## Arden Arcade

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Pledge by Steve Newman Invocation By Tom Goode

Guests: Rachel Hock, daughter of Christine and biology teacher at Aspire High School; Lori King, former Arden Arcade Member and guest of Cathy Skeen; Chris Sanchez, long-time friend of Prez Steve and Whiskey connoisseur.

Reminder: Al Cady 's housewarming party is on July 31st at 3pm at 3510 Dutch Way. All are invited. Michael Caplan is making paella.

Prez Steve announced more July Birthdays: Jim Harrington (7/22), Stan Affonso (7/24), Jason Borg (7/27), Dan Hubiak (7/28), Carolyn (7/5) and Maggie Griffin.

Prez Steve thanked Phil Kocycz for the beautiful new Bell Ringer Board he made. A flurry of Bell Ringers jumped into action: Gary confessed he went on a wonderful 2 week RV trip to Colorado with 5 other couples and their families; John Gabriel confessed he is leaving us for 7 weeks in Scotland and Ireland; Dan Hubiak said he also spent a week in the Grand Canyon and thoroughly enjoyed it; Carolyn became a Bell Ringer because the ladies couldn't be outdone; Patt visited Scandinavia, England and Russia; Cathy has nothing to report but wanted to be on the new Bell Ringers Board; Tom Goode went to Cabo for a bachelor's party—enough said; and Christine is very proud of her daughter, Rachel, who graduated from UCSB and completed her Teach America program, earned her master's degree and taught at St. Hope and now is going to teach Biology at Aspire. An amazing 2 years! Christine wound up our Bell Ringer parade for the day!

Prez Steve asked which Red Badge members have attended a board meeting. Attending a Board Meeting is a requirement of getting a blue badge. Steve announced the next two meetings are August 5th at 5:30pm place TBD and September 29th at 10am at Ruth Chris with the District Governor.

Joe Green was fined for being late and then reported that the team lost last night's softball game but are still in the playoffs starting Monday at 6:30pm. Tim Cahill mentioned that Joe had both a great catch and hit in last night's game.

SCIP had their Community Appreciation Dinner on Thursday at Swanston Park. Arden Arcade Rotary was well appreciated for their participation and partnership.

Tim Cook brought in Crown Royal whiskey glasses for everyone to take home today after out whiskey tasting. Thank you, Tim!



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## RAFFLE

1st Pot \$207—Cathy Skeen won \$5 but did not (surprise!!!) pull the Ace!

2nd Pot- \$422-Larry McClure won \$5 but did not pull the Ace!



Bill Hambrick announced that on August 1st, the Auto Museum does the Cruise on Fulton Avenue. We need volunteers to help direct cars to the parking areas. It is a short time commitment starting at 3pm, but a very fun party! Please call Bill if you can help -600-6528. They really need volunteers!

Steve introduced Chris Sanchez, JUS Spirits. Chris is a Marine Gunny Sargent and along with Steve requested a moment of silence for the 5 servicemen killed in Tennessee this week.

Chris was here to talk Whiskey, to dispel the "rules, myth and lore." He first talked about the name—and its spelling and said they are all correct and the differences stem from which part of the world you're from. There is a very specific way to taste: first, twirl the glass and inspect the color. You're looking for clarity and color. The color really means nothing because it comes from the barrel that is used. Second, you're looking for the taste, tilt the glass and get 3 nosings—1. big alcohol, 2. flavor profiles (vanilla, honey, currant), 3. take a sip and hold it in your mouth for 5 seconds then swallow and taste the finish. The finish lingers after the swallow.

Only whiskeys from Scotland can be called Scotch. Chris brought 3 very different scotches to taste: Tamdhu, Amrut and Kilchoman.

Tamdhu is from a distillery started in 1897 but closed in 2000 due to losing its way. It was reopened in 2012 and is doing very well now. It is a 90 proof scotch, peated at 5 parts per million, it has a slight smokey flavor but tastes more like Cream Brule.

Chris says 1 drop of water can change the nose significantly. Ice, however, closes and tightens the flavor. If you swirl the glass to see the "legs" like wine you will be disappointed because the high alcohol count causes it to have very thin legs.

Amrut is a fusion scotch from India. It is a 100 proof spirit, rated 3rd best in the world. It is distilled 3,000 feet above sea level, with water directly from the Himyalas. Due to the heat and altitude, they can do in India in one year what it takes 3 years to do in Scotland. The peat is 50 parts per million. They use barley from Scotland.

Kilchoman is from Ila, Scotland. There are 8 distilleries on the island. This is a super smokey scotch from the youngest distillery (2005). They grow their own barley, and distill their own water. They are considered a barley to bottle scotch operation (like farm to fork.) The peat is VERY heavy with almost a medicine smell.

Chris said during prohibition you could get a prescription for scotch to use for medicinal purposes.

Whiskey is an umbrella term for scotch, bourbon, rye, scotch whiskey, Irish whiskey; all products made with grain—mostly corn.

We were all allowed to taste each of the 3 whiskeys, and thank Chris for an informative and "tasty" presentation.

Duane Oliveira has been approved by the board for membership. If there are any objections, please call Prez Steve, otherwise he will be inducted next week. Duane is a former Rotarian from Benicia.

**Incoming Programs:** 

July 28th: Club Assembly August 4th: Hidden Gems

TBA: Stan Atkinson on Charles Manson

Softball: Held at the Sacramento Softball Complex at 3450 Longview Drive, July 27th Playoffs start at 6:30pm

