



November 27, 2017

Responsibilities

Drawing, **John McShefferty**;

Words, **Bob Brue**;

Pledge, **Yvonne Finocchiaro**;

Greeter, **Mike Davis**; Reporter, **Julie Walker**;

Guest Ambassador, **Harry Peacock**;

Roto-Rooter, **Yvonne Finocchiaro**

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Homelessness: Deacon Jim Vargas, Father Joe's Village

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Dec 4: State Senator Patricia Bates, Dispatches from the State Capitol

Dec 11: Annual Meeting & Election

Dec 18: CHS Carollers, Holiday Cheer

Dec 25: **DARK** / Happy Holidays

Jan 1: **DARK** / Happy New Year

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2017

Welcome: President **David Harrison** welcomed everyone to the meeting; **Kori Dolkas** led the pledge; **George Porter** shared words from a speech by Theodore Roosevelt back in 1910; and "Sunshine" **Steve Mott** led us in singing "You're a Grand Old Flag" and then "Swing and Turn, Jubilee," both accompanied by **Pres. David** on his banjo. Guests were introduced, and **Stu and Harriett**, a Rotary couple from Las Vegas, exchanged club flags with **Pres. David**. He also shared several thank-you letters from beneficiaries of Oktoberfest monies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pres. David announced the **2018 Rotary International Convention** will be in Toronto, Canada, June 23-27, and there are reduced rates for those who sign up before Dec. 15. He has info on how to register.

Distribution of the **Third Grade Dictionaries** had to be delayed to the week of Nov. 27 when not all dictionaries arrived on time, reported project Chair **Jessica Jones**.

Pres. David invited anyone interested in being a **RYLA** facilitator next spring to contact **Walt Waggener** or **Mike Metts**. Hi-Noon usually sends eight to 10 local high school students to the districtwide weekend leadership camp.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE KIDS

Lisa Rodman said the club's **Pancake Breakfast with Santa** will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, starting at 8:30 a.m., at the Discovery Center (not at Jefferson Elementary, as in the past). This year, rather than Rotarians doing Christmas shopping for Jefferson families, the Christmas Bureau will be filling their Christmas needs. Instead, our club will be emphasizing literacy at the breakfast with Santa. Elementary-aged

children from throughout Carlsbad will be invited, and each will get a backpack filled with school supplies and books. Hi-Noon Rotarian children and grandchildren also will be invited to the event, with Santa presenting each child with a stuffed animal and a small party bag. Rodman needs volunteers to help with cooking, decorating and transportation.

HI-NOON CHRISTMAS PARTY

The **Hi-Noon Rotary Christmas Party** (adults only) also will be at the Discovery Center, also on Saturday, Dec. 9, but at 6 p.m. **Rodman** asked attendees to bring a dish to share and their own drinks. Anyone who wants to participate in the always lively gift exchange is asked to bring a wrapped item to be placed under the the tree. **Rodman** needs volunteers to help with decorations, etc.



Gloria Foote and Alex Klingensmith

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP

Gloria Foote presented **Alex Klingensmith** with his first Paul Harris Fellowship award, for his donation of \$1,000 to Rotary International.

WHO AM I NOW?

Dawn Van Siclen told us about meeting her husband, **Jeff**, when they were in college, where she was getting her degree in fine arts. When **Jeff** decided he wanted a career as a pilot, they ended up in Carlsbad. **Van Siclen** talked about the first Rotary meeting she attended, where she was so impressed with the work Rotarians do throughout the world that she wanted to become a part of that. Since joining Rotary, she has gotten involved in many projects and has served on the board, including serving as Hi-Noon president last Rotary year. The club has nominated her for district governor.



Dawn Van Siclen

CLUB ELECTION

Pres. David introduced **Pres.-Elect Maureen Simons**, who has formed a nominating committee for the election that will take place at the club's Dec. 11 Annual Meeting. He then opened it up to nominations from the floor. **Steve Mott** nominated **Raegan Matthews** to be considered for treasurer.

ROTO-ROOTER

Yvonne Finocchiaro was Roto-Rooter for the day. Because there hadn't been time for RR in so many meetings, she recognized October birthdays—**George Sullivan**, **Bob Fenner**, **Tina Ray**, **Kurt Filipovitch** and **David Kulchin**— and then November's: **Beth Garrow**, **Steve Wolff**, **Tracy Carmichael**, **Ann Collins**, **Bud Carroll**, **Stan Prowse**, **Gene Ross**, **Al Torkar** and **Steve Mott**. She tapped **Dave Dana**, for being in a newspaper feature, and then asked several members: What Don't We Know About You? **Beth Garrow** is a reptile lover, retired educator **Vince Ponce** once moonlighted at a police academy, **Jeff Wohler** is ambidextrous, and **Estela Mitrani** has traveled to every South American country besides Curacao. **Mary Fritz-Wilson** was asked to figure out which of four Rotarians fit the the following descriptions: former chef, off-road racing champ, former beekeeper and the one with 84+ cousins. She selected,

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respectively: **Joe McDermott, Mike Pfankuch, Velyn Anderson and Neal Stehly**— and was correct!

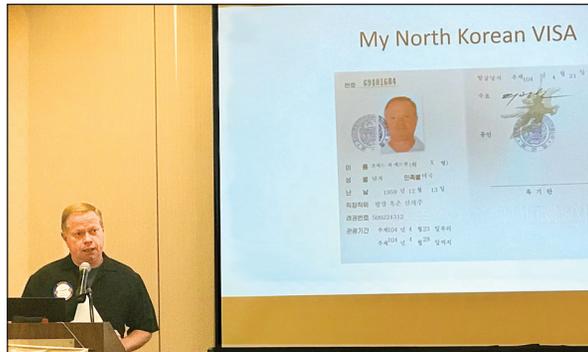
Velyn Anderson, Neal Stehly, Joe McDermott and Mike Pfankuch with the cards that indicate what is unique to each of them, as correctly determined by **Mary Fritz-Wilson**.



PROGRAM:

A Vacation in North Korea (Really!)

Bob Kreisberg introduced our speaker, **Ed Howard**, who was part of a tour group that visited North Korea in 2015. He got the travel bug as a child when his family took many trips around the US. Eleven years ago, he realized he had visited all 50 states and decided to expand his horizons. After visiting many countries, he discovered a British tour group that offered guided tours in North Korea.



Howard had stories about how hard it was to get a visa to travel there, about the hotels that harkened back to the 70s in style and decor and about buses that were more reminiscent of the 50s.

He had to be schooled in what he could and couldn't do while in North Korea and had to sign a paper that said he was not a journalist before he could enter. "This is not a country you go to and invent your own rules," he said. Among the things he could not do: no preaching or talk of religion, no unescorted touring, no mention of South Korea, no folding of any photo of NK leaders, etc. Not available in NK: cell phone service, Internet, credit cards, ATMs, travelers checks, no camera memory cards, no American books, movies, TV or music. The positive "no's" included no graffiti, no traffic, no litter, no panhandlers, no stray animals, no homeless seen, no public display of affection. If taking photos of NK leaders' statues, no photos from the back.

His take-away from his visit: It's a country very much stuck in the past and "like a prison where the prisoners are so brainwashed that if the gate was left open, no one would leave."

Responsibilities for December 4, 2017

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