



APRIL 23, 2018

Responsibilities

Drawing, **Wendy Wiegand**;
Words, **Melanie Burkholder**
Pledge, **Dawn Van Siclen**;
Greeter, **Mike Ferguson**
Guest Ambassador: **Nate Cobb**;
Roto-Rooter, **Bob Kreisberg**;
Reporter, **Justin Peek**

TODAY'S PROGRAM

NORTH COUNTY ECONOMIC OUTLOOK
GEORGE CHAMBERLIN

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 30: Col. Frank Whitton (USMC Ret.) / Camp Pen: Operation New Arrivals
May 7: CPD Sgt. Mike Earst / On the Ground at the Las Vegas Mass Shooting
May 14: **Melanie Burkholder** / My Secret (Service) Life
May 21: TBD
May 28: DARK / Memorial Day
June 4: Melinda Case / Stop the Bleed (Trauma Research)

OTHER EVENTS

April 26: Four-Way Test Speech Finals, Liberty Station Conf. Center, 11:30-1:30
April 28: Rotarians at Work Day: Hi-Noon Rotary's Beach Clean-up—Julie Baker
May 17: Raising Readers with Rotary, May 17-18—Rick Grove
June 29: Demotion Dinner
Sept 8: 5th Annual Carlsbad Brewfest, Noon-5pm—JR Phillips
Oct 6: Carlsbad Oktoberfest, Noon-10pm—Phil Urbina

MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2018

President David Harrison and his banjo convened the meeting. **Mike Ferguson** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Steve "Sunshine" Mott**, accompanied by **Pres. David** and his banjo, led the club in *Battle Hymn of the Republic* and a ditty few seemed to know: *Little Liza Jane*. **Gloria Foote** provided Words of Inspiration with quotes about taxes. Guests were recognized and the Welcome song was sung.

Pres. David shared a thank-you letter from Jeffrey Spanier at Carlsbad High who offered heart-felt thanks to the club for hosting the AVID program. "Thank you for your contribution of time, funds, energy and kindness." **Pres. David** thanked everyone who helped with the Solutions for Change work project the prior Saturday.

Pres. David gave a short primer on the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)

program, which is for high school juniors who already have exhibited leadership skills. RYLA is a three-day event that encourages them to become more effective leaders and inspires them with exceptional speakers. He gave a shout-out to **Mike Metts** and **Walt Waggener** for their continuing efforts on behalf of RYLA.

Harry Peacock gave an update on the club's Fiji Water Project after the recent trip he and his wife took to see the project area first-hand. Efforts are now under way, he said, to expand the project to adjacent areas of Fiji. The Pt. Loma Rotary Club, partnering in this project, is making parts and pieces to be sent to Fiji and put together by the people there.

Pres. David encouraged everyone to purchase the \$35 VIP **Carlsbad Brewfest** tickets that will be available at CBHN meetings through June 4: Buy them for customers, family and friends. The price is 30% off the regular price, and there will be a VIP entrance. Brewfest sponsors also are needed. Info: carlsbadbrewfest.org. **Rotary Oktoberfest**, to be held Oct. 6, also was promoted and needs sponsors: rotaryoktoberfest.org.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP

Mimi Gaffey recognized **Mike Davis**, who received his Paul Harris fellowship through an anonymous donor, who, she said, felt Davis well-deserved this honor. These fellowships recognize those individuals who contribute \$1,000, or have contributions made in their name, to the Rotary International Foundation. The foundation, established in 1957, uses the funds for Rotary's charitable works worldwide, including the Polio Plus eradication project. PH fellowships topped a million in 2006.



Mimi Gaffey and Mike Davis

PROGRAM

"A Safe Homeland with Protected Borders"
Lee Bejar, senior patrol agent, US Border Patrol / SD Sector

Lee Bejar, who has been with the US Border Patrol for almost 30 years, said the agency that began in 1924 now comes under US Customs & Border Protection, which is under the US Department of Homeland Security. Border Patrol agents work the northern and southwestern borders of the country, covering 7,000 land miles. Other agents cover 2,000 coastal miles. The San Diego Sector has about 2,400 agents. To become an agent requires a process that takes about a year, including testing, medicals, security checks, etc.

He talked about the number of apprehensions the SD Sector agents make, noting that

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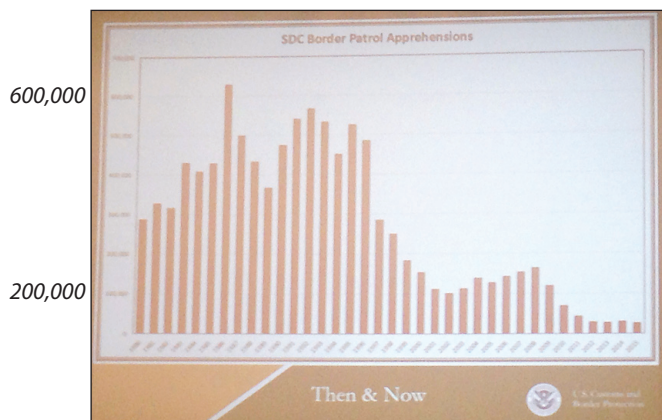


Lee Bejar
US Border Patrol

in the mid-80s, these neared and topped 600,000/year. During the 90s to the early 2000s, these dropped to about 200,000 a year. Since 2015, there are about 30,000 a year. He said immigration law changes, past amnesty programs, the Operation Gatekeeper program, plus resource and intelligence improvements, are among the reasons for fewer people trying to cross illegally. Those trying to do so are not primarily from Mexico, Bejar said. They are coming from 131 countries.

The biggest threats at the borders and along the coasts are drugs and weapons. Bejar said sophisticated tunnels have been found and destroyed, with agents always on alert for new ones. More recently, the bad guys have been resorting to ultra-light aircraft and maritime craft, including recreational watercraft. Drones are the newest threat, he said.

The US Border Patrol has specialty units and specialty equipment to try to combat these threats, including horse, canine and intelligence units, ATVs, undated technol-



US Border Patrol SD Sector Apprehensions
From 1980 to 2015 (left to right)

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