Arden Arcade

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Pledge by Paul King Invocation By Jason Borg

Guests: Paula introduced Our RYLA student, Brianna and her mother, aunt and grandfather. Jeri introduced Bill Snozel, a past member of West Sac Rotary, Joe introduced Jay Allen for Prez Steve, Jay is with the Fair Political Practices Association but knew Steve from Homeland Security. Bill introduced Duane Oliveira for the last time as he is being inducted today. Joel introduced Gorge Gomes from East Sac Rotary. Tim Cahill introduced Randy Alsman from the noon Davis Rotary. And Jenny Porter from East Sac Rotary introduced herself. Prez Steve determined we must be the best make-up club in Sacramento!

Prez Steve also announced Dr. Jim Reece and Ed Smith are celebrating birthdays this week.

Prez Steve asked George Prather to do the honor and induct Duane Oliveira into Arden Arcade Rotary. Duane's wife, Shirley joined him at the front with George. George said he didn't have to say too much about what Rotary does because Duane has been a member of Rotary for 30 years. George spoke a little though about how Rotary changes the world and how through Rotary over 2 billion people have been immunized from polio. George acknowledged that Duane could have transferred to any Rotary club in the area, but he chose us because he liked our size, our members and the diversity of our club. George reminded Duane that we serve through our work on Rotary House, Dyer Kelly and Encina High School, Sacramento Children's Receiving Home, Laurel Ruff School and the Sherriff's Community Impact Program to name a few. Duane has been loaned the classification of Law, Probate. George also told Duane that you need to remove your coat at the door so that you can roll up your sleeves and do the work of Rotary. Welcome, Duane!

Joel's Demotion has finally been set for Friday, August 28th—a 4pm Pub Crawl (optional) and then Dinner and Roast on the Delta King in Old Sacramento. Cost is \$40 per person. Sign-ups we sent around by Bill or you can sign up on line through the evite.

Bill wanted to thank his helper's with Saturday Night's Fulton Ave Cruise—Leigh Rutledge, Peter Panton, Tim Cahill, Paul King and Joel and Amanda. It was very hot but a great turnout.

Last week it was reported that the First Tee donation was \$2004 from the Zoom tent at the Senior Open, Bruce Stimson said it was actually \$3800—the earlier number was just the cash deposits.

Paula reported that on Friday at 11am at El Camino, she and anyone



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RAFFLE

1st Pot \$240—Christine Hock won \$5 but did not pull the Ace!

2nd Pot- \$455— Peter Panton won \$5 but did not pull the Ace!



Who'd like to join her, are attending the "Club Rush" day at El Camino to give ideas and information about Rotary on campus.

Brianna took a few minutes to tell us what a great experience she had at the RYLA program this summer. She was apprehensive at first because of her shyness but felt right at home and made 109 new friends. She loved the team building experiences and feels it was a very positive experience.

Bill Snozel wanted to promote his kick cancer event at the Sacrament Republic. They purchased 650 tickets and the funds will go to fight cancer.

Rob Ford became a Bell Ringer for going on a big cross country trip with his family to Delaware for a family reunion. He says it was the best vacation they've ever had.

Jeri reminded us about toiletries for Dyer Kelly and said the Principal said toothbrushes and deodorant are really needed. She also mentioned they are losing their after school tutoring and wondered if Rotary might be able to fill that need.

The Peterson Cup is coming up in 45 days. Jeri and Linda want to make sure you sign up to play, volunteer and contribute to the auction as well as some sponsorships are still available. Sign up at CRH kids.org/events. This is our second largest fund raiser, we need all hands on deck. Jeri handed out Dimple Drop ticket - packs today. Everyone should try to sell at least 12 tickets or 2 packs.

George Prather became a Bell Ringer for being a semi finalist in the Sonoma race 2 weeks ago. Congratulations, George!

