



Propeller

Rotary Club of Vallejo

March 27th 2014

Scott Peterson

At 12:27 pm, Past President Gary Salvadori opened for President Shane McAfee, who was absent. Rich Curtola led the flag salute.

Tony Intintoli led us in the song "Edelweiss"

Fines Recognitions Happy \$\$

Happy Dollars:

Scott Peterson gave \$5 for a great trip to Florida.

J.D. Miller gave \$20 for his Dodgers being in first place and for the great things the Humane Society is doing.

Robert Briseno gave \$20 because his wife is doing so well.

Connie Klimisch gave \$5 in appreciation for Pete's wine.

Visiting Rotarians

J.D. Miller introduced Tina Woody, a Sunset Rotary Club member.

Guests

none

Announcements

Tina Woody announced the Humane Society's Barkitecture Fundraiser on April 4th.

Avery Greene attended the Night of Honor in Fairfield representing the Suisun Fire Protection District. Avery has recently been appointed as a Fire Commissioner for the District.

Pete Friesen asked for Rotarians to sign up ASAP for the Annual Rotary Golf Tourney on May 21st. He also announced an upcoming Leadership Vallejo Fundraising event. Lastly, he is revising a proposal to change the process of recruiting new members for the Club. He suggests before inviting someone to join, we visit the Rotary website. There you may download and fill out an application and submit it to the Membership Committee.

Bob Linville gave \$5 for his son's restaurant in Napa receiving an award.

Mike Diaz gave \$5 in Sad Dollars for not going to the Firefighters' Night of Honor.

Gary Salvadori gave \$5. He has entered a Portable Pooch Palace (a doghouse) in the Barkitecture competition.

Recognitions

N/A

Mystery Handshaker

Robert Briseno - Connie Klimisch wins.

Drawing/Trivia

Prior to the trivia, Gary Salvadori gave away tickets to Barkitecture.

Kathy Chandler was asked who has been the longest-standing Past President. She was correct; the answer was Avery Greene.

The meeting dismissed at 1:31 pm.

Connie Howard announced that Fishing in the City is Saturday, April 12th at 7:00 am.

Rich Curtola announced that tonight at 5:00 pm, there is a Chamber Mixer at the Maritime Academy. He also mentioned that that Mare Island Brewing Company is looking for items that are germane to the naval base or memorabilia, more specifically hard hats, that they could display in their new place of business.

Robert Briseno is interested in presenting a program called "Every 15 Minutes" during his upcoming Presidency. The event will cost \$30-40 thousand. It is a dramatic program presented in public schools that is designed to deter underage drinking and driving. People who would help put together this event are asked to contact Robert.

Program

No speaker today.

A discussion was led by Robert Briseno regarding the future of the Dictionary Project.

Is this project the best use of funds raised, or is there a more worthwhile endeavor we could do to impact the community?

A representative from VCUSD has expressed their gratitude for Rotary's involvement. They also explained the school district's current goals. Their biggest challenge is to reduce the dropout rate, which is reportedly approaching 50%.

Starting with elementary-age students, the district is creating "hands-on learning labs" in conjunction with Cal Berkeley. These labs help children see how math and science are involved in building different items and structures such as roller coasters.

A vigorous discussion ensued with many in attendance offering insights and perspectives.

Prospective Member

The following person is being put forth as a prospective member for our club:

Shawna Gilroy, Advertising Rep for the Times-Herald



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