways, etc. Be creative!

Today is our Annual Speech Contest, chaired by Paula. The theme comes from Rotary International and is: Be a Gift to the World.

We had three contestants: Rebecca Maratore, Paul Sorenson and Akilan Murugtan. Each of the students had 5 minutes to explain what being a gift to the world means. Some of the ideas they shared are:

- Rotary and organizations like this are the model to students to join organizations and use their talents to volunteer.
- “The world is only as big as the reach of our influence.”
- “The way we make people feel will last forever.”
- “At your death, will you be able to say you were a gift to the world or were you a curse?”

During the calculating of the scores time out, Paula asked some Rotarians to answer the question—how are you a gift to the world?



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Earl Heverly said he has spent his life living by the word of God, and serving others and that is how he has been a gift to the world.

Todd Lutes talked about how his father taught him 2 things: treat others as you wish to be treated and ???

Howard was asked if he were to give his 18 year old self advice, what would it be? Howard said, be debt free, take the high road, do things from your heart.

Stuart was asked what he would tell his 18 year old self and he read a letter he had written to his kids ages 20, 17 and 13: be humble, be kind, be honest, work hard, be around good people, keep your fire lit while not extinguishing anyone else's....and much more.

Jennifer said training service dogs for people with disabilities is her gift to the world. She also said the prisoners who help train the dogs get so much out of it and they love giving back.

Steve was asked what he would say to his 18 year old self and he replied "Buy Yahoo Stock" which brought quite a chuckle from the crowd. He also said he'd tell his younger self to listen to the advice offered and not be afraid to ask for advice.

Danny was asked what he would tell his younger self and he said he would listen. He was fortunate to have great role models, coaches, father, etc.

Christine was asked how she is a gift to the world and she mentioned her two daughters and how they are great human beings and how her oldest is a science teacher and inspiring a new generation.

Very interesting comments from all. Thank you Paula!

The contest winners were:

First Place: Akilan Murugtan—a senior at Country Day High School, enjoys biking along the American River Bike Trails, Theater and speech and debate. Akilan will now go on to the District Level.

Second Place: Paul Sorenson—a Junior at El Camino, enjoys Soccer and Boy Scouts.

Third Place went to Rebeccah, a Junior at Mira Loma who enjoys swimming and water polo and is on the robotics team.

Thank you Paula for organizing the contest, thank you judges Ben, Duane and Jeri and Matt for timekeeping. Thank you students for participating and showing us the future looks bright!

Next week, March 15th, we are back at Ruth Chris

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 15<sup>th</sup> Our Meeting's presenter will be Gregg Lukenbil, the ORIGINAL, Sacramento Sports Association Leader. Gregg lead the work to bring the Kings to Sacramento from Kansas City more than a generation ago. Gregg will also talk about his experience of negotiating with the Raider's Al Davis on the first attempt to bring the NFL to Sacramento.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> We are **DARK**—NO meeting



Matt introducing Rob Olmstead



Joel introducing Patricia Clearwater



Students and parents



Mike introducing Patrick O'Neil



Al Cady and Rob Ford



Tim Cahill



Joel Archer



Jeri Petersen



The Winner!



Rebecca Maratore



Akilan Murugtan



Paul Sorenson



Third Place



Second Place



Moving on to District