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Pledge by Paula James



**ROTARY CLUB OF
ARDEN ARCADE**

Arden Arcade 2015-2016

Visiting Rotarians: Randy Alston, Pres-elect, Davis Club, San Francisco Club, Carol Christie. Guests: Linda States (Family Law) and Trevor Carson (attorney.)

Congratulations to Dave Dahman and Joan on their Anniversary! Mike Grace is celebrating his birthday tomorrow so we sang Happy Birthday to him.

Friday, May 13th Is Club Cruise! Join your fellow Rotarians for an evening on the Sacramento River on Prez Steve's yacht. See flyer. \$30 per person.

Going Away Party for Jeri Petersen! June 4th, 6pm, held at Carroll and Karen Cook's home at 2807 Rockwell Drive in Davis. If you e-vite hasn't arrived, call Carroll Cook to RSVP. Spouses or significant others are welcome.

CAR SHOW—on June 14th, Arden Arcade Rotary will sponsor a car show in front of Ruth Chris at our regular meeting. We'll try to have hamburgers and hot dogs and show off some members amazing cars as well as invited friend's cars. George Prather is rumored to be bringing his dragster!

We are having another lunch location issue—Ruth Chris is seeing if it is still feasible to do our Tuesday lunch and we have a committee made up of Carolyn, Tom, Steve and Paul trying to locate another choice location.

Danny announced that softball begins on Monday, June 6th. The games are played at the softball complex at Watt and Longview. Games are at 6, 7, or 8. Prez Steve says it's a lot of fun! It is NOT a make-up meeting!

Paula James updated us on the RYLA kids we are sponsoring: Mia who is very involved with conflict mediation, dance and governmental leadership. Vanessa who plays softball and enjoys math and children's theater. She also believe the students at Encina would behave better if the rules were more strict!

Happy Bucks: Tom Griffin is happy to see Lillie Tonkin at the meeting; Paula moved and thanks friends and family; Tim Cahill announced his daughter was married on Saturday and became a Bell Ringer! Jeri announced she sold her home and has bought one on Whidbey Island with a view of the Sound. Jeri became a Bell Ringer!

Michael Caplan is happy to be back in the US. He attended Rotary meetings in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. He distributed our banner and collected theirs. He agreed to help assist Al as Asst. Sargent at Arms in place of being fined.

Steve Turner,
Club President



Paul King, Vice
President, Presi-
dent Elect

Stuart Nelson,
Secretary

Christine Hock, Treasurer

Tom Goode, Controller

Past President, Joel Archer

Joe Green, Membership

Matt Ross, Public Relations

Jeri Petersen, Arden Arcade Foundation

Matt Ross, RI Foundation

Cathy Skeen, Club Events

Tim Martin, Community Service

Mike Caplan, International Service

Al Cady, Sergeant at Arms

Paul King, Rotary House,

Paula James, Youth Programs

Patt McCormick, Newsletter Editor

Attendance: Jed Van Wagner

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RAFFLE

\$634.00 Up for Grabs

- 1. \$222.00—Sheila had the ticket but didn't pull the ace**
- 2. \$412.00—Bruce had the ticket but didn't pull the ace!**

\$660 next week!



Prez. Steve asked Todd Lutes to tell about one of his employees who was negatively impacted by a big fire this weekend. Todd said this man works 2 jobs and had no renters insurance. The fire was caused by someone else's irresponsibility. They lost everything—a car, motorcycle, bike and on and on. The Fire Department helped them a little but we passed the hat to help them out. We raised \$879.00 to help them.

Prez Steve thanked Phil Kocycz for expanding our Bell Ringer Board—it's ready for new donors!

The Honorable Brian Van Camp is our speaker today. He talked a lot about the history of the jury system and how 95% of jury trials in the world are in the US.

It all stemmed from the Magna Carta which set the foundation for the rule of law. No man may be deprived of his property unless by a jury of his peers. This gave birth to our Constitution.

Without our Constitution, there is a blatant disregard for the rule of law. Judges in other places are beholden to their leader for their job and know if they cross that leader's beliefs they will lose their jobs.

Benjamin Franklin was asked "do we have a Republic or a Monarchy?" He replied, "a Republic, if you can keep it." Many Republics over the years have not been able to keep it:

- In 50AD, the Republic of Rome was undone by Julius Caesar
- In 1789, France overthrew King Louis 16 and became a Republic until Napoleon arrived
- 1917, Lenin and Stalin established the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics until it became Soviet Russia
- In Germany, it was the Weimar Republic until Hitler showed up
- In China, it was the Peoples Republic of China until Mao showed up
- In 1979 the Islamic Republic of Iran existed until the Shah showed up

These were all "Republics", but what went wrong? What have we done right. In 1774, trial by jury and representation were instituted and remain our legacy.

As other countries replaced juries with judges, and then the judges who didn't follow the "rules" were purged, the system of laws in these places became impossible to uphold.

Judge Van Camp met a professor in China who was trying to bring the American system of juries to China. He was arrested and jailed. The Embassy in China held a movie night and showed films like 12 Angry Men and To Kill a Mockingbird. The judge determines both the facts and the law. In China, the judge and jury are on the same side—who makes the final decision? The 13 most senior people in the government make the final decisions.

On a visit to South Africa, the CA Judges Association members asked why there was no jury system and the answer was because the citizens wouldn't understand it. They said all the judges are above approach. However, when they were still there a high ranking judge was jailed.

We have issues here too. Only 12% of jury summons are responded to which causes closed court-rooms and delays. Justice delayed is justice denied. How can you help? Support judicial candidates who share your ideas.

Fireside Chats are being organized at members homes. It is mandatory members attend one of them. The dates are: May 24th at Cathy Skeen's home...2003 Fox Hollow Lane (Arden Oaks); June 8th at Al Cady's home ...3510 Dutch Way, Carmichael; and a June 22nd at Patt McCormick's home...1120 Commons Drive (Campus Commons.) This is an important meeting for every member to attend to help Paul organize his presidential year.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 17th Our Meetings presenter is scheduled to be Sacramento County Supervisor Susan Peters. We are looking forward to having the Supervisor talk about the County's priorities for Arden Arcade, what we can expect in the future and how the balance between local, county and state politics affects our day to day lives here.

May 24th Our last "Club Assembly" of the year! Time to catch up on Club Business!

May 31st NO MEETING. This is our 2nd quarter dark week scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend.



Trevor Carson



Randy Alston



Carol Christie



Mike Grace



Todd Lutes



Paul King



Gary Johnson



Tom Griffin



Tim Cahill



Jeri Petersen, Bell Ringer



Sheila Romero



Honorable Brian Van Camp



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!

