

March 19, 2018

Responsibilities

Drawing, **Eric Lodge**; Words, **Maureen Simons**;
Pledge, **Julie Walker**; Greeter, **Mimi Gaffey**;
Roto-Rooter: **Yvonne Finocchiaro**; Reporter: **Randy Ferren**

PROGRAM: ROBIN RYAN - RETIREMENT REINVENTED

PROGRAMS

March 26: Model UN Teens/ Model UN Speeches
April 2: DARK
April 9: Jan Zachary/ What's New at Scripps Encinitas

MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2018

Welcome: Sergeant at Arms **Jim Brubaker** indicated the room was ready and **President David Harrison** welcomed members and guests and also provided an update about **David Kulchin** who had been hospitalized with an illness. He is healing well and all reports are positive. **Tom Applegate** was also hospitalized with a surgery and is healing well. **Kori Dolkas** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Stan Prowse** led “*God Bless America*” and “*Won't you Be my Neighbor*” with **Bob Kreisberg** on saxophone accompaniment. As the winner of the Northern Regional Instrumental Music Competition, **Isabell James** played a very impressive flute solo of the song “Tango Etude” by **Astor Piazzolla**. **Isabell** received a standing ovation for her fantastic performance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

District: **President David** reminded us that the District Training Assembly is on March 24 and the Global Grants Management seminar takes place on the same day, following the assembly. Two Rotarians are required to attend if the club intends to seek District Grant Funding. The 4-Way Speech semi-finals are on March 15, and the music competition final is on March 18. Bowling for Polio at Urge in San Marcos is on March 25. **President David** reminded all Rotarians to identify and complete one of the questions submitted by **Ken Clark** for the AVID seminar students. **Maureen Simons** provided the “Words” of an Irish Blessing and recognized **Dawn Van Siclen's** birthday (March 17).

New Members: **Patty Johnson** inducted **Brian Colby**, a realtor with Sand and Sea Investments who enjoys raising his kids and coaching. His sponsor is **Ian McDaniel**. Also inducted, **Rocco Ciesco**, whose business is Vista Adventures which plans outdoor activities to raise money for non-profits. His sponsor is **Dawn Van Siclen**.

Special Shout Out: **Al and Polly Torkar** are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month!!



Spirit of Service: **Wendy Wiegand** reported that **Bob Kreisberg** and **Ken Ryan** were nominated for the award. After a brief description of someone who is always smiling and willing to lend a hand, the award went to **Ken Ryan**.

ROTO-ROOTER

Yvonne Finocchiaro fined **Jessica Jones** \$40 for vacationing in Wyoming, Aruba and Paso Robles and running a 40k in celebration of her 40th birthday. **Neal Stehly** reported that TCU basketball has made it to the NCAA basketball tournament and was fined \$25. **Phil Urbina** piped-in with his information that Creighton had also made it and was fined \$50. Something we didn't know about **Leann Rytz** is that she gave birth at home 18 years ago... and it was planned that way! **Lisa Walsh** ran a half marathon last weekend and one thing we don't know about her is that she visited ten ball parks during one week last summer. **Larry Kesslin** said that he spent the day at Donavan Prison for an inspirational speaking event with inmates and he found great satisfaction in the events of the day, stating that it was very “rewarding.” Something we didn't know about **George Porter** is that he was a photographer at Disneyland in his college days during the summer and he worked on commission. He said that when he had earned enough money for the day, he would call it quits and hit the beach! **Wendy Wiegand, Miguel DeJesus, Neal Stehly, Josh Rytz, Joy Prowse, Bruce Stewart, Larry Kesslin, Josh Rytz, Phil Urbina, Jim Brubaker and Julie Walker** got a “pass” today because they are wearing Rotary insignia, other than badges. **Yvonne Finocchiaro** put all Rotarians “on notice” to wear something other than the badges. **Miguel DeJesus** and **Yvonne Finocchiaro** switched badges and nobody noticed (and apparently it wasn't the first time the two had participated in those shenanigans)!

**PROGRAM: CAL FIRE DIVISION CHIEF, NICK SCHULER
“LILAC FIRE RECAP”**

Mike Davis introduced Nick Schuler, Division Chief at Cal Fire. He has been on the incident management team for the last 12 years and has responded to many different types of emergency situations. He is the Operations Chief for ground and air resources. Nick and his wife, **Shelby**, live in Carlsbad and have three children.

December 7, 2017, weather patterns indicated there would be a fire that day. Schuler said that Cal Fire works very closely with meteorologists to determine the probability of a fire happening on any given day, based on conditions. That day, there was little-to-no-precipitation and the drought-stricken vegetation made conditions perfect for a very dangerous fire. Because of the awareness of the dangers regarding conditions, staffing had been increased in preparation for a potential disaster. **RESOURCES AVAILABLE:** 31 engines, 3 bulldozers, 11 hand crews, 2 fixed wing air tankers and 4 rotary winged helicopters.



By 11:15 that morning, there was a report of a brush fire and because of the conditions, Schuler was dispatched to the fire near Bonsall. The fire had already burned 2-3 acres and as soon as the wind picked it up, it spread. Structures were immediately threatened, roads were closed, as well as mandatory evacuation. At that point, additional resources were requested.

The Rancho Monserate Country Club was engulfed in flames and 50-60 mobile homes burned to the ground within minutes of the fire starting. All lives were saved but the winds were very difficult and moved the fire to additional locations. Schuler explained that wildfires require a lot of movement by the firefighters and that the engines are usually supplying the water, as opposed to a fire hydrant.

As a result of the strong wind there were fires starting a mile ahead of the Lilac fire. There were 400 firefighters on location the day of the Lilac fire. Firefighters being "on ready" and the ability to locate fire engines closest to the fires were helpful for immediate responses. Schuler also explained that all evacuations are challenging, but this one had particular issues because of the large animal evacuation. The horse facility's barns were catching on fire and the horses ran out and back in which put both the animals and the firefighters at risk. He learned that large animal evacuations are very difficult, particularly with only 50 percent of horse-owners having a horse trailer.

MORE STATS: 99,000+ people were advised to evacuate or to be ready to evacuate; 4,000+ acres burned; 92,000+ gallons of retardant dropped; 360,000+ gallons of water; 163 engines responded; and 221 structures damaged or destroyed.

Schuler explained that repopulation requires SDGE, law enforcement and fire to collaborate and work together to ensure the safety of the people and infrastructure integrity prior to allowing citizens to return to their properties.

President David spoke about how Carlsbad handled the evacuees. Thankfully, Carlsbad was not directly impacted by the fires, which allowed Carlsbad residents and others to respond with information regarding temporary evacuation points and facilities which housed displaced individuals. Carlsbad's emergency operations center (EOC) notified evacuees of the temporary evacuation locations, like The Forum in Carlsbad. Over 300 evacuees were sheltered and 800 meals were provided, thanks to the generosity of local eateries. **Tina Ray** was recognized for being instrumental in relaying information to residents, and evacuees. **Mike Davis** recognized **President David's** hard work in professionally handling and flawlessly executing the plan under his leadership. **Mike Davis** also recognized how Schuler handled the first responders, many of whom were deployed for over 200 days.

Jackpot for March 19: \$350

Responsibilities for March 26, 2018

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