

May 2016



PRESIDENT: BRYAN GUST

PRESIDENT-ELECT: KEN HEINZ

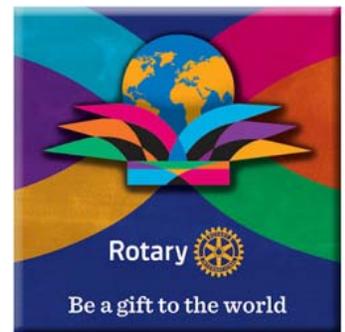
SECRETARY: KEN HEINZ

TREASURER: AL BASKIN

2015-16 Rotary International Theme:

Be a Gift to the World

"All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -- and Be a Gift to the World,"



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ...

This is the month of May, which means you have only one more month to read these inspirational messages from me. My message is simple - thank you all for your contributions to our club this year. We may be small, but we are mighty in the things we do in the community and world. Our District grant provided extra money to help with local projects, such as the Fun Run, Cub Scouts and military support. We are now engaged with Rotary International grants that help the people of the world. Let's finish strong and see if we can increase our membership. Bryan

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>PLEDGE</u>	<u>INSPIRATION</u>
May 5	Mike Van Horne	Eric Pahlke
May 12	Jack Archie	Mike Van Horne
May 19	Al Baskin	Jack Archie
May 26	Brent Clous	Al Baskin
June 2	Jean Heinz	Brent Clous

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY ... a VERY belated happy birthday to Bryan Gust who turned older on February 25th. And, an even more belated happy birthday to Ken Heinz who also turned, but on February 23rd. A not as belated happy to Danny Kazmarek whose birthday was on March 15.

BACK IN THE SADDLE ... besides being an idiom (see Fun Facts) widely attributed to the singing cowboy, Gene Autry, it means your favorite Rotary newsletter is back in production! As everyone knows by now, my better half fell and broke her right wrist and hip in early February. My primary focus for the next two months was caring for Barbara, and I didn't have time to even think about the newsletter. Hence ... no newsletters in February and March. And then, came April and she was needing less and less assistance as the days went by. Hence ... no real excuse for not doing a newsletter in April. But, now it's May and ... back by popular demand ...



ROTARIANS AT WORK ... Rotarians Bryan Gust, Jean and Ken Heinz, Brent Clous, Danny Kazmarek, and Eric Pahlke were joined by Mary Gust, Barbara Pahlke, and Cooper and Stella Kazmarek on Saturday, April 30th, cleaning the plaques at the Mt. Soledad Memorial. Four Interact students from Mt. Carmel High School also helped. The Kazmarek crew left before the picture was taken.

RI GLOBAL GRANT APPROVED ... The Gift of Life, Romania global grant has been fully funded and approved. The grant will finance three Vocational Training Teams traveling to a hospital in Bucharest to provide heart surgery to approximately 30 children. The grant will also fund ten heart surgeries at a medical center in Tel Aviv while efforts are underway to develop facilities in Romania. Our club is contributing \$10,000 to the project, provided by Serving Hands International and the Caster Family Trust. Caster approved the funding on March 25th. The project is being jointly managed by the Rotary clubs of La Jolla Sunrise and Bucharest-Atheneum. Our participation is being facilitated by Rancho Bernardo Sunrise Rotary.

LINKS ... to other Rotary web pages ...

[San Diego North](#) Click here to see the schedule of programs and other late-breaking club news.

[District 5340](#) Click here for the DG's newsletter, training schedules, and district and other club events.

[Rotary International](#) Click here for professional resources on a wide range of club management issues.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY QUIZ

ROTARIANS ARE CHALLENGED TO CORRECTLY ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

THE ANSWERS WILL BE REVEALED AT THE MEETINGS DURING "THIS DAY IN HISTORY."

May 5	On this day in 1862, Mexican troops led by Ignacio Zaragoza halted a French invasion in this battle. (Hint: this battle should not be confused with the Siege of Puebla in 1847)
May 12	The U.S. tanker SS Virginia was torpedoed on this day in 1942 by a German submarine in the mouth of this river. (Hint: the river is nicknamed "Old Man River")
May 19	Mexico ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo on this day in 1848 ending this war. (Hint: some called it the Invasion of Mexico)
May 26	This novel by Irish author Bram Stoker was published on this day in 1897. (Hint: it is the most widely-known vampire novel)

FUN FACTS ...

During our daily lives we hear - and probably use - idioms, regardless if we know their origins. We regularly use them even if we don't know what they are! Just in case, here's an official definition of the term idiom ... a group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words (e.g., *raining cats and dogs*, *see the light*). How many common idioms do you know?

Raining cats and dogs

Meaning: Raining heavily.

Origin: In Norse mythology, cats symbolized heavy rain, while dogs were associated with Odin the storm god, and therefore represented howling wind.

Letting the cat out of the bag

Meaning: Divulge a secret.

Origin: In times gone by, farmers would bring suckling pigs to market wrapped up in a bag. Unscrupulous ones would substitute a cat for the pig. If someone let the cat out of the bag, the deceit was uncovered.

Pass the buck

Meaning: Pass on responsibility.

Origin: In an old English card game, a jackknife, or 'buck', was passed from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to play.

Pull out all the stops

Meaning: Achieve the maximum.

Origin: The 'stops' are knobs on an organ console. If the organist pulled them all out, he would be squeezing the most volume out of the instrument possible.

Steal one's thunder

Meaning: To do something that takes attention away from what someone else has done.

Origin: The 18th century playwright John Dennis claimed to have invented a machine that could mimic the sound of thunder in the theatre. When rivals used the same trick, he complained they'd 'stolen his thunder'.

Get one's goat

Meaning: Irritate.

Origin: It's a horse racing term. Nervous horses could be calmed down by placing a goat in the stall with them. Dastardly rival horse owners would sometimes steal, or 'get', these goats, thereby upsetting the horse and making it likely to lose the race.

Bite the bullet

Meaning: Face up to unpleasant reality.

Origin: Before anesthetics were invented, injured soldiers would bite on a bullet to help them endure the pain of an operation/amputation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Meeting Location Broken Yolk Cafe
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