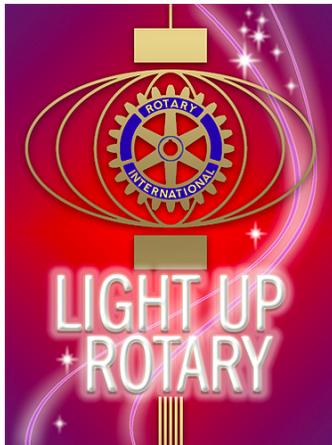


March Member Madness!

Vallejo Rotary



The Propeller

March 5th, 2015 Derrick Karimian

President Robert rang the meeting to order at 12:28pm

Tony Shannon led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

Doc Harrington led us in the second verse of "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Guests

VJ Pattel (Regency Inn), guest of Robert Briseno and John Connelly (who needs no introduction), guest of Jim Casper.

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Recognitions

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Connie Klimisch had her Rotary Anniversary 21 years. \$30

Mike Tastides also had his Rotary Anniversary 8 years. \$20

Announcements

First Draft of March Membership Madness has some spelling errors. If you notice an error in the spelling of your name, apologies from Pete Friesen!

We are split into 5 teams; the teams will be competing against each other. The goal should be that each team brings in at least one prospect each week of March.

Vallejo Jazz Society has a wonderful program on March 15th with Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers.

Benicia Rotary will be having their Texas Hold'Em Tournament on Friday March 13th.

Going Going Gong Show will be at the Empress Theater on Saturday March 14th.

Fishing in the City will be on April 11, 2015. Saturday at 7am at Dan Foley Park.

April 17th is Weekend at BIRDIE'S

April 18th a fun gathering Bocce Ball tournament. Invitation to Solano Sunset and Benicia Rotary. This is over at Highlands.

Solano Sunset Luau on April 24th

District Conference on April 25th

May 20th Golf Tournament, get sponsors and players! Toyota Vallejo has donated the Hole in One

Paying for sponsoring science event at Loma Vista Farm Spring Festival on May 16th.

District rolling out an innovative _____ that will _____. Let clubs try out logistical designs? Leadership, something, something... President Robert asked if our club was interested. This was met with silence and eventual laughter. (That's a "no")

Happy Dollars

Scott Peterson: Helen Pierson is going to PETS today. She will not drink the Kool Aid! \$5

Helen Pierson: \$20 for PETS

Gary Salvadori: Don't drink the Kool Aid, but drink everything else! It was then revealed that Helen has given up drinking for lent oh no! \$5

Jeanne Kilkenny-Turk: \$5 as her son, Collin, has been working really hard. He saved every penny to buy a car. 2007 Nissan Frontier. His hair is now nice and short, too.

Pete Friesen: \$20 for a discussion at Tony's last week.

There is a deal with the Sacramento Diocese that for a \$4500 sponsorship for the golf tournament, Helen can drink all she wants irrelevant of Lenten agreements!

Kevin Rahill: \$10 sad dollars for Roger Petrie, whom recently passed away. Kevin knew Roger since they were very young. Great friend and he did a lot of great things for the City of Vallejo.

VJ Pattel: \$5 he is enjoying this group and would like to pursue membership.

John Connelly: \$20 in memory of Roger and for what he's done for the city of Vallejo.

Avery Green: \$5 because President Robert mentioned his delight with his presence.

Joke for the week:

President Robert's joke of the day was in the spirit of the Catholic School topic of today's program. We won't put this one in writing!

At Gary Salvadori's request, there was a second joke.

A Texan visits Ireland. While there, of course, he visits a pub in a small town. All heads turn as he walks in and conversations stop.

He walks up to the bar and realizes everyone is still silent and looking at him. He has heard that the Irish are big drinkers and so he decides to have some fun with them. He says, "I've got \$500 here that says no one here can drink 10 pints of Guinness in a row without stopping." Everyone goes back to their conversations. The Texan noticed one man leaving the bar, staring him down as he left.

A twenty minutes later, the man who had left the bar returned. He walked up to the Texan, saw the money still sitting on the bar and said, "I'll take your bet." He introduced himself as "Doyle" as the bar tender poured the pints.

When the bartender was halfway done pouring, Doyle picked up the first pint and drank it. Then, one by one, he drank the Guinnesses. The bartender barely had time to finish pouring the 10th pint before Doyle picked it up and drank it down.

The Texan was flabbergasted! He handed over the money and laughed. "You sure love your Guinness." he said. "Why did you leave the bar for twenty minutes instead of taking my bet right away?"

Doyle looked the Texan in the eye and said, "Sonny, before a man takes a bet for that kind of money, he should be certain he can complete the task. So I went down to Hurleys at the end of the block and tried it there, just to make sure."

Program



JD Miller introduced our newest member from St. Patrick's St. Vincent's High School, Dave Perry, to let us know what was going on with the school and the good things going on there.

St. Vincent's was founded in 1870, St. Patrick's founded in 1968. They combined in 1987 because of changing demographics (the diocese made this decision).

St. Vincent's was run by Dominicans. St. Patrick's was run by Irish Christian Brothers. There are still 8 Dominican sisters living in (Vallejo? the US?).

80% of the students are involved with extra-curricular activities.

Diverse in ethnicity. Also, there are 24% of the students who are not Catholic.

99% of students that graduated last year went on to college. The only student who did not, went into the Military. 80% went on directly to 4 year colleges.

Updating curriculum: 9th grade, Robotics, TV/Video Production.

International program: 11 students (plan to grow to 40 in 4 years)

Mystery Handshaker

Verna Mustico won!

Get to Know your Rotarian Drawing

Doctor John Harrington. 12 years in parochial school. He wrestled. His lowest grade in this time was a C and it was in typing. By the end of the year, he got to 14 words per minute and Doc isn't sure if he's any faster than that now. His teacher also had taught Dave Perry.

Proposed Members

Non at this time.

President Briseno ended the meeting with a reminder of why we are doing Membership March Madness. Membership is our life blood. His goal is for us to reach 100 members.

Meeting rung out at 1:23pm.