



JULY 30, 2018

Responsibilities

Drawing, **Bob Brue**; Words, **Steve Wolff**;
Pledge, **Eric Lodge**; Greeter, **Yvonne Finocchiaro**;
Roto-Rooter, **Jim Brubaker**;
Reporter/Editor, **Yvonne Finocchiaro**

TODAY'S PROGRAM
Waterwise Strategies
Chris Roesink, Hunter Industries

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Aug. 6: TBD
Aug. 13: **Miguel deJesus: Life Story and Experiences**

OTHER EVENTS

Sept 8: 5th Annual Carlsbad Brewfest, Noon-5pm—JR Phillips
Oct 6: Carlsbad Oktoberfest, Noon-10pm—Phil Urbina

MEETING OF JULY 23, 2018

President Maureen Simons welcomed members and guests to the "Greatest Club in the Universe." **Sunshine Steve Mott** led the group in Smile and My Country 'Tis of Thee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The club welcomed back **Mike Metts** and **Stan Prowse**, both moving slowly, but happy to return after separate incidents left them on the bench in recent weeks. They are healing and appreciate the many kind words, offers of support and company of their fellow Rotarians.

Nancy Starling and **Patty Johnson** are social chairs this year and are working on an online calendar to share with members. Aug 14 is Rotary Day at the ballpark. The game starts at 5, and **Starling** will send out details next week, with a signup sheet and carpool information.

Sadly, three members have resigned: **Bob Brue**, due to health issues, **Larry Keslin** because of a new job in San Diego, and **Al Wanamaker**.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

David Harrison, left, presented **Vince Ponce** (right) with his Rookie of the Year plaque, noting particularly his jumping in to help **Phil Urbina** with Oktoberfest. **Urbina** clarified that **Ponce**, who joined the Oktoberfest Committee this year, will succeed **Urbina** as co-chair next year, representing Hi-Noon. Co-Rookies of the Year, including **Raegan Matthews**, were announced at last month's demotion dinner which **Ponce** was unable to attend. Congratulations to both.



Ann Collins shared highlights of her recent trip with **Pres. Maureen** and others to the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, which featured a princess, three prime ministers and a former first lady, along with 25,000 Rotarians from 135 countries. A highlight was hearing from LeapFrog co-founder Jim Marggraff of the La Mirada Sunrise Rotary Club in the LA area. He described the Dari and Pashto versions of the education tablet his company created to provide Afghan women with literacy skills. Marggraff also talked about how his company has been partnering with Rotary to develop virtual reality technology to advance service efforts.

Mike Ferguson still needs about 30 more volunteer slots filled for Brewfest, the first of our two fundraisers, to be held on Sept. 8. Everyone is urged to sign up for more than one slot and to ask friends, neighbors and spouses to volunteer (and attend the event).

Our second fundraiser, the 37th annual Rotary Oktoberfest (Oct. 6), is coming together, hoping to meet or exceed last year's exceptional \$80,000 in net revenue. A full \$50,000 of this comes from sponsorships, and Oktoberfest sponsorship co-chair **Dave Kulchin** is asking for names of companies to approach. This year, the Oktoberfest dinner will be catered by That Boy Good. The restaurant has two locations in Oceanside and is led by a former Ritz Carlton chef who promises to amaze and delight the crowds with traditional and creative German fare. This marks the first year club members will not need to do the cooking, which frees up 35 volunteers. Still, a total of 250 spots need to be filled. There will be information about online signup coming soon. Everyone is asked help and to encourage friends and families to join in on the fun. This year, the event is using Signup Genius instead of Shiftboard.

WHO AM I

Brian Colby, who joined the club four months ago, gave his "Who Am I" presentation, where members learned he...

- was born in Scottsdale and moved to Oregon before coming to California
- is an avid fly fisherman and enjoys golf
- is married to his wife, Becky, and has four kids, ages 3, 5, 7 and 9
- likes to volunteer at his kids' school, Pacific Rim Elementary, helping with science activities
- was a high school science teacher in Arizona for a year, before changing careers to work in the medical-device field
- is an accomplished photographer who loves remote-control airplanes, merging these two interests to pursue drone photography as a hobby

ROTO-ROOTER

Jim Brubaker had fun roasting and recognizing his fellow Rotarians, including these highlights:

- **Rocco Ciesco** won the year-end raffle and will donate the booty (along with a "little extra") to the Rotary Foundation. Ciesco also just celebrated his 40th wedding anniversary.
- **JR Phillips** has just returned from back-to-back trips to Los Cabos and Las Vegas, both with family. There also is an article about him in the current issue of Carlsbad Magazine, where he talks up the "greatest club in the universe."

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• **Phil Okun** has been doing some traveling, including to the Yukon. He recently celebrated the completion of his son's "10-year-plan" to graduate from college, which he did recently, from USD, with a teaching degree.

• **Bob Fenner** is very proud of all 34 of his grandchildren and his great grandson, an artist who was recently recognized by the Target Corporation, during the launch of a new clothing line.

• **Josh Rytz's** hockey team, sponsored by a store called Hockey Monkey, recently won the Cal State Games' Hockey Division. Yes, the team went bananas when celebrating the victory.

• **Robyn Hill**, who has been attending Comic-Con in San Diego off and on for the past 20 years, joined friend Marjorie Liu there last week as she took the top prize for her series, *Monstress*.

PROGRAM



Shawn McQueen Rugeiro, of the Just Like My Child Foundation, told the club about her work empowering Ugandan girls through building blocks, including education and health care. The non-profit focuses on "girl power," and she said that empowered girls dramatically improves the well-being of their families, their communities and their countries—multiplying the impact on society. Rugeiro's career of service, which includes 30 years in the non-profit sector and more than \$100 million raised, was inspired by the service of her father, an active Rotarian and past president of the Santa Barbara club.

Above, Shawn Rugeiro, who was the speaker at the club's July 23 meeting.

Right is a display of photos showing her working with young girls in Uganda.



Steve Mott won the raffle.

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