



OCTOBER 1, 2018

Responsibilities

Drawing, **Randy Ferren**; Words, **Mimi Gaffey**
Pledge, **Patricia Haynes**; Greeter, **Jos Magana**;
Guest Ambassador, **Patty Johnson**; Roto-Rooter, **Pat Hurley**
Reporter, **Yvonne Finocchiaro**; Editor, **Jessica Jones**

ROTARY PEACE FELLOW APPLICANT ALINA SHAW

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Oct 8: **DARK**
- Oct 15: SURF, Surfers Unite Rotarian Fellowship, Brett Morey
- Oct 22: TBD
- Oct 29: Halloween Program and Contest
- Nov 5: Unlock the Leader, Yigal Adato
- Nov 12: **DARK**
- Nov 19: New Urban West
- Nov 26: **DARK**

OTHER EVENTS

- Sep 29: District Foundation Seminar, Liberty Station Conference Center
- Oct 6: **OKTOBERFEST, Noon – 10pm – Phil Urbina**
- Oct 20: Peace Leadership Seminar, Ronald McDonald House, **Joy Prowse**

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

Welcome: After Sgt.-at-Arms **Jim Brubaker** quieted the members, **President Maureen Simons** welcomed members and guests. **Tom Applegate** led the pledge; **Steve “Sunshine” Mott** led the singing of *My Country Tis of Thee*; and **Mimi Gaffey** provided the off-the-cuff “Words” for the day suggesting members work toward “connections” rather than “divisiveness.” Guests were introduced, including Rotary District 5340 Governor **Mel Gallegos** and **Asst. Gov. David Lamb**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oktoberfest: **Jos Magana** indicated that there are 27 positions remaining unfilled by Rotarians—a sign-up sheet was distributed. **Vince Ponce’s** sign-in sheet asked for names and information regarding members already trained by ABC re the pouring of alcohol to establish a permanent record. There is an additional training on September 27, 6pm at the Hilton Garden Inn for those requiring training; the training is good for two years.

Paul Harris Fellow: **Mimi Gaffey** presented the PHF memorabilia to **Mark Ealy** as Ealy purchased a PHF for his son-in-law . . . quite an honor for both. Thanks, Mark. Additionally, DG **Mel Gallegos** presented **Gaffey** with a ruby PHF pin (which means a PHF + 8) and remarked “one PHF equated to saving four lives worldwide.”



WHO AM I? BRYAN GEISBAUER

Born and raised in La Canada, CA **Brian Geisbauer** provided the succinct “story of my life:” He has one sister, went to La Canada High School and the University of AZ—a lifelong Wildcat (often disappointed). He moved to San Diego in 2001 and joined the Beach Cats and then the Alumni Association. He received his MBA from AZ in 2008. His professional affiliation is Commercial Real Estate Solutions for Kidder Mathews where he searches for and negotiates commercial office space. Serving on the Holiday Bowl Committee for 12 years, last year he was active with the Team Selection Subcommittee. He’s also involved with the MIT Enterprise Forum, the Business Executive Committee and the American Red Cross. He has been married to his wife Julie for 15 years. She is a teacher for the Del Mar School District. She wanted to eat a cheeseburger in her wedding dress, so the caterer for their wedding was In N Out for 250 guests. He has two children Joey, age 7 and Jillian, 3.5. He moved to Carlsbad five years ago and wanted to give back and to have his children see the positive effects of Rotary.

ROTO-ROOTER/LIMERICK JUDGE WALT WAGGENER

Playing on the “foreign travel” idea, **Walt Waggener** suggested that a limerick could avoid a Roto-Rooter fine . . . so . . .

- **Steve Ahlquist** went to IDAHO (which he spelled correctly), but **Bruce Stewart, Mary Fritz-Wilson** and finally **Steve Ahlquist** had difficulty spelling Coeur d’Alene . . . \$21 fine.
- **Rocco Ciesco** went to NH, MA, CT and NY, but had **JR Phillips** try to spell Ketchikan, Alaska . . . nope . . . **Ciesco** finally did. No fine.
- **Mimi Gaffey** was asked about “what’s up?” Horse Show on November 4, could she get some \$20 sponsors?
- **Steve Mott** had been to Kauai for two weeks, but **Phil Okun** didn’t spell Kauai correctly and **Bruce Jordan** wasn’t given the opportunity. \$28 fine.
- **Yvonne Finocchiaro** had been to Switzerland, France, Germany and The Netherlands, but she opted for a limerick rather than a spelling test: no fine.
- A limerick contest between **Melanie Burkholder, David Harrison, Robyn Hill, Beth Garrow, Velyn Anderson, Rocco Ciesco, Ken Ryan, Steve Wolff, Lisa Rodman and Steve Mott** led to the final showdown of **Ken Ryan vs. Robyn Hill**. **Ryan** conceded that **Hill’s** motorcycle/crash limerick was better (although both took shots at the RR).

2018-2019 DISTRICT GOVERNOR MEL GALLEGOS

Assistant District Governor David Lamb from the Encinitas Rotary introduced **DG Mel Gallegos**, indicating **Gallegos** had grown up in the Central Valley of CA, received a BS/Nursing from Cal State Dominguez Hills, worked at the Naval Hospital

Balboa and then, in 1981, moved to Sharp Health Care in the Cardiac Care Unit and recently moved to the IT Department. **Gallegos** is a Rotary Major Donor, a member of the American Legion, and a past president of both the El Cajon Breakfast and Downtown Breakfast Rotarys.

District Governor Mel Gallegos started by telling the story of why his wife Judy was wearing a tiara . . . suffice to say, she is the Queen of Clubs (she was in Rotary before he joined), and, after attending a Rotary conference with Judy, he learned “how to make this world a better place” and joined himself.

Gallegos identified many of the statistical numbers related to this club, including the fact that the members have contributed over \$356,000 to The Rotary Foundation. In attending conventions throughout the world “Rotarians speak the same language of service and have the same goals.” **Gallegos** described his visits to Africa to immunize children and to distribute wheelchairs. Polio eradication really started in the Philippines in 1979 in a Manila barrio when a five-year effort to immunize five million children was organized . . . and from that RI focused on polio eradication in 1985. There have been 14 cases identified in Afghanistan and 4 in Pakistan this year, but 99.9 percent of polio has been eradicated and over 1.25 BILLION children have been immunized.

This year District’s goal is to have a membership net gain of 110 members. Statistics worldwide remain constant at 1.2 million members, but that means that the same number leave as join, so retention is key. Events this year include: October 16, the first District Conference in the South Bay; the Foundation Gala will be in November (black tie optional); and the District Conference will be at the Catamaran Hotel over March 1, 2, and 3—it will focus on this district (room rates are \$179 per night and parking is free). This District is part of Zone 26—this zone is #1 in the world in Polio Plus contributions last year and #1 in the world in total TRF contributions.



(Photo: Joy Prowse, Pres Maureen, Bob Hartsfield, Judy and Mel Gallegos and David Lamb.)

Gallegos created a Challenge Coin that he gives to exemplary Rotarians. Today he presented one to each of the following: **President Maureen Simons, Joy Prowse** for her work as a Peace Chair, and **Bob Hartsfield**, for his leadership of the music competition. “BE THE INSPIRATION TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR WORLD.”

The jackpot for October 1 is \$310.

Responsibilities for October 15, 2018:

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