

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DECEMBER 12, 2016

Drawing, **Alice McDermott**; Words, **Julie Baker**
Pledge, **Tom Applegate**; Greeter, **Sam Ross**; Guest Ambassador, **Laura Sheridan-Campbell**; Roto-Rooter, **Yvonne Finocchiaro**;
Reporter, **Randy Ferren**

DR. BENJAMIN CHURCHILL, CUSD SUPERINTENDENT CARLSBAD HIGH SCHOOL CAROLERS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Dec 19	Members' Social
Dec 26	DARK
Jan 2	DARK

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 10	Club Christmas Party, at the Casinelli home (see below)
Dec 17	Children's Christmas Party, 8:30 a.m.; refer Lisa Rodman

MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2016

Welcome: Once again **President Dawn Van Siclen** welcomed everyone to the meeting. **Steve "Sunshine" Mott** led us in the singing, **Mimi Gaffey** provided the "Words" for the day and **Melanie Burkholder** led the pledge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Meeting: **President Dawn Van Siclen** reminded the Club that the drawing was won last week by **Gaylen Freeman** for \$260. The drawing starts again at \$100 and grows by \$10 each week until someone else draws the Joker. Realize all monies for the drawing are contributions to the End Polio Now effort of Rotary International.

Board Meeting: The next Hi-Noon Rotary Board Meeting will be held next Monday, December 12, from 10 – 11:30am at the Sheraton. Red Badgers are invited to attend and complete this assignment in moving to their Blue Badges.

Amazon: **Wendy Wiegand** suggested that those using Amazon for holiday shopping remember that going to the Amazon Smile website and selecting the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Foundation, will offer a percentage of the purchase to the club's foundation.

Hi-Noon Rotary Christmas Party: **Kori Dolkas** invited all club members to attend the annual Christmas party, to be held on Saturday, December 10, at **Pat** and **Diane Casinelli's** home, beginning at 6 pm, 845 Marisa Lane, Encinitas, CA. Everyone is asked to bring your own drinks, a potluck item and a white elephant gift (under \$20).

WHO AM I NOW?

Mimi Gaffey joined this club 11 years ago. An earlier visit led her to believe the club was "too staid" until she returned to see that "staid" was NOT a description of this club. She indicated that she is a naturalized American citizen since her mother was

born here while her dad was Persian. She remarked that "this club is now part of my extended family."

WHO AM I? LOU TAPIA

Lou Tapia was born in Los Angeles and grew up in West Covina. While there his parents bought land near Las Gaviotas, Mexico, and he spent his early vacation years there surfing and fishing . . . and driving by San Diego. He decided as he grew that



he wanted to leave the L.A. area and move to San Diego. He did that, graduating from SDSU with a degree in Economics. His wife of 23 years is Jeannie, the love of his life. "She's a superstar . . . if you haven't met her yet, you'll see." Tapia's the father of two: Sam now at Palomar College. His daughter is a freshman at the University of Oregon. As an empty-nester he discussed "what to do with my time now" with **Justin Peek**, who brought him to a club meeting. Tapia said, "Any club that says the pledge, sings songs and does such good work is for me—I'm IN."



Paul Harris Fellow: **Mimi Gaffey** presented a PHF ruby pin to **Yvonne Finocchiaro** (PHF + 6), reminding club members that funds contributed to a PHFellowship help Rotary International fund all grants and projects worldwide. Each PHF equates to a \$1,000 donation to The Rotary Foundation but it can be done on a monthly or quarterly basis. Check with **Mimi Gaffey** if you are interested.

Rotary Minute: **President-Elect David Harrison** discussed the club bylaws as it relates to the process of nominating a new board of directors. This year's Nominating Committee includes **David Harrison, Stan Prowse, Pat Hurley, Phil Urbina, Wendy Wiegand, Alex Klingensmith and Mike Pfankuch**. The committee's suggested slate will be offered at the December 19 meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, as long as the nominee consents to it. If there are no floor nominations, there will be a voice-vote taken; if there are nominations from the floor, ballots will be distributed and counted at the same meeting.

ROTO-ROOTER YVONNE FINOCCHIARO

Yvonne Finocchiaro started with fines for travelers: **Mimi Gaffey** to Tulsa, OK for her Arabian Horse Board (\$25), **Dave Dana** re his trip to a cattle ranch in Montana (\$50) and **Julie Walker** for two weeks in the Caribbean aboard a 10-passenger tall ship (\$96). New family members were heralded: **Al Wanamaker** (even though he just returned from three weeks in Italy) for meeting his new in-laws in Florida (\$25) and **Kori Dolkas** for her sister's adoption of a new son (\$76). The Chamber held it's committee recognition last week, **Maureen Simons** (Ambassador Committee Volunteer of the Year), \$25; **Lisa Rodman** (Sustainability Committee Volunteer of the Year), \$25; **Jeff Segall** (Ready Carlsbad Business Alliance Volunteer of the Year),

\$25, and **David Harrison/Jeff Segall** as the Ready Carlsbad Committee of the Year, \$25. Also, somewhere in there was a Truth or Dare connection between **David Kulchin** and **Ken Ryan** on whether Ryan knew the difference . . . it led to too much shouting to know, \$50 each.

PROGRAM--OUR OWN--GLORIA FOOTE, KURT FILIPOVITCH AND REV. LAURA SHERIDAN-CAMPBELL

David Kulchin set the stage for club members as three of our members who brought their thoughts on the end of the calendar year.

Gloria Foote, Financial Planner, kicked off the remarks by saying "we're not looking at where the puck has been, but where it is going." Foote snippets included: we're in the later stages of a bull market; investors are considering more moderate returns; the US economy is more insulated than the rest of the world; markets are volatile; don't let the media be your investment advisor; likely the Fed will increase the interest rate. Internationally, the President-Elect is "putting a lot of smart people around him." "Continue with a rigid spine and steely eyes."

Kurt Filipovitch, CPA, quoted John Adams: "It's our duty to pay our fair share of taxes." From that point, Filipovitch provided an information sheet re The Top Ten Tax-Planning Tips. Some ideas: knock down 2016 income the best you can; bunch itemized deductions to accelerate tax deductions; look at your withholdings to assure accuracy at year-end; consider an IRA rollover into a Roth IRA; increase your charitable giving; and gift tax allows you to give \$14k to anyone.

Rev. Laura Sheridan-Campbell moved through the stresses inherent in the holiday season, asking the question: Are you over the edge? She offered some suggestions to cope: stay safe; go places that bring you joy; practice self-care; eat healthy; breathe; work through conflict; balance alone time with group time; find time to hear stories; if lonely, reach out to someone who will respond; and admit if you need help. She then interspersed her final comments with the song *Peace On Earth Good Will to Men*, written by Longfellow in 1864, as she sang and discussed . . . "religion can fuel violence AND peace" . . . "the military deserve our thoughts" . . . "live in such a way that hate is conquered by love, and death is conquered by life" . . . and ending with PEACE ON EARTH GOOD WILL TO MEN!



Jackpot for December 12, 2016: \$110

Responsibilities for December 19, 2016

Drawing, **An Lu**; Words, **Maureen Simons**

Pledge, **Alice McDermott**; Greeter, **Tom Applegate**;

Guest Ambassador, **Jaime Hartnett**; Roto-Rooter, **Yvonne Finocchiaro**;

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