



AUGUST 27, 2018

Responsibilities

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Pledge, **Estela Mitrani**; Greeter, **Tom Applegate**;
Reporter/Editor, **Julie Walker**;
Photographer, **Nancy Starling**

TODAY'S PROGRAM San Diego Zoo Experience Georganne Irvine

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Sep. 3: DARK
Sep. 10: Canine Companions, Kathleen King
Sep. 17: Nuvasive, Jamie Hagan
Sep. 24: Rotary District 5340 Governor Mel Gallegos

OTHER EVENTS

Sep. 8: 5th Annual Carlsbad Brewfest, Noon-5pm—**JR Phillips**
Sep. 29: District Foundation Seminar, Liberty Station Conference Center
Oct. 6: Carlsbad Oktoberfest, Noon-10pm—**Phil Urbina**
Oct. 20: Peace Leadership Seminar, Ronald McDonald House—**Joy Prowse**

MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2018

Welcome: President Maureen Simons welcomed everyone, **Steve Mott** led us in the *Smile* song, **Julie Walker** led the pledge, then **Mott** led us in *God Bless America*. **Gina McBride** provided Words, offering quotes that underscore the idea that "Concepts of giving and gratitude lead to richer and fuller lives."

Rotarian At Heart Award: JR Phillips presented the award to **Al Lewis**, who has made major contributions of service to the Carlsbad Education Foundation, specifically involving the robotics program in the Carlsbad schools. This program is gaining in recognition and success. This award recognizes community members who exemplify Rotary's ideal of Service Above Self. Lewis was presented with a certificate and a pin.



Al Lewis, left, and JR Phillips

Limerick Contest: Walt Waggener had two participants this week: **Gloria Foote**, who volunteered, and **Tom Applegate** who was volunteered by **Waggener**. **Foote's** limerick not only was a winner but was perfect in every way, according to **Waggener**, with lines 1, 2 and 5 rhyming, and lines 3 and 4 rhyming. **Applegate's**, provided by **Waggener**, took him and everyone else to task for not volunteering, or at least being prepared to *be* volunteered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pres. Maureen gave the unwelcome news that **Miguel de Jesus** is resigning from the club due to an expanded and more demanding work schedule.



Joy Prowse

Peace Leadership Seminar: Joy Prowse, district peace committee and Hi-Noon member, asked anyone interested in becoming the club's peace chair to attend this free seminar, to be held Sat., Oct 20, at Ronald McDonald House, from 9am-12:30pm. Seminar participants will hear how their involvement can advance Rotary peace objectives, including getting their clubs more active. Contact **Prowse** or sign up on the district website. **Prowse** also urged Hi-Noon Rotarians to participate in other district peace programs when they are announced.

Brewfest: JR Phillips now has paper tickets for Brewfest and asked Rotarians to contact him to get them. Discount Brewfest cards (10% off: via online purchase) were on the tables, but alas, did not include the Brewfest web address to get that discount: carlsbadbrewfest.org. Anyone handing these out is asked to put that address on the back of the card. Brewfest's net proceeds benefit Rotary scholarships.

Oktoberfest Match: Patty Johnson said Nordson Corp. in Carlsbad will again match donations to the Oktoberfest fundraiser—up to a total of \$5,000 donated by Rotarians in both Carlsbad clubs. **Johnson** passed around a signup sheet for members willing to write a check to Frank Silva (Evening Club past president and Nordson employee) in the hopes that Hi-Noon can raise \$2,500. Evening Club is doing the same. Last year, Nordson's match hit \$5,000. Contact **Johnson** if you would like to participate by making a donation.

ROTO-ROOTER

Roto-Rooter Yvonne Finocchiaro collected \$1 each from the 13 members who were not wearing either a Rotary pin or Rotary insignia clothing. **Maureen Simons** was fined \$25 after admitting she had a new car; **Neal Stehly**, \$25, for *not* traveling anywhere except to the races and some parties; **Maureen Taylor**, \$25, for attending a party or two. **Finocchiaro** asked several Rotarians to tell "What we don't know about you" (WWDKAY). **Miguel de Jesus** will celebrate 48 years married on Aug. 28; **Sam Ross** is a commercially rated private pilot; **Nate Cobb's** youngest is 44 (Korean and adopted as a baby); **Steve Wolff** played lead in a play called *I'm In Love with a Big Blue Frog*, at age 16; and **Brian Geisbauer** wears a red coat in December—as a member of the Holiday Bowl Committee. Eighteen Rotarians stood when asked who in the room had family members who had or would be going back to school—and told us who and what school they were attending.

Finocchiaro then asked Rotarians to recall previous WWDKAY revelations, and although they mostly failed, we were reminded that **JR Phillips** won two raffles in one weekend; **Wendy Wiegand** had passed the Series 7A real estate test easily; **Joy Prowse** always wanted to be an interior designer; **Gina McBride** is involved with United Seniors America; **Melanie Burkholder** had done a Rotary exchange

in Bangladesh; **Bob Hartsfield** had a granddaughter who was the California State Athlete of the Year in soccer; and **Key Ryan** had read all the Hardy Boys' mysteries at age 10.

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PROGRAM: Free to Thrive and Inspired Innovation Help Free Those Caught in Human Trafficking



From left: Cierra Robinson, of Inspired Innovation; Jamie Quient, of Free to Thrive; DeeAnn, a volunteer with Free to Thrive; and Chastity, an intern with that program.

Jamie Quient, president and managing attorney for Free to Thrive, gave us the sad statistics about human trafficking (which includes sex, labor and organ trafficking) and explained efforts by Free to Thrive and other organizations to help those caught up in it. But first, Cierra Robinson set the

stage by telling us her story about how she was first abused by human traffickers and then by the justice system, including imprisonment, before she was able to go to college and get her degree in psychology (with a 4.0 grade point average)—and then starting the non-profit Inspired Innovation, a program that helps other women like her get their education—and freedom. Her story was riveting and horrifying, but her successes drew strong applause from the room.

Quient said that human trafficking is the second largest underground economy in SD County, with more than 7,000 sex-trafficking victims, and that more than 80 percent of these victims come from within the US! She said there are more than 44,000 labor trafficking victims. Unfortunately, most of those rescued or who have escaped their traffickers end up prosecuted by the justice system due to what they had been forced to do. Only recently have laws been passed that make human trafficking a criminal offense (in 2005 in California) and even more recently, California passed a law to allow those trafficked and who have gone on to make successful new lives for themselves to have their records sealed and destroyed. Free to Thrive offers free legal services to help victims clear their records and connects them with a network of social service, health care, mental health providers.

JOKER DRAWING

Nate Cobb had the winning ticket
The jackpot for Aug. 26 is \$260

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