

JULY 16, 2018

Responsibilities Drawing, George Porter; Words, Mary Fritz-Wilson Pledge, Patty Johnson; Greeter, Brian Colby Ambassador, Harry Peacock; Reporter, Randy Ferren

TODAY'S PROGRAM

July 23: Shawn Ruggeiro, Just Like My Child, NPO in Uganda
July 30: Chris Roesink, Waterwise Strategies, Hunter Industries
Aug 6: TBD
Aug 13: Miguel deJesus, Life Story and Experience

OTHER EVENTS

Sept 8:Fifth Annual Carlsbad Brewfest, Noon-5pm—JR PhillipsOct 6:Carlsbad Oktoberfest, Noon-10pm—Phil Urbina

MEETING OF JULY 9, 2018



Welcome: President Maureen Simons kicked off the first meeting of this 2018-2019 Rotary year with her recorded Irish song and welcomed everyone to her first meeting as President. Greeter was Lisa Walsh; the pledge was led by George Sullivan; Steve "Sunshine" Mott buoyed the signing of God Bless America; and Nate Cobb provided the "Words" for the day. Guests were introduced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Metts: Walt Waggener relayed the details of **Mike Metts**' injury via his motorcycle as he and **Waggener** were riding, slowly, on a two-lane road near Kemmerer, WY, when **Metts'** (after nudging **Waggener**) bike fell and crushed his left knee. He has three major factures of the tibia, has been operated on once in Salt Lake City and again today to add pins/screws. He won't be able to put any weight on his leg for 10-12 weeks "and in 10-12 months he'll be good as new."(There's a moral in here somewhere.)

President Maureen: Announced she fondly remembered how much club members did for her and her late husband John when John was sick. "Take care of Mike," she said. She then asked **Past President David Harrison** to accept the RI "Making a Difference" banner, and to explain to those not attending the Demotion Dinner why

the **Rotarian of the Year** was selected. This always-difficult decision was the result of **President David's** acknowledgement of **Harry Peacock's** "going far beyond regarding Rotary and club service . . . he goes way below the water line" to see that the international projects are as complete as possible. "Besides, he's an absolutely wonderful person."



Paul Harris Fellow: Mimi Gaffey, The Rotary Foundation representative in the club, provided a grounding re how/why a Paul Harris Fellowship is important, and then presented **Jim Brubaker** with his PHF+2 pin (that means Brubaker has donated \$3,000 to The Rotary Foundation). Thanks Jim!

Brewfest: Mike Ferguson indicated that 50 people have already signed up to help with Brewfest (it's only 60 days away) and the goal is 120. The sign-up sheet was circulated. Contact Ferguson for more information: <u>Mike.Back9@gmail.com</u>.

President Maureen: Setting the stage for new members to know her better, **President Maureen** indicated that she grew up in Burbank, went to Immaculate Heart College, worked at Security Pacific National Bank, met husband John on March 2 and they were married on August 31; they have seven children. In 2000 they moved to Carlsbad and ran into **David Kulchin** who suggested John join CHNR. After John passed, **President Maureen** was "feeling sorry for myself after losing John's contacts with the club" when she ran into member **Ted Owen** who said "just join the club." That was seven years ago. "I am currently a funeral minister at St. Patrick's Church, and I am honored to be your President."

ROTO-ROOTER JIM BRUBAKER

Defining the Roto-Rooter job as the "recognition" element of the club—that means he fines members for the good, the bad and the ugly as way to get to know everyone a little better. (Your dues already account for the "recognition fines" **Brubaker** dishes out.)

- He started with July birthdays: Mike Davis, Gloria Foote (both today), George Porter, Vince Ponce, Harry Peacock, Patty Johnson, Sam Ross, Velyn Anderson, LeAnn Rytz, Kori Dolkas, Wendy Wiegand, Alex Klingensmith and Jeff Segall. Of course we sang.
- Moving on to anniversaries: Raegan Matthews (according to the Clubrunner facts) was celebrating 115 years of marriage (actually, it is 10). Clint and Jane Voltmer have 43 years of "wedded bliss," Josh and LeAnn Rytz have 23 "glorious years" together.
- Pat Hurley remarked from the floor that John Simons would be "shedding a tear today" to see his wife as President of the club . . . whereupon Brubaker called on Simons to describe her attempt to attend the RI Convention in Toronto . . . a long story, but transportation and elevators did NOT go well.
- Brubaker, using his "top secret source" (read that Facebook), found out that Robyn Hill will be moving to Ohio at the end of 2018. Hill remarked

that she and Tim were moving to Steubenville, OH to have Tim's mom live with them. \$50 fine. "We wish you both the best" **Brubaker** responded for the whole club.

- Another "top secret source" (also media—TV) made Brubaker aware that Melanie Burkholder was in the news eight times in the last two days regarding the Thai soccer players trapped in the caves in Thailand.
- Patrice Haynes was called out for her Mother's Day gift—defying gravity-she went to I FLY. "It was a blast" she said (tongue firmly planted in cheek).
- Then **Mary Fritz-Wilson** announced that she, too, had a dynamic birthday when she went skydiving from the Oceanside Airport.



PROGRAM "POETRY HELPS YOUNG MINDS"

Bob Kreisberg read the U-T article "*Poetry Helps Young Minds*" and thought that the article's subject, George Soros, 90-years-old from Vista, would be a good program addition.

George Soros worked with the Vista Boys and Girls Club to teach the young people something about poetry. He suggests that poetry offers variety to many and often changes the tone of a subject to "speak from the heart."

Soros said that his love of poetry was aroused in the fourth grade in Milwaukee, Wi when he was asked to memorize a long, narrative poem. He asked if any members remembered any lines of memorized poetry from their school days, to which **Jim Brubaker**, **Julie Baker**, **Walt Waggener**, **Mimi**

Gaffey and Steve Wolff all had at least a stanza ready. He then read small parts of each of ten different poets trying to showcase the "heart" in each.

Nate Cobb won the drawing; \$10.

Jackpot for July 16: \$210.

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