



September 11, 2017

Responsibilities

Drawing, **Tina Ray**; Words, **Joe McDermott**
Pledge, **Ann Collins**; Greeter, **Harry Peacock**
Roto-Rooter, **Jim Brubaker**; Reporter, **Rick Grove**

**9-11 REMEMBERED – MIKE LOPEZ, CFD AND
CHRIS ORCHOLSKI, LA POLICE EMERALD SOCIETY PIPES
AND DRUMS**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Sep 18: Manpower, Phil Blair
Sep 22: Kelly School Magic, Tressie Armstrong
Oct 2: TBD
Oct 9: DARK

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 16: Rotary District Peace Leadership Seminar
Sep 22: CHNR Football Cup – CHS versus LCC at La Costa Canyon HS
Sep 23: 2017 District Foundation Seminar
Oct 7: CHNR 35th Annual Oktoberfest, Holiday Park – All members participate

MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2017

Welcome: President **David Harrison** called the meeting to order with banjo in hand playing *The Caissons Go Rolling Along*. **Jim Brubaker** led the pledge. **Steve “Sunshine” Mott** helped lead the patriotic song, *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* and *Home on the Range* and the accompaniment was handled by **President David**. **Justin Peek** provided the Words of the Day that included an emphasis on kindness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President David noted that the Carlsbad Fire Department has members of a task force supporting the Houston area in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

Rotary Peace Leadership Seminar: **Joy Prowse** reported that the event will be held on September 16, 2017 at the Ronald McDonald House. Registration is required, but admission is free.

Thank you letters from students were displayed for scholarships made possible from the golf tournament.

Brewfest: **President David** reminded members that 80 percent of our profit comes from advanced sales. Focus for funds will be on Carlsbad Homeless. **Al Wanamaker** welcomed several new sponsors, and members were encouraged to support the event by putting up posters and spreading the word.

Oktoberfest: **Richard Weston** passed around a sign-up sheet to volunteer, noting that we need 300 volunteers. There will be an Alcohol Server Training held before the club meeting on September 11, 2017 at 11:30 am. This training is a requirement for anyone serving alcohol.

Roto-Rooter: Pushed to the next meeting to make extra time for the guest speaker.

WHO AM I

New member **George Porter** is a SoCal native and spent summers in Orange County. He graduated from UCSB in 1960 and began a career working for Aetna Casualty. He met his wife, who is a teacher, on a set-up date when he was the best man at a friend’s wedding, and she was a bridesmaid. They hit it off, dated for a time and have now been married for 51 years. George lived in Manhattan Beach, San Diego, Vista and part time in the desert before settling full time in Carlsbad. With his children successfully off to college and beyond, **Dave Kulchin** roped him into the Hi-Noon Rotary.



SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

PROGRAM

JAMES VERDI, FBI BOMB TECHNICIAN

President David met the guest speaker, James Verdi, at a bomb education class that was conducted for the fire department. After college and a stint in the army, Mr. Verdi went to work for the FBI and has been there 21 years, 16 of them as a bomb technician, mostly in the Middle East. He shared some scary overseas stories of terminating leftover explosives from the Soviets in Afghanistan, defusing bombs in Iraq, and destroying mine fields in incredibly rough terrain. He has worked on teams with the CIA, Army Intel, Navy DOD and others to destroy Taliban anti-aircraft devices and even thwarted a suicide bomber with an antiquated Italian robot. He measures damage, does post blast investigation, and drives Humvees collecting rubble to better learn how to defeat terrorists around the world. During one mission, using only night vision goggles, he managed to “catch” two fish as his vehicle plunged upside down in a canal. Locally he was involved in the so called “bomb house” in Escondido, successfully burning the lethal residence to the ground. He emphasized the comradery of the teams on these volunteer deployments and that yes, he has always enjoyed “blowing things up.”

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Jackpot for September 11: \$190

Responsibilities for September 18, 2017

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