Steve introduced our own Stan Atkinson to talk about his interview with Charles Mason. Steve said he remembers growing up watching Stan on TV news. Stan said that's one of the good things about being 82 years old, everyone grew up with him! Stan took a moment to acknowledge the homes and lives saved by firefighters and the loss they recently suffered and thank Steve on behalf of all of us.

46 years ago on August 9, 1969, Charles Mason directed his "family" to go into a home that was formerly occupied by Terry Melcher (Doris Day's son), who Mason had tried to convince to help him get into the music business, and kill everyone and make it as messy as possible. Manson had gone to the Haight Ashbury in San Francisco and developed a large following of mostly homeless young women who he mesmerized with a big rap and sex and LSD into thinking he was the second coming of Jesus. He manipulated his followers and they would do whatever he asked. He was an evil hippy in an age where hippiness was at the height of popularity. Dennis Wilson of the Beach Boys became his friend but as Mason moved into his home and took over, Dennis moved out to get away from him. It was his lack of success in the music world that seemed to set him on the path to his murderous rampage.

Mason never completed a thought. He talks in circles and was a total con with a taste for blood and revenge. Although he may never have killed anyone himself, he did shoot Bernard Crow and sliced of another man's ear. The trial began in 1970 and lasted a year. He and his followers were charged with 7 murders total. 5 at the Tate home and 2 at the LaBianca home. Police found that the "family" also had many other criminal endeavors. Y lived on a dusty, rundown ranch and stole Volkswagens and turned them into dune buggies. He also sent his followers out to burglarize homes. Charles Manson went to Death Valley thinking there was going to be a war between the blacks and whites and the blacks would win but he would take over because only he would be smart enough and organized enough.

The trial was as bizarre as the murders. They were all sentenced to death which was then commuted to life sentences when the death penalty ban went into place. One of the women who was found to be the "outlook" was given immunity for testifying and then was freed after the trial. Manson wanted to

represent himself and his followers, but he became so disruptive trying to rave on about his belief and "manifesto" that the judge trying the case finally disallowed his representation. The lawyer who was assigned to them was Irving Kanarak who objected to everything presented. At one point he jumped on the table and another time Manson went after the judge with a pencil. He was sent to San Quentin. At that time Stan had moved from NBC in LA to KTVU in Oakland. Stan decided to write through the channels and see if Manson would grant him an interview. Although there had been more than 200 interview requests,



Stan was granted one with Manson because he remembered him from the trial. We watched the video of Stan's interview with Charles Manson from 1975. You could see that he had aged, and was trying to get a new trial granted where he could represent himself. Stan asked what he had been doing in jail, and Manson replied that for 2 to 3 years he just sat in his cell thinking. He had thoughts like being bitter or mad only hurts yourself, when you get angry you ony fight yourself. He wanted to take action to elevate the problems he is faced with... The news came out with a statement from President Nixon saying Manson was guilty and Manson believe that and the press about the murders convicted him even though he feels he could have proved his innocence. He said his lawyers were not good, some were even untruthful. The public opinion didn't want to hear any of his complaints. In general even his name brought out fear in people. He said it hurts his soul not to be able to play music. He doesn't like attention in prison. He likes to be alone, to be with himself.

After the interview, Stan received a call from Squeaky Frome telling him that she wanted to help edit the video. Stan of course declined her offer, and she called another time with a thinly vailed threat of "watch your back". After that, Stan became #2 on their "hit list" behind the Weyerhauser family. After the interview aired, Stan and his sketch artist were contacted about writing a book. They both shunned the idea, but the prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi wrote Helter Skelter and made millions.

Stan admitted that there was a positive impact on his career from the 5 part series he did on Manson, but the larger impact was on the station (channel 2) that received huge ratings.

Thank you Stan, for a fascinating program!

Mystery Bus Tour

September 1, 2015
11:30am to 5 pm
(2255 Watt Ave)
Come out for surprise fun,
food, (and in all
likelihood) drinks!
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