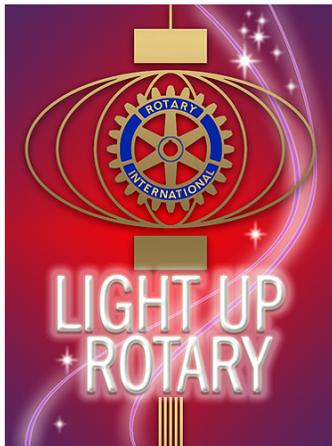


Perfect attendance for Greg Silva for 2015! (Still)

# Vallejo Rotary



## The Propeller

January 22nd, 2015    Anthony Shannon

I did not realize I was taking notes today, so I did not have paper and pen to write down the opening of the meeting. Since this is the case, I will be typing it out from memory:

The meeting started exactly on time (I noticed President Briseño checking an atomically accurate timing device calibrated to within 1 nano-second of Greenwich Mean Time).

Greg Silva with his perfect attendance in 2015 led us in a flag salute so synchronized and pure that patrons in the other dining rooms wept at hearing it.

We then sang God Bless America with such harmony and patriotism that tone deaf anarchists passing by outside, approached the Zio Fraedo's windows in wonder.

(That's my story and I'm sticking to it)

The rest of the notes were actually written down as they happened, so their accuracy may vary.

**Robert Briseño switched up the order of events because someone had to leave early, but they had very happy dollars and an important message about the spouse of one of our long time Rotarians.**

## ***Happy Dollars***

Verna Mustico brought us a message about Roberta Grubbe's husband. Stanford called Roberta and Rick to let them know there is a heart waiting for Rick. \$20

Pete Friesen went to visit his Mom in Paso Robles. He played a round of golf (I'll pause while you recover from the shock). He lost his cell phone. After finishing out the hole, he retraced his steps. While wading through the rough on the last hole he checked, he found his cell phone. He was very relieved, because he does not know many of the phone numbers on it. \$20

Doc Harrington: \$5 for former Vallejo Rotarian, Dave Jones of Foster Lumber Yard. He ran into Dave and got to have a conversation with him. Dave is looking good and said to say hello to us.

Shane and his wife are flying to Iowa to visit his daughter and three grandchildren.

## ***Guests***

None

### **Visiting Rotarians:**

None

## ***Recognitions***

### ***Birthdays/Anniversaries***

Shane was back up again with his club anniversary on January 13th. \$50

Jerry Morgan B-day, January 12th. He did not celebrate his birthday, so he figures he should not be recognized by the club. He finally capitulated and paid \$42, the same as his age.

Connie Howard gave \$5 just because.

LaGuan Lea gave \$2. He read the Propeller last week and his name was butchered.

Gary Salvadori gave \$5 sad dollars because he says LaGuan's name should be spelled with a little "g".

Connie Klimisch: \$5 for the great time she had at the St. Mary's game with the Carettis.

### ***Announcements***

Shane gave us the final football guessing scores and trophies. You really had to be there to appreciate the absurdity of the trophies. Some of them were huge. Almost all of them had extra things glued to them.

Gary Salvadori took first in the Bowl Games. Helen Pierson was 3rd, Walter 4th, Shawna 5th. Overall, Lou Caretti took 4th place and (drum roll), Walter Newel took first place overall!

The Dictionary Handout is coming soon. The dictionaries are at Recology Valljeo. The labels and letters are out to print. Look for a stuffing party in the near future.

Roster update: if your name is being butchered, here's your chance to set the record straight. An email went out to everyone in the club with a link to the current information we have on file for each member. Please check to see that your information is correct. Send all corrections to Connie Howard by email, post, or carrier pigeon.

The Wine Drawing is drawing to a close. Everyone should have donated two bottles of wine. People are

encouraged to purchase two tickets this year. There is a special deal if you buy 5, you get a sixth ticket free.

April 11th is Fishing in the City. Meet at Dan Foley at 7am. This is one of the best opportunities to get our 7am faces out in front of the public and show them who Vallejo Rotary really is.

Golf Tournament - May 20th - start getting your four-somes together.

Science Event - we are sponsoring it on May 16th in conjunction with the Loma Vista Farms Spring Event. You do not have to know any science, or much about biology, or trigonometry (as the song goes). Just show up and represent Vallejo Rotary.

Norb Frost is getting the Scholarships Committee together. If you need or want your faith in humanity restored, this is a great opportunity. The stories the kids tell about their situations, who they are, where they want to go, and what they want to do will leave you proud to be a Vallejoan. Contact Norb and raise your spirits with some good reading.

We're getting campy. Camp Venture and Camp Royal are coming up. Camp Venture is June 17-21 with a BBQ on the 20th. We put on the BBQ. Volunteers are needed.

Tony Intintoli - (stay with me, there was some confusion about this in the meeting) There will be a fundraiser for the Naval Historical Museum at the Naval Historical Museum on March 7th at 5:30pm it is \$25/person. It was so difficult just getting that information that people were afraid to ask what will actually happen at the fundraiser.

**Joke for the week:**

You had to come to the cocktail party to hear the jokes.

## ***Program***

This week, President Briseño asked us to give him a progress report on his year.

First, he gave a little report on his year and the things we have accomplished together under his reign of terror. We have given \$7,600 to Vallejo Rotary for our birthdays, happy dollars, anniversaries, etc. We have also given \$1,400 to Rotary International. This makes our total raised so far \$9,000.

Robert has been making a list and checking it twice. LaGuan is not in first place, but he is ahead of Don Demmon and Lori Ann Palisi.

We have picked up two very active new members.

We received a \$13,000 grant from Rotary International for our Every 15 minutes program.

We had a presence at the Vallejo Chamber Installation dinner, the Continentals of Omega Boys and Girls Club Gala, and will have one at the upcoming Rebuilding Together Solano County Auction Dinner.

We gave \$20,000 to PAL for facilities at their ball field.

We are still working toward our goal of 100 members by our 100 year anniversary (7/1/2021).

At 1:08pm Jeanne Kilkenny-Turk arrived breaking the previous late record held by LaGuan.

A frank discussion followed where we were invited to give our honest opinion on how Robert is doing, the challenges our club is facing and how we can overcome those challenges.

## ***Mystery Handshaker***

Winner of the mystery hand-shaker was Doc Harrington (again).

## **Get to Know your Rotarian Drawing**

Mike Tastsides - he does drug testing. No, he does not test drugs. He tests people for drug use. He can do DNA testing if you want to answer that age old question, "who's your daddy?". He does a lot of work with federal motor carriers. He loves music and he was born and raised in Vallejo California.

## **Proposed Members**

Non at this time.

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