



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI VALLEY

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GOT EARWAX???

Manual Removal is Not Recommended –OUCH



The good Doctor threatened to tell another joke, but thankfully came to his senses and instead offered up another *Health for Self* tip. Ear wax was the topic ... also known as ceruminosis (say that three times fast). Ear wax is actually a protective covering for the ear canal; shields from water damage, infection and trauma. The ear canal is shaped like an hour glass. Ear buds, hearing aids, q-tips can obstruct the ear canal. Some people produce more wax than others ... and get this—aging causes your ear wax to get harder (Geez). GOT too much ear wax—you can get over the counter drops or try self irrigation using luke warm water; manual removal is not recommended (ALAN). If all else fells—drink wine—in moderation of course or eat an apple.

A few announcements—STEPS —January 28 (See Jonathan). For more announcements go to: www.simivalleyrotary.org.

Micro-Lending in Africa



The Greater Contribution is a non-profit organization that provides women in object poverty with micro loans to support their businesses or to start a business. The organization, which was founded in 2006 has given out some 10,000 loans to women in Uganda. Uganda was selected because it is the poorest country in the world, with a population of 37 million people.

Why loan to women? Women in most instances are the breadwinner in Africa. When you loan to a woman—she will start a business and the whole family gets involved. Micro loans typically range from \$50 to \$250. The loans are given to a group of 20 women who cross guarantee each other's loans. Groups meet every two weeks to make loan payments and support each other. Loans are repaid in full every six months. In addition to loans—the organization provides three days of business training. For more information about The Greater Contribution visit the website at www.GreaterContribution.org.



Rotarians May Culbertson, Kelly Gaines and Mike McGuigan were surprised with a special Thank You from Platinum Sports. The three were being recognized for their generous support of Platinum's Thanksgiving Dinner, which was served to kids in need.

Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Club Anniversaries

Birthdays

Josie Hirsch 12/06

Mary Swink 12/07

Michele Neff Hernandez
12/29

Spouses Birthdays

Chip Marvin 12/02

Diana Wender 12/03

Tony Falato 12/20

Kim Rhodes 12/26

Mary Fry 12/28

Anniversaries

Dan and Isis Rosen

1 year 12/13/14

Kelly and Darrin Gaines
7 years 12/20/09

Evelyn Locker and Tony
Falato

2 years 12/20/14

***"One kind word can
change someone's entire
day."***

Club Anniversaries

Henry Goldstein 1 year

Terry Marvin 12 years

David Ralphe 20 years

Becky Savell 12 years

Coleen McIntyre 11 years

Mary Swink 11 years

Jim King 30 years

Rotarian of the Month



And the Rotarian of the Month Award for December goes to ... Becky Savell.

Becky maintains the club's website and manages public relations for District 5240.

Congratulations Becky!

Happy Bucks ... He Said Yes

Ginny stunned the club with a major announcement ... one that generated lots of Happy??? Bucks Mike M. is the PEN for 2017-2018 ... Becky was happy about Mike, but sad that she was back from the Carribbean, May was sad to be leaving her 50s, but happy for the shiny diamond from her husband, Terry was in disbelief and afraid the world is coming to an end because of the announcement about Mike, she was happy about celebrating Chip's birthday. Henry was happy for Mike, Anil congratulated Mike aka Mr. December and announced the NID schedule for 2017 in the southwest area of India, Dee Dee warned Mike that he better watch out during his year, Jim was happy to see signs for our very own Delores aka Dee Dee up during the election, and Mike put on his best Happy face and said he was honored he was the 7th choice for PEN 2017-2018. Ginny was totally thrilled that Mike said yes and predicted it's going to be a great year, Pete was happy for the great score for the UCLA basketball game, Coleen thanked Terry for nominating SWINKS for Biz of the Year and happy for her Mom's birthday and she said she was looking forward to Mike's year. Alan's reaction to Mike as PEN—Trump in the White House, Dee Dee in City Council and now Mike ... WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON? Tristian was happy for the support from club members Mike, Kelly and May, Lew was glad Mike said yes and the Emperor was happy Mike said yes because the club needs more testosterone and he reminded May that every 10 years she needs to get a colonoscopy.



I'm So Happy!



He Said Yes ... SO—What are we in for?

Mike McGuigan as President. Is the world truly coming to an end? Just what are we in for? We can only speculate ... HMM! Beer, burgers, beef and potatoes served at every meeting (no veggies ever), no table cloths on tables or flatware, eating with our fingers; eating directly out of the serving dish. Lots of scratching and snorting. Program topics might include—shooting guns, how to grill, boating, football, fishing, and swimwear competition. New relaxed dress code—come as you are, pajamas, boxer shorts—anything goes. The podium will be replaced with a recliner. Flat screen television sets will be installed — all turned to the 24 hour sports channel. And, rumor has it—Mike is currently working on a "back to the future" time machine to the year 1987, when women were not allowed in Rotary.