Arden Arcade

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Pledge by Rob Ford Invocation By Mike Grace

Visiting Rotarians: Nyan Roberts from the Downtown Club/Road Construction.

Congratulations to Brian and Jan Wiese on their Anniversary! Joe Green celebrated his birthday yesterday so we sang Happy Birthday to him. He was fined for using an inappropriate term to react to our singing!

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....

Prez Steve and Al got up at 3am to help the Sacramento Club organize their marathon. Steve said he learned that Arden Arcade should NEVER organize a marathon!

Fireside Chats are being organized by Joel. The dates will be announced. This is an important meeting for every member to attend to help Paul organize his presidential year.

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.

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. Deadline for hotel reservations is this Thursday, May 5th.

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.

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!

Happy Bucks: Rob Olmstead paid happy bucks to celebrate his daughter's First Communion; Joe Green paid happy bucks because his boy's little league team "cleaned up" at a mid-season BBQ; Todd Lutes paid happy bucks to celebrate his daughter's college graduation as Cum Laude.

Paul wants you to remember Rotary House during the Big Day of Giving today!



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Steve Turner, Club President

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RAFFLE No Raffle today!

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



Matt Ross announced a grant request for \$10,000 has gone in to the district to help with the lighting for a theater the Howe Avenue Park is working on.

Everyone thanked Gabriel, the cook, for the great Cinco de Mayo lunch!

Our speaker today is Chris Sanchez, from JBS Spirits. He is here today with 3 special tequilas to taste as well as 2 mescaline types.

These are artisanal tequilas., very high end from Mi Casa. They make only 300,000 liters per year. They use the blue agave and slow roast the hearts to caramelize and sweeten the resulting liquid.

The first is a Blanco, or silver (or clear)—sweet characteristics—comes right from the still. To be called tequila it has to be 100% agave. Other tequilas are called Mixto—they have only 49% agave and are 51% vodka!

Vine & Spirits will be opening a boutique liquor shop to the location where the 21st Amendment used to be. The entire store will only carry high-end spirits and only 750 ml and up bottles.

The second tequila is Reposado—which means resting from Blanco. They put Blanco into oak barrels and let it "rest" for 3 months. It makes it add color (a dusty blonde) and add the profile of the wood to the tequila to give it hints of vanilla.

Anejo is the third type of tequila we tasted. This tequila is aged in oak barrels for 3 years.

Tequila can only be called tequila if it comes from the Jalisco area of Mexico. The blue agave plant produces a flower and once it does the plant dies. The flower produces the heart or Pena which allows 3 bottles of tequila to be made. So each plant only produces 3 bottles of tequila then it dies and needs to be replanted and grow for about 3 years before it produces its flower.

Chris also brought 2 kinds of mescal to try. He says it is the up and coming liquor. Mescal is only produced in the Oaxaca area of Mexico. Each village produces their own special mescal. Multiple agave plants are used in the production of mescal. Mescal is very labor intensive. Different from tequila. Once the agave hearts are split from the plant they are put in a big pit and smoked for 24 hours, they are then crushed to extract the juice and it is put into large vats on the ground with open bottoms. There is a natural filter of worms (moth larvae) at the bottom of the vat.

Tequila producers are trying to pass a law in Mexico that only tequila can be called tequila and all other spirits made with agave can only be called agave spirits.

In the US there are 4 brands of mescal from Single producers in Mexico. 99% of the mescal being sold here is by people profiting from importing the mescal from Mexicans who do not understand the process. The 4 single producers send their money back to Mexico to their villages. The rest are lining their pockets on the backs of the Mexican workers.

Meacal bottles have a hologram on the bottle showing it was produced in Mexico.

Thank you Chris for a very lively, interesting and tasteful presentation!

Prez Steve says Angela Kellogg from the Chaplaincy is up for approval from the Board. If you have any comments or objections please contact Steve immediately.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

<u>May 10th</u> 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.

<u>May 17th</u> 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.

Congratulations to all on a very successful Poker tournament!
Word has it \$94,000 was raised!



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

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!

