

Arden Arcade

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Pledge by Stuart Nelson

Invocation By Pastor Earl Eberly

Services for Norm Johnson are on April 24th at 2pm at Carmichael Presbyterian located at 5645 Marconi Avenue.

Guests: John Huffman, Patrick O'Neil, Rob Olmstead. Visiting Rotarians: Alan Matthews from the Rossmoor Club and Tanya Kravchuk the Development Director of CRHS from the Downtown Club. Speaker: Chief Rick Martinez and Deputy Chief Dennis Plessas.

Congratulations to Joel Archer - the Poker Champion at Saturday Night's Poker Tournament!!!

Joel thanked everyone for the great success of the evening—Jeri who handled the silent auction, Maura who handled everything and Stuart who handled the Whiskey Bar. There will be financial updates in a week or two. Al said over 500 beers were consumed....

Next meeting is our annual Scholarship Program chaired by John Gabriel. He asks that the Rotarians mix at tables with the students and their families. The hat was passed again to collect for lunch sponsorships to help cover the cost of the students and their families.

Friday, May 13th Is Club Cruise! Join your fellow Rotarians for an evening on the Sacramento River on Prez Steve's yacht. See flyer.

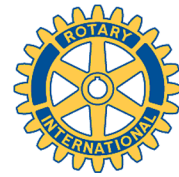
May 19-21 is the District Conference in Jack London Square, Oakland. The club is supporting some of the costs of attending the conference for members. Members are taking the train to Jack London Square and also the Rotary Van will be taking members.

Going Away Party for Jeri Petersen! June 4th, 6pm, held at Carroll and Karen Cook's home at 2807 Rockwell Drive in Davis. An Evite will follow for reservations. Spouses or significant others are welcome.

Jeri received an award from the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home for her dedicated service—it is the Mary Gorman Award.

Danny reported that softball is ready to start— we have our Championship to defend this year. The team plays on Monday nights at 6, 7 or 8pm. Anyone wanting to play let Danny know. Brandon (our lunch server) says he will join the team— Yay!

Happy Bucks: Al paid happy bucks for his safe ride to and from the poker tournament! Duane paid happy bucks to celebrate the Warriors on their 73 wins! Patt



**ROTARY CLUB OF
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Arden Arcade 2015-2016

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Attendance: Jed Van Wagner

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RAFFLE

\$600 up for grabs!

1. \$195.00—Matt Ross had the number but did not pull the ace!

2. \$395.00—Bruce Stimson had the number but did not pull the ace!

paid happy bucks for taking a trip from Prague to Paris and having no security issues and very safe travels. Matt Ross paid happy bucks because he could go to work today and there was no crazy person keeping the Capital blocked off.



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Our speaker today is Rick Martinez, retired from 40 years of Public Service in the Fire Department with American River Fire and Metro Fire. He was also Chief of the Emergency Services Department for Sacramento and Yolo Counties. Chief Martinez retired in 2005 after a career during which he saw many changes to the way fire districts function. He was happy to come "home" again to Arden Arcade to speak to our club because he spent part of his career in this area.

At 21 years old, Rick joined the fire department and at that time there were no microwaves, no cell phones, no internet. It was a different world. At that time there were 8 to 9,000 calls in a year, now there are over 90,000. He saw women join the fire department (where they weren't allowed before), and new hazardous waste requirements instituted. In 1974, when a fire truck arrived at a call you got a band aid but now the services supplied by EMS are life saving and life changing. Back then the fire districts were territorial, you didn't cross the street if your boundary was this side of the street. The motto was even changed to "Protect Life, Property and the Environment."

In 1992, Sacramento was one of the first areas to receive a \$50,000 grant to set up an Urban Search and Rescue team. The team spent a lot of time responding to major disasters away from Sacramento. Chief Martinez was one of the first leaders of the Office of Emergency Services, and their strike teams respond to major disasters. He first went to the site of the Oklahoma Bombing on April 19, 1995. Their team worked for 6 days straight but felt they had failed because they found no survivors. They learned that a bombing is different from an earthquake. Survivors can survive many days buried in an earthquake, but bombing victims are more often killed from the blast than from being buried. The psychological impact of not being able to rescue people hit them hard.

