

April 29, 2019

Responsibilities

Drawing, Nancy Starling; Words, Ken Clark Pledge, George Sullivan; Greeter, Sam Ross Roto-Rooter, Yvonne Finocchiaro Reporter, Tina Ray; Editor, Jessica Jones

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 6: What to Remember in the Middle of Change, David Berry

May 13: Update on Guatemala School Project, Ryan King

May 20: Recipients of Community Service Funds, Julie Baker

May 27: DARK

June 3: Produce Good: Sourcing Food Waste and Feeding the Hungry, Jeri White

OTHER EVENTS

April 25: Four-Way Test Speech Contest, District Finals: Maureen Simons

April 26: CHNR Poker Tournament, 6pm, Discovery Center: Nancy Starling

April 27: Rotarians at Work Day, Agua Hedionda Discovery Center: Julie Baker

April 29: District 5340 Foundation Gala, Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine, 6-9pm: www.district5340.org

May 2: Happy Hour at Julie Baker's home: Patty Johnson

June 8: CHNR Annual (family friendly) Bocce Ball Tournament, McGee Park: Jim

Brubaker

June 28: Demotion Dinner, \$50 for guests; annual "roast" of outgoing President; refer **Jos Magana**. (CHNR members paid; cost within dues invoice.)

MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2019

Welcome: President Maureen Simons welcomed all members and guests following Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Brubaker's call for the meeting of the Greatest Club in the Universe to come to order. The singing of the Smile song and God Bless America, bracketed by Jessica Jones leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance, was led by Steve Mott. Tsajon von Lixfeld (a member for only four months) provided these words of wisdom. He first joined Rotary in Kauai, Hawaii following a six-month stay in a Tibetan monastery, and eventually became president of his club before moving to California. Von Lixfeld told us that the Rotary Wheel is similar to the Rule of Dharma from Tibetan Buddhism. Guests: Only one guest today, Paul Kartzike, a retired engineer who spent his career with Exxon Mobil, wants to get involved in his community and is looking at Rotary as a possible avenue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President-Elect, Wendy Wiegand, reported that **Jeff Wohler** has taken a leave of absence from the club for business reasons. **Wohler** had been elected to be **International Service Director** for the coming year so Wiegand has nominated **Steve Ahlquist** to take that position. It was so moved by **Rick Grove** and seconded

by **Yvonne Finocchiaro** that **Ahlquist** be elected. The motion passed without unanimously.

Community Service Director, Julie Baker reminded everyone that April 27th (Saturday) is Rotarians at Work Day and our project this year is to do maintenance and repair work at Agua Hedionda Lagoon from 9 to 12 that day. There is also another chance to perform service work at Valley Middle School from 2:30 to 4:30 pm on May 1st, planting 15-gallon trees. Contact **Melanie Burkholder** if you want to help.

President Simons announced that the winner of our club's **4-way Speech Contest** won the **District** competition.

Phil Urbina, Walt Waggener, and Alice McDermott, reported on their recent participation in the annual RYLA retreat. **McDermott** related that to be a counselor is an amazing experience. everything went perfectly the entire weekend and that she actually cried when she said good-bye to her "family" of teens. McDermott said that everyone in the club should experience being a RYLA counselor at least once. Urbina, stated we should all be proud of our club's involvement and also named Tina Ray and Mike Metts as being important contributors to this year's camp. A real highlight of the event was that the participants were able to SKYPE with a girl's school in Afghanistan, the creation of which was the singular dream of one of the presenters from the LaJolla Golden Triangle club, demonstrating the power of one person's determination to take an idea to a reality.



Membership Chair John Estill, asked how many members in the club like wine? **Estill** said the club needed to add some new members before May 31st in order for the club to get a Presidential Citation from Rotary International. Anyone who brings in a new member will get a bottle of wine of their choice. Getting two new women members or seven new male members will put the club over the top (Different goals within the Citation.)

Patty Johnson announced several upcoming social events. There is a poker party coming up and the annual Bocce Ball tournament will be held June 18th. A Happy Hour event (BYOB wine and cheese) will be held at **Julie Baker's** home the evening of May 2nd.

President Simons announced that the annual District 5340 Gala will be held on May 29th and the annual Governor's Dinner will be held on June 27th (a Thursday) the day before the club's annual Demotion Dinner. Check on the District website for details on these events.

ROTO-ROOTER: YVONNE FINOCCHIARO

Wednesday is President Maureen's birthday so the club sang the Birthday Song to her. Facts about various members were solicited. Phil Okun worked his way through college playing the washboard in Cajun band. Mimi Gaffey did a 10-day challenge to show pictures of horses on social media (\$25 fine). Tracy Carmichael iust returned from Nebraska and Texas (\$25 fine). Julie Walker has been sailing in the Caribbean (\$50). Jessica Jones did some river floating in Utah. It was cold!! Phil Urbina went to Kansas. Neal Stehly attended a practice round at the Master's Golf Tournament last week. Not to be outdone, Steve Mott was at the opening weekend of a golf course in central Oregon (there was snow on the ground and the temperature was 38 degrees.) Steve Wolff spent the week in bed with a cold. George Porter just returned from Xeon, China (home of the Terracotta Warriors) and then hopped a ship in Hong Kong and sailed through Indo-China, Viet Nam and such, ending up in Singapore (\$25). Jos Magana's son just got his Cub Scout Weblo Badge. Patrice Haynes just returned from a trip to Cuba and bumped into Reagan Matthews at the Dallas airport. Who left their glasses at the meeting last week? No one makes a claim.

WELD (WOMEN ENCOURAGING LIVING DONATIONS)

Estela Mitrani introduced Tammy Wright and Diane Brockington who presented a program on their organization (WELD) an organization of women who have been live organ donors for people who require lifesaving organ transplants and are promoting people to become living donors.

It's easy to sign up to be a deceased donor but most people still do not do it. It's the same with many organ donations. You can continue your life while at the same time saving the life of another person. Ms. Brockington ended up donating a kidney to Green Bay Packer football star, John Brockington, who had kidney failure.



His choices were dialysis until he could get a new kidney or die. Then 9/11 happened and she decided she would make the offer. Because of his notoriety the story was covered by ESPN. Two years later the two were married and remain so today. Two-thirds of all organ donors are women and 97 percent of donors say they would do it again if they could. Why live organ donations? The waiting list for donations from the deceased is between eight and ten years, but most people can only survive using dialysis for about five years. The list is less than half as long if a living donor can be found.

Jackpot for today was \$200.
The winner today was George Sullivan but no Jackpot.

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