



December 4, 2017

Responsibilities

Drawing, **Maureen Taylor**;
Words, **Gina McBride**; Pledge, **Mike Davis**;
Greeter, **Wendy Wiegand**;
Reporter, **Yvonne Finocchiaro**;
Guest Ambassador, **Patty Johnson**;
Roto-Rooter, **Yvonne Finocchiaro**

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Dispatches from the State Capitol: State Sen. Patricia Bates

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Dec. 9: Pancake Breakfast with Santa, 8:30 am, Discovery Center
Dec. 9: Hi-Noon Rotary Christmas Party, 6 pm, Discovery Center
Dec 11: Annual Meeting & Election
Dec 18: CHS Carollers, Holiday Cheer
Dec 25: **DARK** / Happy Holidays
Jan 1: **DARK** / Happy New Year

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 27, 2017

Welcome: President David welcomed everyone; **Mimi Gaffey** led the pledge; for Words, **Bob Brue** shared quotes about being thankful; and "Sunshine" **Steve Mott** led us in singing "God Bless America." **Pres. David** shared the sad news that **Fr. Ted Atwood** was in a skilled nursing facility due to some medical issues. Cards can be sent to his home at 6785 El Banquero Place, SD, 92119.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RI's **International Assembly** returns to San Diego Jan. 14-20. Rotarians are needed to host visiting DGEs or a few hours the evening of Wed., Jan. 17. For info go to www.clubwebrotary.org/hospitality/hosts.html.

The club will be collecting gently used men's jeans, jackets, sweatshirts and shoes at the Dec. 4 and 11 meetings, to be donated to **La Posada** men's shelter.

Hi-Noon's club contest for the district's **International Music Competition** for high-school musicians will be in January, the regional contest in February and the finals in March. For information, contact **Bob Hartsfield**.

Anyone interested in being a **RYLA** facilitator next spring should contact **Walt Waggener** or **Mike Metts**.

The **Carlsbad Christmas Bureau** is looking for help from Dec. 3 through 6. Contact **Tracy Carmichael** for information, at whatzuptlc@yahoo.com.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE KIDS

Lisa Rodman needs volunteers to help shop for backpacks and school supplies

to be given to the children attending the club's **Pancake Breakfast with Santa**. The party will be Sat., Dec. 9, starting at 8:30 a.m., at the Discovery Center (not at Jefferson Elementary, as in the past). Hi-Noon Rotarian children and grandchildren also are invited, with Santa presenting each child with a stuffed animal and a small party bag. **Rodman** needs volunteers to help with cooking, decorating and transportation. Contact her at lisa@aguahedionda.org.

HI-NOON CHRISTMAS PARTY

The **Hi-Noon Rotary Christmas Party** (adults only) also will be at the Discovery Center, also on Sat., Dec. 9, starting at 6 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share and their own drinks. To participate in the always-lively gift exchange, bring a wrapped item to be placed under the tree, one for each person in your party. **Lisa Rodman** needs volunteers to help with decorations.

SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD

Wendy Wiegand presented the 2nd Quarter Spirit of Service Award to **Mimi Gaffey**, for her long and distinguished service to Rotary, including her efforts dedicated to the Paul Harris Fellowship program and getting all members to participate. In addition to the SOS crown, Gaffey received three opportunity drawing tickets for each meeting she attends in the coming quarter and \$50 donated to the Rotary Foundation or the club foundation in her name: her choice.



Wendy Wiegand and Mimi Gaffey

WHO AM I?

After leaving the small town in Michigan where she grew up and attended college, **Raegan Matthews** drove west and ended up in Hollywood, where she worked on TV and cable TV production for a number of years. After getting married and moving to Carlsbad, she continued working on productions while commuting to LA, until she began producing law enforcement videos from her home in Carlsbad. She and her team have won three Emmys. She is self-proclaimed workaholic but also a thrill-seeker who has bungee-jumped, gone skydiving and once tried the trapeze. She doesn't know what is next, but it might be climbing Mt. Whitney.



Raegan Matthews

ROTO-ROOTER

Yvonne Finocchiaro was Roto-Rooter for the day. She highlighted **Josh Rytz** for reeling in two very large tunas on his fishing trip, and **Beth Garrow** for completing a fundraising ride in Tucson where she personally raised \$101,000. **Finocchiaro** embarrassed **Pat Hurley**, who broke his ankle surfing in a wave pool in Texas, and tagged **Wendy Evers** for her foot surgery. Then she called up a group of Rotarians and asked **Tom Applegate** to decide which description went with each one. **Patty Johnson** was then given the opportunity to switch any she didn't agree with. Between the two of them, they got only two correct. The Rotarians and their correct descriptions were: **Bob Brue** surfed every day in 1962, **Stan Prowse** owned two motorcycles, **Phil Urbina** was a newspaper sports editor at age 18, **Dawn Van Siclen** had a horse

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in the Kentucky Derby, **Eric Lodge** is the son of a track coach, **Julie Walker** would rather be on the water tall-ship sail-

ing than in the water, **Jim Brubaker** won a golf tourney at age 15, **Galen Freeman** is a Golden Glove boxer, **Bob Fenner** was a gymnast and cheerleader, and **Randy Ferren's** great grandfather invented basketball.

COMMUNITY SERVICE IN 2018

Hi-Noon Community Service Director Julie Baker said working with the City of Carlsbad on the homeless problem in the city is a primary focus for the 2017-2018 Rotary year. She said this issue affects all who live, work and play in Carlsbad in many ways. The city has completed its Homeless Response Plan, and Hi-Noon will be working with the city on this. She invited anyone with suggestions for projects Hi-Noon can do that will help in this arena to contact her. She then introduced the day's speaker, Deacon Jim Vargas of Fr. Joe's Villages.



Julie Baker

PROGRAM: HOMELESSNESS Deacon Jim Vargas, Father Joe's Villages

Homelessness pretty much touches everyone and all ages, Vargas told us, noting that the City of San Diego has the 4th largest homeless population in the nation,



Deacon Jim Vargas & Pres. David Harrison

behind New York, Los Angeles and Seattle. SD also has the 2nd largest homeless veterans population. Much of the problem stems from the lack of affordable housing in the San Diego region and the low vacancy rate for rentals. The average one-bedroom apartment rents for \$1,800 a month, he said, and there are a lot of people/families just two pay checks away from being homeless. Every agency that works to find housing for the homeless has a waiting list. He

detailed what Father Joe's Villages is doing to help solve SD's homeless problem and applauded Hi-Noon's goal of working to solve it in Carlsbad.

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