



World Understanding Month

February 17, 2017

Today's Reporter



Vera Wallen

Today's Greeter



Nancy Carr

Feb 24 Greeter



Patty Griffin

Photos



Elaine Beckham

Opening: *Judy Schuster* opened the meeting of "the greatest Rotary Club in the World! VIVA!!!"



Song: *Ron Perry* led us in a song about all that rain falling on our head!!! This is a good thing, right?? (but we all heard about the trees that fell this day in Cambria....)

Flag Salute: *Tim Carr* led us in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance" 

Invocation: *Vera Wallen* had a quote for us from architect Frank Lloyd Wright, age 92 at the time he said this: "The longer I live, the more beautiful life becomes"

TODAY'S GUESTS:



Randall Friedman,
Rotary Club of Sacramento

LUCKY BUCK:

As we all held our breath during the reading of the drawn number for our **Lucky Buck** (money set aside from our lunch check for us to win in this drawing!), *Roger Robinson* had to admit it was his-- and he immediately donated it to **Polio Eradication**!! Thanks, Roger! Rotary is so close to achieving that long-time difficult goal.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- Feb 21, **Rotary Sunset** Mtg., Cambria Pub & Steakhouse at 5:30 pm with guest speaker, PG&E Meteorologist, *John Lindsey*.
- Feb 22, **VIVA 2017 Meeting**, Roger & Sue's, 5:00 pm. RSVP to sueincambria@gmail.com
- Feb 24, **Community Services Committee Special Meeting**, Lodge Lounge, 11:00 am.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

- Feb 24, *Leila Dufferrena*, Family Care Network.
- Mar 03, *Gregg Whitfield*, Pickleball.
- Mar 10, *Bruce Badrigian*, Armenian Genocide stories.

SHERIFF DICK: Oh dear! To be above us all, **Chuck Forester** was caught without his Rotary pin in Paso Robles!! We just can't go anywhere without our Rotary symbol. Then **Greg Sanders** also got caught. All this talk caused our Sacramento guest, **Randall Friedman**, to confess that he was not wearing his Rotary pin today--he gladly paid a \$10 fine for that, probably hoping his home club would not find out!!



FINE MASTER: **Fine Master Rick** began his evil ways by explaining why we didn't have him picking on us last week: he was getting a new stove, microwave, and other equipment from Sears, they called him on Thursday that they couldn't deliver that afternoon as planned & instead would bring them Friday morning.....which morphed into Friday noon. Only one guy showed up with the truck, and Rick had to help him unload etc. (poor Rick!!), Rick fined himself \$100 for this as a pledge to the Cambria Rotary Foundation.

Member Birthdays: Rick went on to 5 birthdays to celebrate, helping each to decide how much to be fined, depending on years and balance left in their pledges. **Judy Schuster, Chuck Forester, Vicki Schumacher, Ron Perry**, and one other of us negotiated with Rick on what to pay--from \$1 a year (BIG!!) to the full remaining balance of their pledge. We sang them all the Birthday Song!!!

Wedding Anniversaries: Rick then went on to **Dick & Bonnie Cameron's** wedding anniversary--of 49 years for each of them!!

Club Anniversaries: **Jane Howard** was honored for her Club Anniversary from February 2, 2002, and **Elaine Beckham** was credited for her 3 years in the club.

Credits: were given to **Ed Pearce** for driving all the way here through the storms from Templeton to join us today, and to **Rick Auricchio** for food art he gave to the Fine Master.

Miscellaneous Fines: **Lance Morales** was scolded for being absent, and **Kate Perry** and **Janet Myers** were fined for being Tardy (the microphone went quiet on Rick as he tattled about this!).

Credits: He then gave a credit to **Monty & Julia Rice** because of their house flooding from the rain.

President's Messages & Announcements:

- **President Sharon** started this off by asking us to please tell her the difference between a hippo and a Zippo.... After we tried hard to think of the answer, she told us: the hippo is heavier!!
- **Jane Howard**, as **International Chair**, spoke to us about Rotary's new **Peace Builder Club** project. Jane is interested in Rotary's start-up of this and asked us to think about it for our club. She explained the steps needed for participating, beginning with the need to find a chair for the project--and **Dr. Kate Perry** immediately volunteered to be the co-chair along with **Dr. Joe Morrow**!! Expect to hear lots more about this!
- **Greg Sanders** wrote a story for the **Cambrian** about last week's **Interact Bake Sale** that netted \$4,800 for Rotary projects--watch for its publication!



President's Messages & Announcements (continued):

- **Chris Cameron** reminded us of all the tasks that our new members have as they assimilate into our club. Today, **Linda Sherman** finished all those, so is moving from her Red Badge to a Blue Badge!! She did so much--& giggled at this recognition!!
- **Mike Griffin**, in charge of our [Rotary Foundation Committee](#), apologized to us for all the papers on our tables. He explained that last Friday, he forgot to hand them out to us--he had to pick them all up after they blew off the top of his car (where he had carefully placed them!). Then last week he joined his brother in King City for a Rotary dinner honoring the centennial of the [Rotary Foundation](#), where president **John Germ** spoke about the 100th year of the [Rotary International Foundation](#). This world-wide organization started with a \$26.50 donation and now has more than \$1 billion!!! The interest earned on this money is used for projects around the world. We started our own Cambria Rotary Foundation through strong support from our long-time member **Neal Jensen**. Neal originally wanted our foundation to have \$100,000--it now has \$427,000. The purpose of the [Rotary Foundation Committee](#) is to preserve the Foundation and extend the help it can provide to our projects. We want to increase the balance each year and only use the interest for projects. In 2011, the committee put together the [Neal Jensen Fellowship](#) and we now have 30 people who are part of that--each have given \$1,000 to our Foundation. Now Mike wants more of us to participate and has a way: give \$100 per year for the next 10 years!! (or more per year if you want!!!). Many of our members have signed up. This is all for outreach into the community and to support Rotary projects.



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Meeting Dates:

3rd Wed. of the month, 5pm, [Cambria Pines Lodge](#) -check with Board President to confirm.

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Foundation Endowment:

NEAL JENSEN FELLOWSHIP - \$1,000 donation to our Foundation's endowment fund.
NEAL JENSEN CIRCLE - \$100/year sustaining membership to our Foundation's endowment fund

Program :

Improvements in Driving, by our own John Ehlers



Our racecar driving fellow Rotarian (pictured with a replica of a racecar he once drove) began by telling us that car accidents account for 35,000 deaths a year! While many safety features have been added to vehicles over the past 20 years, the death rate has actually increased (from 2.05 per 10,000 accidents in 1988 to 2.17 in 2010).

John grew up in Nebraska and spent a lot of his free time on dirt racetracks and was the 1950 Nebraska Dirt Track Champion. After moving to California he “souped-up” a small sports car and began racing on the track at Santa Barbara City College before he started racing real racecars.

During his years of racing he learned that the most important things you can do to avoid an accident is to remember to keep your car balanced by avoiding sharp turns, focus on where you are going, turn into a skid and don't hit the brakes if you car does begin to skid.

Thanks, John, for a very informative talk and for reminding us how to stay safe while driving during this rainy season!

Can't make it to our Friday meeting? Want a large salad instead of the regular meal? Bringing a guest? Want to sign on as a note-taker?



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