

Satellite Rotary – Meeting Minutes April 17, 2018

Call to order/Welcome opened by Tricia Byrom

Invocation was given by Denise LeMeilleur who reminded us it was Tax Day and to “Render unto Caesar what was Caesar’s”. She led us in a prayer donated by Courtney Compton

Guests were introduced by Erin Wofford; Guest Speaker, Martin Peterson, Jessica Felts, visitor and Noon Rotarians Charlie McIlvain, Kristy Vandenburg and Veronique Rochefur.

Program was presented by our Guest, Martin Peterson

Martin Peterson, Ph.D., is an “Army Brat” who as a graduate student practiced as a forensic anthropologist. He later went onto become a faculty member of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and the University of Nebraska Lincoln. He has performed and worked with the State Crime Lab in Minnesota as well as the State osteologist in Nebraska. Now he makes his home in Kerrville and is the father of Satellite Rotarian, Donna Peterson.

As a Forensic scientist he stated, “I treat every person as if they were the body of one of my grandparents” He also said there was no ethical reason to disturb the dead, talking about the Lakota Indians. He proceeded to give us an account of the most interesting bones he ever was involved in identifying, the bones/skull of Cut-Nose an Indian Chief for the Lakota Indian tribe, Sioux Indians. The remains were identified based on the teeth, the pictures they had of Cut-Nose and the bones of the Indian. His bones had been used one time as a cadaver body by a Dr. (research says Dr. Mayo of the Mayo Clinic). The great part of this story is Cut-Nose was eventually laid to rest in both an Indian ritual ceremony and also a Christian burial by a great-great grandson of his cousin Little Crow. There is a great history to be learned about the Sioux Indians and the 1862 War of North Dakota.

He also worked a case were two pharmaceuticals were involved and one of the key witnesses used a term we know as “recovered memory”. Federal Judge Freeman of San Jose threw the case out when it was discovered this recovered memory as a lie not only to the investigation team which Peterson was on but also to the court itself and she overturned the huge jury award they had been awarded for a patent infringement judgment for the drug used to treat the hepatitis c virus. Resulting in the loss of literally millions of dollars they had been originally awarded by the Jury. Again, a great example of his bulldog investigating to get to the “bones of the story.”

Club Business-Tricia

- Rotary Foundation/District Cruise Tickets presented by Kristy and Charlie, \$10 for a ticket and if you contributed \$25 or more you got a cool hat. Both the purchaser and the seller will have their name go into a drawing for a chance to win a cruise.
- Future Leadership-We will need a least and could use two Satellite members to consider being part of the leadership team for Satellite Rotary effective July 1. Nominations will need to be presented at the May meeting.
- Kristy applauded our Satellite members who are also on the New Member Committee for their coordinating the Veteran’s breakfast on April 12th. Katy Muehlstein, Lindsey Neel and Donna Peterson helped organize and serve the breakfast to 50 Veterans and 36 Rotarians. Kristy said it gave her goose bumps to see all the Veterans saluting during the National Anthem. She said we

can see this breakfast continue to grow. Tricia encouraged all Satellite members to bring a donation of food for the Veteran's pantry. She was going to send out a list of the specific needs prior to the breakfast after checking with Alan Hill from the Hill Country Veteran's Center.

Rotary Announcements-Tricia

- Sign ups for Prayer needed

Next month's meetings:

- May 2nd – *annual Spring Picnic at the Robbins Lewis Pavilion at Schreiner University. This is a catered meal, so you must RSVP by April 25th. Pre-Cinco De Mayo with Mexican food and all the trimmings. Denise ask for donations of water and if your last name is A-L please bring an appetizer and M-Z please bring a dessert for the picnic.*
- May 15th – *Regular Satellite Meeting at Wells Fargo Bank Community Room at 5:30*

Meeting adjourned with the Four-Way Test