



**March 18, 2019**

**Responsibilities**

Drawing, **Mary Fritz-Wilson**; Words, **Jos Magaña**;  
Pledge, **Tom Applegate**; Greeter, **Mimi Gaffey**;  
Reporte & Editor, **Julie Walker**  
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**TODAY'S PROGRAM**  
**4-Way Test Speech Contest**

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

- Mar. 25: David Graham, Chief Innovation Officer for the City of Carlsbad
- Apr. 1: Laura Christenson, K9LRNG dog trainer
- Apr. 8: Troy Baker, Adapt Movement
- Apr. 15: Mary Robinson, Women Encouraging Living Donation

**COMING EVENTS**

- Mar. 22: AVID Seminar at Sheraton, table leaders needed: **Ken Clark**
- Apr. 7: Music Competition Finals, 2pm, Carlsbad Library (Dove): **Bob Kreisberg**
- Apr. 11: Fireside Chat, 6-8:30pm: **Wendy Wiegand**
- Apr. 22: **DARK** / Easter
- Apr. 27: Rotarians at Work Day: Agua Hedionda Discovery Center: **Julie Baker**

**MEETING OF March 11, 2019**



**Welcome: Song Leader Steve “Sunshine” Mott**, (left) looking very much like a leprachaun and with guitar in hand, opened the St. Patrick’s Day-themed meeting by leading everyone in singing *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*. **Pres. Maureen Simons**, also decked out in green, welcomed all, **Dawn Cuneen** led the Pledge, and **Mott** led us in singing *God Bless America*. For Words, **Walt Waggener** shared a Henry Wadsworth Longfellow poem whose message was: The good we do lives on past us, but we never know how that will work out.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Oktoberfest—Co-chair Vince Ponce** thanked all the Oktoberfest directors who have agreed to work on the 2019 edition, which wil be held Oct. 5. He said that in the 35 years of this event, more than \$1.5 million has been raised to help our community. He asked every Rotarian to come up with one name, just one, who might be a good contact for getting another sponsor. Give the name and contact info to **Dave Kulchin** or **Patty Johnson**, who are on the sponsorship team, and the team will make the contact.

**Rotarians at Work Day—Julie Baker** said this year’s project, to be done on Sat., April 27, will be at the Aqua Hedionda Discovery Center. **Lisa Rodman** said the

work will include building a roof over a doorway and maintenance of the walkways and barricades near the vernal pools.

**Music Competition—Bob Kreisberg and Bob Hartsfield** said the divisional contest the prior weekend was well-attended, and the competiton was excellent, with four of the 11 participants going on to the regional finals. They reminded us that the finals will be held April 7 at 2pm in the Carlsbad City Library on Dove Lane in La Costa. The young musicians are vying for a \$2,500 scholarship. **Kreisberg** suggested that anyone who has a child, grandchild, even a neighbor child. interested in music should bring them to the finals because they will be very inspired.

**AVID Seminar—Ken Clark** needs more help with the March 22 AVID event. He especially needs writien suggestions to help students prepare for job interviews.

**IN HONOR OF ST. PATRICK’S DAY**

A number of those attending the meeting were “wearing the green” in honor of the coming St. Patrick’s Day, including **Pres. Maureen Simons** and song leader **Steve “Sunshine” Mott**. The tables were decorated with shamrocks and Irish county table signs, and there even was a visiting Rotarian Irishman. **Pres. Maureen** handed out sheets with scrambled Irish phrases or words, asking us to try to unscramble them, with those getting the most correct getting a prize. By gosh and begorrah, the table with the Irish guest had the most correct, but there were some Rotarians at other tables who got 18 and 21 correct out of the 26, and several Irish scarves were handed out.



**ROTO-ROOTER—Bob Kreisberg via Happy Bucks**

**Kreisberg** first recognized Rotarians with March birthdays and led all in singing *The Birthday Song*. Then he called on Rotarians **Jos Magaña** to explain his difficulties with tools during the Mexico house build-project and **Mike Metts** to talk about his golf outing on Sunday—where he had to start at the 3rd hole because he forgot to change his clock.

**Harry Peacock** had happy dollars because his wife wanted to make sure “to thank the Bobs for their fantastic job with the music competition”; **Phil Urbina** had some (unhappy?) dollars because he had just gotten a text from his daughter, on Spring Break in Colorado, who was letting him know that she highly recommends visiting Coors Brewery. **Maureen Taylor** thanked those who helped with the Raising Readers project, and **Dave Dana** reported he was happy after attending a very exciting volleyball game played by 13-year-old girls.

**Melanie Burkholder** had happy dollars because she got to cruise the bay in a yacht and was amazed to learn how expensive it is to own one; **Ken Clark** was happy to have 25 Rotarians who have submitted interviewing tips for the upcoming AVID

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seminar and/or who have signed up to be table leaders, but he still needs more interviewing tips for the students.

## **PROGRAM: Camp Fire in Paradise, CA Carlsbad Fire Department Division Chief Mike Lopez**

Chief Lopez has been with CFD for some 25 years and also is a first-responders' coordinator for major incidents, including hurricanes Katrina in New Orleans, Harvey in Houston and Irma in Florida. But it was the Camp Fire that destroyed Paradise, CA, late last year that was the subject of his talk. Lopez said the devastation from that fire was "unprecedented," with 18,804 structures destroyed in the first FOUR hours. It burned 153,000 acres, moving a football field's length each SECOND. Many never had time to get out of their homes or out of their cars. Eighty-five people were killed, and three are still missing—it was the most destructive wildfire in California history.

Lopez was the leader of a 75-member FEMA team that was sent to Paradise, not to fight the fire, but for search and rescue. His team combed through the ashes of the destroyed city where almost nothing was left standing, looking for bodies, but mostly all they found were bone chips because the fire burned so hot.

He said the fire moved so fast because of high winds and so much dry material available to burn. He urged everyone to maintain 100 feet of defensible space around their property, eliminating combustibles near homes and businesses. Indoor sprinklers do help, he said. He stressed that with wildfires: "Never say never, always say always...No one guarantees tomorrow. Home and property can be replaced. Don't risk your life to save so little." He said to remember: "We can't control Mother Nature and history WILL repeat itself."



### **JOKER DRAWING**

Luck o' the Irish: **Ken Clark** won a bottle of Irish Cream Whiskey and then he won \$6 in the regular drawing. The jackpot for is now \$150.

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