

OCTOBER 15, 2018

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SURFERS UNITE ROTARIAN FELLOWSHIP, BRETT MOREY

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Oct 22: TBD

Oct 29: Club Halloween Program and Contest Nov 5: Unlock the Leader, Yigal Adato

Nov 12: DARK

Nov 19: New Urban West

OTHER EVENTS

Oct 6: OKTOBERFEST, Noon – 10pm – Phil Urbina

Oct 20: Peace Leadership Seminar, Ronald McDonald House, Joy Prowse

Oct 27: Club Halloween Party, 6pm, at Alice and Joe McDermott's home.

MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2018

Welcome: After Sgt.-at-Arms Jim Brubaker quieted the members, President Maureen Simons welcomed members and guests. Patrice Haynes led the pledge; Stan Prowse led the singing of *God Bless America*; and Mimi Gaffey provided the "Words" for the day "The habit of giving only enhances the desire to give." Walt Whitman. Guests were introduced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brewfest: JR Phillips reported that Brewfest would make more than last year—in the \$51-\$53k range BEFORE the \$10k labor charge is paid. He still has to submit paperwork for a \$15k grant.

Dictionaries: Jessica Jones provided background on the Hi-Noon Dictionary Project and asked members to sign up to take the dictionaries to the schools. The club donates a dictionary to every thir grader Refer **Jessica Jones** if you'd like to help with this worthwhile project.

Social: Nancy Starling invited all members to the club's Halloween party at the home of **Joe** and **Alice McDermott**, Oct 27, 6pm, costume contest . . . bring potluck and byob.

Hi-Noon Rotary Gazebo in Magee Park: Jim Brubaker indicated that the John Simons Rotary Gazebo needs work (the roof is falling apart). He's looking for help on Oct 27 to clean up the area and to fix the roof (on a different day). Refer

Brubaker if you can assist. Additionally, the club will again be selling pavers for the gazebo area as a fundraiser.

Oktoberfest: Phil Urbina heralded the 36th Annual Oktoberfest as this Saturday. Urbina always looks forward to the happy faces of those in attendance—he wants to see you and your friends/family too. Jos Magana highlighted the positions that still require a volunteer. Want to serve wine? Provide security? Help set-up? Sell tickets? Oversee the jumpy houses? Contact Jos Magana immediately at 760.402.6200.

Roto-Rooter: Bob Kreisberg took over re "happy dollars" and described his daughters' adventures: one climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and one in Austria working with Genentech. **David Harrison** was thankful to see **Dawn Van Siclen** back at Rotary. **Mary Fritz-Wilson** reported that Great Call had been purchased by Best Buy, effective today, and she is now a Best Buy employee. **Joy Prowse** congratulated **David Harrison** for his presentation at the District Foundation Conference regarding the Clean Water Project the club did in Vietnam last year. Over 300 children are now benefitting from clean water, better hygiene and an education into both. **Wendy Wiegand**, as a New York born child, just now visited New York City for the first time. She went to the theatre and now "has that bug."

Sad Note: David Harrison reported that former CHNR member Jim Weigand had a massive heart attack on Friday and passed away today.

PROGRAM: THE CDC – HOW IT WORKS IN SAN DIEGO, ALINA SHAW

Joy Prowse, in introducing Alina Shaw, indicated that Shaw has worked six years at the Center for Disease Control (CDC), headquartered in Atlanta. The CDC has 6,000 employees. Shaw was a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to Medellin, Columbia, and now has an application in to Rotary International to become a Rotary Peace Fellow.

Alina Shaw provided an overview of the San Diego CDC operations within which she works. In 2016, over 185 million northbound crossings were made at 25 land ports of entry—a 2,000-mile expanse. The Tijuana/San Diego port of entry is the busiest in the western hemisphere. The SD CDC office tries to intervene with border crossers before their illnesses integrate into the greater community. She described the work of the Quarantine Unit, identifying and protecting "these people." Also in 2016, Mexico is the #1 residence of more than one million US residents, while 36.3 million Mexicans live in the US. It is to be remembered that political lines do not change the fact that this is one ecologic zone.

Shaw described her specific work as a Health Communications Specialist as one who makes complex issues understandable in both English and Spanish. She

writes/creates cards for border officers to be able to evaluate incoming visitors. (If an individual is sick, a call is placed to get medical staff advice; they get about five calls per day—usually for measles, chicken pox, scabies, etc.) They have emergency response protocols for ebola and Middle Eastern diseases. She provides health information to travelers to other countries (look for the posters at airports on your next flight).



The San Diego CDC shares information about infectious diseases with the Mexico City office. Additionally, the SD CDC develops protocols and provides surveillance of trends of diseases over time. The Zika virus is endemic to Central and South America where the citizens have been immune to its jeopardy; there are new cases of Zika in Mexico each month. The Zika virus can harm mothers who are or who may become pregnant while the virus is active in their bodies. It can impair the cognitive ability of the child in a massive way. If you go to areas that are active for Zika be sure to use mosquito repellant with active ingredients, wear long sleeves/pants and protect yourself and those with whom you travel. Zika manifests as a rash, fever, chills and joint pain. Tuberculosis control is also important to the CDC and its global movement; Tijuana has the highest rate of TB in Mexico and there are strains that are antibiotic-resistant . . . those cases can cost up to \$2 million to treat. Visas from TB/active countries have a long, extensive health protocol before the Visa is allowed. She remarked that 60 percent of diseases are created from animals and transferred to humans.

Alina Shaw remarked that she's trained over 600 health workers (on both sides of the border) re the Zika virus. She has written novellas for distribution, made posters, and works with the Mexican Consul to provide them with cutting-edge information. For further information refer to <u>www.CDC.gov/usmexicohealth</u>.

Harry Peacock won the drawing, but not the jackpot. The jackpot for October 15 is \$320.

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