In November of 2000, the Federal Government sponsored 28 Search and Rescue teams. They were put to the test on September 11, 2001. Rick spent 2 weeks at ground zero and a new psychological impact was developed—the knowledge of international threats to the US. It was hard to be at ground zero doing that kind of work and then return to Sacramento and mediate disputes between neighbors. Firefighters take their jobs very seriously, but not themselves. The firefighter of today is stronger, more talented, better educated and they all seem to respond to the higher call of service to others. The calls firefighters handle today are more plentiful as well as more complex than ever before.

Chief Martinez said when he started, complaints came in the form of a hand written letter. Now they receive hundreds of emails a day. The smartphone has added another twist. There is an APP a firefighter can put on his phone and hear about any call, even when the firefighter is off-duty. Many will show up to see if they are needed. Fighting fires nowadays is much different too because of the chemicals and items you may encounter. There was a demonstration of 2 identical rooms, one furnished in 1970 furnishings and one in 2000 furnishings. The 1970 room burned for awhile, but the 2000 room burned very hot and much faster.

Chief Martinez said from the Oakland Hills fire legislation happened to regulate fire hoses to be the same size and to have defensible space a requirement.

Rick says he enjoyed serving this community —“you are who I worked for for 40 years.”

He was asked about the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program. He said it is an excellent way to serve your community and your neighbors. There are classes you can take through the Community Service Program at Metro Fire. Unfortunately, financial cuts have effected the availability.

Thank you, Chief Martinez for an interesting program and for your many years of service to our community.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 26th This is our annual Rotary Scholarship Meeting. This program is hosted by John Gabriel and gives us a peek into the progress of many of the students that we support in our own community. Let's hear from our future!

May 3rd Happy “Tres De Mayo” and come enjoy our Tequila and Tacos Day. We are having a Tequila tasting day with Mr. Chris Sanchez from JVS Spirits. JVS did a great job on the Whiskey tasting, so how could we pass up a proper south of the border celebration?

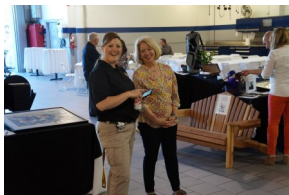
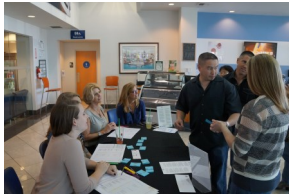
May 10th Our Meeting's presenter is scheduled to be Judge Brian Van Camp. His Honor will be talking about the “Role of Courts in a Free Society”. Having served has the Chair of his courts Jury Committee for more than a dozen years, Judge Van Camp will share insights about the value of our jury system, especially compared to other systems he has studied and visited, including the Hague, the United Kingdom, South Africa and the Peoples Republic of China.

Paul King mentioned that his grandson became a firefighter in Chico this week! Congratulations!



Congratulations to all on
a very successful Poker
tournament!

POKER TOURNAMENT



4/19/16 MEETING





Arden Arcade Rotary

Invites you and your guest(s) to join them on May 13, 2016 for an evening of fun, comradarie, cruising and a Dan McCallum Bar B Que

Date: May 13, 2016

Time: 5:00 , Boat departs promptly at 6:00pm

Meet at: The Old Sacramento Public Docks (look for M/Y Matsura)

*What: Afternoon cruise on the Sacramento River, docking at Juluka Landing, private dinner, evening cruise back with sights of the river and buildings lit up at night.
Return Old Sacramento Public Docks.*

Cost: \$30 - All inclusive cruise, dinner, drinks

Sign up now: Limited seating, don't miss your opportunity to be part of this wonderful event!

