



MAY 21, 2018

Responsibilities

Drawing, **Yvonne Finocchiaro**; Words, **Mike Ferguson**
Pledge, **Patty Johnson**; Door Greeter, **Maureen Simons**
Guest Ambassador, **Bob Brue**; Reporter, **Maureen Taylor**

TODAY'S PROGRAM

**COMMUNITY SERVICE CHARITY RECOGNITION
JULIE BAKER**

May 28: DARK
June 4: "Stop the Bleed," Trauma Research Education Foundation
June 11: Agency and No. County Issues, Sr. Agent Joseph Smith, FBI
June 18: TBD
June 25: DARK for Demotion Dinner on June 29
July 2: DARK

OTHER EVENTS

May 17: Raising Readers with Rotary, May 17-18—**Rick Grove**
June 4: District Governor's Dinner, LaJolla Marriott, 4240 LJ Village Drive, 5:30pm
June 29: Demotion Dinner, 6pm, Sheraton—**Dawn Van Siclen**
Sept 8: 5th Annual Carlsbad Brewfest, Noon-5pm—**JR Phillips**
Oct 6: Carlsbad Oktoberfest, Noon-10pm—**Phil Urbina**

MEETING OF MAY 14, 2018

Welcome: **President David Harrison** convened the meeting, **Nate Cobb** led the pledge. **Stan Prowse** led the singing of *My Country Tis of Thee* and the *Smile Song* (as a refresher). Guests were introduced. **Walt Waggener** provided the Words for the day, including "Without a sense of humor, one is like a wagon without springs . . . jilted by every bump in the road."

District Conference: **Maureen Simons** reported on the conference, including: five members of the club attended; first day was social; the guest speaker was a Rotary Club #33 member who had gone to Africa and, as a result of her "Rotary Moment" the conference attendees packed 17,000 lunches by the end of the lunch period--very inspirational for **Simons**. There was a business meeting included and **Stan Prowse** reported on the passing of former CHNR member **Tom Mills**.

Raising Readers for Rotary: **Rick Grove** and his team are doing the two-day book faire May 17-18 at Jefferson Elementary. Set-up is Thursday; the faire is Friday. If you would like to participate, contact **Rick Grove** as soon as possible.

New Members: **Gloria Foote** and **Patty Johnson** inducted two new members into the club today. **Kris Urdahl**, classification Insurance – Retired – was sponsored by



(L-R) **Nate Cobb**, **Ted Atwood**, **Kris Urdahl**, **Melanie Burkholder**, **Bryan Geisbauer**, and **Joe McDermott**

Melanie Burkholder. **Bryan Geisbauer**, classification Real Estate, was sponsored by **Joe McDermott**. The club is now 105 members strong. Welcome **Kris** and **Bryan**. Additionally, **Nate Cobb** received his Blue Badge from **Ted Atwood**.

Brewfest: A video was shown advertising the CHNR Brewfest on September 8.

ROTO-ROOTER: WALT WAGGENER

With jokes interwoven into **Waggener's** diatribe of fining, he was light on the financial and heavy on the recognition, thusly:

- **Stan Prowse** – well dressed today (just like **Waggener**). No fine.
- **Patty Johnson** – thought we should be able to sing in one key. No fine.
- **Gloria Foote** – she and her business partner, **Barbara Williams**, have worked together for 35 years. \$35.
- **What did you do on Mother's Day?** **Tina Ray** refinished her stair railing sans child. **Mary Fritz-Wilson** went to LA and her family cooked brunch and then did a pub crawl. **Maureen Simons** attended church, then to **Sam Ross's** home for a brunch, then to a play, then to dinner with another of her children (remember, she has seven). **Wendy Wiegand** asked Chandler for four hours of time—so they cleaned HIS room and then she cooked. **Bud Carroll**, asked why no men were queried and then replied that he had tried to convince his wife to become a mother again . . . but he failed (to raucous laughter). **George Sullivan** fixed brunch for Elaine and then put together an Italian feast and let her watch all those Hallmark movies on TV all night. **Patty Johnson's** family had her in a brewery most of the day, but the cards describing her motherly efforts were the highlight of the year. **Phil Okun's** family has a 30-year tradition of breakfast in bed. His son arrived by train from LA EARLY and proceeded to make breakfast in bed for his mom.

Peace Fellowship: The CHNR Board supported the application of **Alina Shaw** for the fellowship in Bangkok. **President David** thanked **Joy Prowse** and all who assisted.



PROGRAM MY SECRET (SERVICE) LIFE MELANIE BURKHOLDER

Tina Ray made the introduction of **Melanie Burkholder**, as the screen showed a picture of **Burkholder** and the team at the Republican National Convention of 2004 at Madison Square Garden. **Burkholder** is a CHNR member and in private practice.

Melanie Burkholder was running marathons with law enforcement personnel and, at the same time, complaining about not earning enough money. They suggested she

investigate the Secret Service. **Burkholder** did that and went through an onerous vetting process which included: background checks of her every employer, every place she lived, a credit check, a polygraph (have you ever lied to your parents?), a physical and a final interview with five agents in order to receive a Top-Secret clearance. There are 2400 Secret Service agents, of which 700 are female, and the competition is very intense. Training began in Georgia for three months for every federal agency except the FBI and the CIA where she learned about law, warrants, etc. From GA she went to the Secret Service training in Maryland for the protective detail (think driving cars)—“it was fun and more interesting.”

She proceeded to the LA field office for investigations of all things monetary (counterfeiting, bank fraud, etc.). Post-training, pocket guides and booklets provided extensive specificity for agents. **Burkholder** also spoke to Rotary clubs and other organizations about money/counterfeiting during this time. She served on the preparation team for VIP visits—which included elements like site security, logistics, team organization, etc. to assure the safety of US and foreign dignitaries in LA. A campaign year is even more intense. She remarked, “In 2004, by September, I had only been home nine nights.” The travel schedule is heavy, and one’s flexibility is imperative (think FL heat and MA snow). “This job was not easy for it has a higher standard than any other agency. We keep people safe.”

Burkholder opened for Q&A. **Stan Prowse, Harry Peacock, Rick Grove** and others asked specifics. “We don’t speak to the president or dignitary unless spoken to.” “I saw lots of counterfeiting during this time, but not one specific country.” “Because communications did not flow well on 9/11 between police, FBI, fire and other departments the Homeland Security Department was established.”

Responsibilities for June 4, 2018

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