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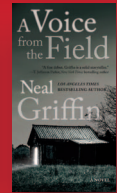
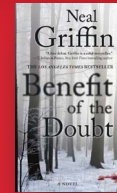


## A Voice from the Field

"A fine debut. Griffin is a solid storyteller."  
—T. Jefferson Parker, *New York Times* bestselling author

Neal  
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**SPEAKERS  
AND EVENTS**

### MARCH 2017 - SPEAKER

31.....Patricia Marquez  
The Kroc School of Peace Studies at the University of San Diego

### APRIL 2017 - SPEAKER

07.....Todd Elvins PhD  
Co-lead National Speakers Bureau - Citizens' Climate Education

14.....Bobbi Brink  
Lions Tigers and Bears

21.....Dave Kramer

**NEALGRIFFIN**

Growing up in west-central Wisconsin on a steady diet of Joseph Wambaugh novels and episodes of Police Story, Neal never considered any career other than being a cop. During a twenty-seven year law enforcement career, Neal worked as a patrol cop, field training officer, member of SWAT, Hostage Negotiator, Narcotics Investigator, Gang Enforcement Specialist; and, Supervisor of a Homicide Unit. He was named as Officer of the Year on two occasions and recently retired with the rank of Lieutenant. Neal holds a Bachelor's Degree from California State University, San Marcos and he is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Neal's first novel, *Benefit of the Doubt*, was published by Forge Books in May, 2015 and went immediately to #8 on the Los Angeles Times bestseller list. The story of Ben Sawyer and Harlan Lee was called "a well written and action packed

crime thriller" by Library Journal and Booklist compared it to *Cape Fear*, a classic tale of ruthless revenge. Readers around the country called for more, setting the stage for *A Voice from the Field*, released in February, 2016. Detective Tia Suarez, who jumped from the page in *Benefit of the Doubt*, now takes center stage in Neal's new book.

The son of a Philosophy Professor, Neal was taught early on to question authority, a trait not always popular with his bosses, but one that he has put to use as an author. Neal creates street savvy police characters with an authentic blend of courage and guile, but he pulls no punches in the portrayal of cops who have no business wearing a badge or gun. In his books, Neal tackles the serious issues that face American policing, leaving the reader with an untainted insider's view.

Neal is married and has four children. He and his family reside in San Diego County. They travel frequently throughout the country but feel especially welcome in Wisconsin, where Neal loves to write, as well as pursue his other great passions: beer, cheese and Packer football.



**MARCH** 2017  
24.....Jim Davies  
31.....Kim Schafer  
**APRIL** 2017  
07.....Sheila Henry

# REPORT

from last meeting



## THE **FOUR WAY TEST** OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

**01** IS IT THE TRUTH?

**02** IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

**03** WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

**04** WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

HERBERT J. TAYLOR

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

**RYAN** ALBRECHT..... 05

**DENNIS** JACOBS..... 08

**JOHN** STEPHAN..... 08

**KIM** SCHAFFER..... 12

**LORI** BENDE..... 30

Rick Clark, resplendent in St Patrick's day green and subbing for the ever travelling President G-L, opened the meeting with an Irish saying and we were off to the races. He mentioned that he was president 17 years ago and it seems like only yesterday!

Susan Schwarz, Our ROTD mentioned that she had recently re-retired from an interim position as the Dean of Arts, Languages and Communications at Grossmont College. Jim Davies was actually considered for the position but he didn't know what any of those things were so Susan got the nod. She's now considering her options but it doesn't seem likely that vacuuming and making lunches for Michael on a daily basis are among them.

Many announcements followed. Sandi Rimer talked about the website. Cynthia as a member of the International Service Committee, collected over \$300 to send one of our visiting families to

Disneyland. She said the names so fast no one got them so suffice to say, we happily sent Ward, June and Beaver Cleaver to the Magic Kingdom! Wayne Davis talked about signups for working our beer and wine festival despite being introduced by Alex Monroe as Wayne Davies! For those of you that confuse easily, it's Jim Davies, Wayne Davis, Dave Davis and Jim Frost (don't try to figure it out!)

Brett talked about RYLA and Linda Stouffer mentioned that her company Citizen's Business Bank was donating \$2,500 to the fundraiser... way to go!

Rich Papike, our amazing former finemaster did a guest appearance and was as funny and handsome as ever. It's truly amazing that he continues to get better looking as he ages! He fined David Tansey for last weeks one finger salute, Sharon Council for constantly sitting outside and doing the books while the meeting is going on, Alex Monroe for being a young whippersnapper and

all the people not wearing green. High 5's included Brett and Holly Morey becoming teenagerless, Eric and Sandy Freeberg having kids in Ireland and China at the same time (be safe kids), and Sara and Jeff Hogue celebrating their 8th anniversary.

Our speaker Peter Chodzko who runs Athletics and Philanthropy at Gompers Preparatory Academy, told the amazing success story of the school flourishing despite being right in the middle of a part of San Diego that has 52 gangs in it. At this point, 88 % of their seniors have already been accepted into 4 year universities. All that and their teachers dance for the kids on every Fantastic Friday.

Our Fantastic Friday ended with Rick showing a 35 year old video of him performing a magic trick from the promote/demote when we were both members of the Centre City Optimist Club. He was amazing then and amazing now!



# PHOTOS

from the last meeting



# AUCTION

## Slater's 50/50 Burgers



We will be auctioning  
**\$200** worth of gift certificates

**4 AT \$50 EACH**  
for the famous Slater's 50/50 Burgers.



We are very excited to have them as one of our food vendors at the Quintessential Festival.

They have **2 locations** in San Diego.  
**Liberty Station | San Marcos**

*Please come hungry to the Quintessential Festival  
and Support our Food Vendors!*

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UPCOMING  
**ROTD**

**MARCH** 2017

31..... Bill Bush

**ROTARIAN  
 OF THE DAY**

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Dr. Ina von Ber serves as President and CEO of the Ambassadorial Roundtable & World Diplomatic Forum. Prior to her appointment, she served as President of two World Affairs Councils (NGOs), CEO of Club Le Monde (Global Manufacturing Company), President of the La Jolla Institute (Healthcare Organization) Senior Assesor for Hewlatt Packard and journalist for USPA. During her career she has adviced and spearhead-ed many large scale global investment operations, international educational and diplomacy programs. Dr.von Ber is an internationally recognized public speaker on topics such as international business, entrepreneurship, foreign relations and cultural diplomacy, author of several books and serves as faculty at UCSD, SDSU, USD and Pepperdine University. —



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