October 2, 2017

Responsibilities

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PHIL URBINA, THE GREATEST FEST IN THE UNIVERSE UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Oct 9: DARK

Oct16: Henry Devries, Indie Books International

Oct 23 Kelly Wilson, Department of Homeland Security Oct 30: Michael Steinlicht, Encina Wastewater Authority

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 7: CHNR 35th Annual Oktoberfest, Holiday Park – All members participate

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

President David Harrison welcomed all the members and guests, to the "Greatest Club in the Universe", **Bob Kreisberg** led us in the pledge, **Maureen Taylor** gave us the words, and accompanied by **President Harrison**'s Banjo we sang "America the Beautiful" and "Bicycle Built for Two." Notable guest included Frank Silva, President of the other Carlsbad Rotary Club and three soon to be inducted new members, more on them later.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

District Lead (Leadership, Ethics and Determination) Youth Conference for 8th graders will be held Oct 14-15th. Also due to issues with the online system the new youth protection certification process has been pushed back to December 31st, 2017.

President David also attended the District Foundation Seminar last Saturday and he was proud to announce that we achieved high levels in several Foundation areas. He also polled several attendees regarding the district music competition and most were aware and planned to support the event. Great job **Bob Hartsfield** for getting the district music competition started.

Veteran's Recognition – **President David** reminded all members that wanted to recognize themselves or family members during our Veteran's Day Celebration on November 6 to please submit a paragraph, pictures, etc. by October 3rd.

HMLA 169 VIPER BBQ - **President David** showed us pictures of the BBQ we threw for the spouses of the deployed squadron. They were very appreciative and are a very strong family oriented group of people.

CHS Interact Club – **Joe McDermott** is looking for 1-2 people to help with the Interact Club, they meet everyone other Tuesday from 11:45-12:10 at CHS. The Club makes a big contribution to our projects and events as well as doing their own fundraisers.



Neal & John

Patty & Estella

Regan & George

New Member Inductions – We had 3 new members inducted today; **Estela Mitrani**; **Reagan Mathews** and returning member **John Estill**. **Estela** is a regional manager for the Carlsbad Charitable Foundation and her sponsor is **Patty Johnson**. **Reagan** is a project manager for an IT company and her sponsor is **George Sullivan**, who wasn't present. **John**, who was a former Treasurer for the club, is a business consultant and his sponsor is **Neal Stehly**.

Oktoberfest: Richard Weston announced we've filled 82% of the volunteer slots an improvement from 60% from a week ago. A sign-up sheet was passed around or you can sign up on the website. Please get any unused tickets to **Phil Urbina** who will be distributing to military families. Finally, **Josh Rytz** still has 22 member's tickets, please see **Josh** to pick up or he will be mailing out. Remember tickets are paid for in member dues so please distribute to friends and family so we have great attendance.

WHO AM I?



Vince Ponce was a school administrator for over 35 years, he pretty much worked in every position for the Walnut Valley School District and eventually became the superintendent. His first taste of working for a school district was his first job as a noon day supervisor at Whittier Middle School, and he then went on to work for UPS while putting himself thru school, the first in his family to go to college. He and his wife Eileen have 3 daughters and one son ranging from 31 to 17. He's in the Baby Boomer generation, which according to Vince; doesn't like tattoos, loves to work hard and travel, and loves to serve others. Welcome Vince!

PROGRAM - Principal Tressie Armstrong

KELLY SCHOOL MAGIC

Tressie Armstrong has worked for the Carlsbad school district for 15 years first as an assistant principal at Valley Middle School and as principal at Kelly Elementary for the last 8 years. Tressie recounted the events of Friday October 8th when a deranged man jumped the fence at the school and started shooting at over 200 second and third graders that were on the playground. Fortunately, there was no loss of life that day and only two students were shot and have since recovered. One of the parents of a wounded girl, Wendy, was at our meeting and thanked Tressie for how the school handled the situation and said that her daughter is now a very happy and healthy teenager. During the incident there happened to

be three construction workers doing work on the



Tressie Armstrong and parent

roof that day who saw the gunman and when the gunman went back to his car to get more ammunition the construction workers were able to hold down the gunman until the police arrived. Tressie thanked the first responders including Fire Captain **Mike Davis**' men who were on the scene with four minutes of the shooting. The kids were in lockdown for three more hours after the incident as they were making sure there wasn't another shooter. The parents waited patiently outside until they could see their children, and the parents were actually very calm as they had done training for this type of event. On the following Monday, the school actually had a celebration that there was no loss for life, and that brought everyone closer together and helped the children get through the trauma. When one of the kids went into middle school, they were asked, "Did you go to that school where the shooting happened?", and they said "No they went to the school where the miracle happened." Joe McDermott's daughter was at the school during the shooting and he thanked Tressie and her staff for how they handled the situation.

The Opportunity Drawing was won by Patricia Haynes \$20

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