

Kiwanis Club of SLO Noontime



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Meeting Notes

President Topham called the meeting to order promptly at 12:30.

Ron Kyker led us in singing "God Bless America" (Ron hit the high notes & so did a couple of others among us. - Ed.)

Bob A delivered the blessing.

Dan Hinz introduced our two guests, returning Scott Marcotte and program speaker Scott Herrera.

President T fined Stew \$1 for getting tea while His Highness was addressing the members.

Fine Free

No one owned up to or was present to commit heinous acts of distraction! (Bart lucked out again! What happened to the days of wet towels, spinning plates and firecrackers, let alone water guns, wind-up talking toys and downright obnoxiousness... the good old days? - Ed.)

Secret Greeter

Rich Carsel was secret greeter and he's such

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a friendly guy, everyone shook his hand.

Joke of Week

In Roger Jump's absence, Stew proceeded to tell his own joke (a take-off on Sandy's Soap Box - see page 2. - Ed.).

It went something like this:

How do you know if you are from Missouri? (sic - Ed.)

You look for a spouse at a family reunion!

Upcoming Kiwanis Events!!!

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| Sept. 1 | Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon
<i>Speaker: Ron Kyker</i> |
| Sept. 4 | Feed the Homeless @ Lewis Shelter, 5:45pm
<i>Contact: Bob Alderman</i> |
| Sept. 8 | Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon
<i>Speaker: Hilding, moving steam engines</i> |
| Sept. 10 | DCM-Lt.Gov.-Elect Doug Carrol's Installation
<i>End of the Line, 5pm</i> |
| Sept. 12 | Board Meeting @ Mid-State Bank, 5:30 pm
<i>Free Pizza</i> |
| Sept. 27 | Pres.-Elect John Carsel's Install Dinner, 6pm
<i>Dairy Creek/Fairways Restaurant</i> |

Soapbox

Sandy volunteered to do Soap Box and shared with us her upbringing on a cattle ranch near California, Missouri (sic - Ed.). Sandy and her two brothers grew up with their parents, Marion and Gerald, in the same house that "pop" grew up in, only a couple of miles from the "Baer homestead" on the Moniteau Creek in Central Missouri (sic - Ed.) where Sandy's Grandpa Jake "Brown" Baer and Great-Grandpa Adam Baer grew up, after immigrating from Bavaria, Germany, with father (Sandy's Great-Great Grandfather) Henrich Baer.

A rather complicated family tree description followed as Sandy related that her father's only brother married one of her mother's sisters. But, just read on...Sandy's dad's mother had one sister who married one of her husband's five brothers...and then...Sandy's great-mother Baer had one brother who married her great-grandpa Baer's only sister! There's more but...

Sandy graduated from California (MO) R-1 Elementary, Middle and High Schools in May, 1967 and began summer school at the University of Missouri-Columbia, in June 1967, where she pursued her education until December 1971. She received a B.J. degree in magazine journalism, a B.S. degree in housing and interior design and a master's of arts degree in editorial journalism.

She continued to live in Columbia, MO until she migrated west to San Francisco. She previously worked as an information specialist

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for the University of Missouri-Columbia. After a six-month sabbatical to Europe she continued with the University, working first under federal grants in gerontological survey and evaluation research then in health policy and health planning.

On July 1, 1979, Sandy moved to the Pacific Heights district of San Francisco and worked in a federally-funded program in the Financial District.

She provided consultation in health policy and planning for non-profit health organizations on media development, public relations and marketing in 17 Western states.

Via old friend from the University of Missouri-Columbia, then a sociology professor at Cal Poly, Sandy came to San Luis Obispo July 1, 1983 to apartment-sit for the summer. Don Ruxton was her downstairs neighbor and after cohabitating for 13 years, they "eloped" to Missouri for a double wedding on September 5, 1996 with Sandy's brother Greg and his then-fiancé Suzanne,

Since living in San Luis Obispo County, she has worked for San Luis County Schools and the County's Public Health Department, working with handicapped children and their families. She was Director of Public Events at Cuesta College, Director of the SLO County Arts Council as well as Marketing Director of the SLO Symphony.

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Sandy has been the business and marketing manager of TMG (The Micro Garage) since Labor Day, 1994. She also free-lances as a writer and photographer for *SLO Journal Magazine*.

She has served eight years on the City's Promotional Coordinating Committee, is in her third year on the City's Cultural Heritage Committee as well as a current member of the Fish Commish.

Program Speaker

Dan Hinz introduced Scott Herrera, in Baxter's absence. Scott is a Cal Poly graduate in computer science who has worked in the area as a computer consultant since 1995. Two years ago, he opened his own business SLO-Ink.com & Computer Services.

Scott shared that he consults with clients regarding their computer hardware needs and then finds the systems for them. He also sells toners and cartridges for printers and copiers.

Scott highly recommended "download.com" for free anti-virus software. He also mentioned "commando.com" has a source for free anti-virus and anti-Spyware programs.

Scott ended by sharing that we are more likely to lose our personal identity via our trash than we are via computer access. He recommends shredding all personal data.

Announcements

Bob A reminded us Saturday, August 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., we are assisting the Tri-Counties Blood Bank Blood Drive. Thus far, Bob A, Ron K & Jim F have signed up...we need volunteers!

Rich reminded members who signed up about the upcoming "Memory Walk" for the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Volunteers are needed to help set up at Meadow Park in San Luis Obispo on Friday, September 9 at 1:30 p.m. with the walking event beginning at 3 p.m. and a hot dog barbecue will be provided after the walk.

President T reminded us Saturday, September 10, is Lt. Governor Doug Carroll's Installation Dinner at End of The Line, Laurel Lane, SLO. Festivities begin at 5 p.m. and include nationally recognized magician (and local) Rich Ferguson as well as "formal" installation.

And finally, the venue has been confirmed for our Installation of 2005-2006 Officers and Board of Directors. President-elect John Carsel, along with Vice-President-Elect Kevin Hauber, Secretary-Elect Milt and Treasurer-Elect Dan H will be installed after what promises to be an eventful and enjoyable evening at Dairy Creek/Fairways Restaurant.

Reservations **must** be made by **September 20** to President T at slocap@hotmail.com. Tickets are \$20 each. Bring your spouse, friends, neighbors and children for an evening of celebration (by Bart, officially, no longer Club President) and contemplation (by John C).

Fines & Forfeitures

Rich kicked off the generous giving by offering \$4 happy bucks: for Kiwanis Club response to volunteering at upcoming Alzheimer's Association "Memory Walk" on September 9th (see Announcements - Ed.); and for having gone to undergraduate college at Westminster College in Fulton, MO, therefore being familiar with Hermann and Blue Eye, Missouri towns - of no renown.

Rich also gave happy bucks knowing that in a previous life in Missouri (*sic* - Ed.), Sandy was married on 9/6/69 to Philip Butz, ergo she became (although only until 12/14/70) known as "Sandy Baer Butz"! plus an anti-climatic regret for having to leave early.

Ron gave a happy buck for having helped Cricket Handler that morning at EconoVision, whom spoke highly of her professional and social relationship with Sandy for more than 20 years!

Standing-In-Fine Master Sean Fitzpatrick, contributed happy bucks for Ann's third consecutive "art showing", this one at the upcoming Olive Oil Festival in Paso Robles this Saturday. Fitz also contributed because his "home away from home" in Astoria, OR, was named "Number One Place To Retire"!

Miscellaneous gifts and guffaws included: Bob S paid \$5 for pix in Kyker's backyard earlier this year (*Why?* - Ed.); John C reported "mixed dollars" on trip to Fresno for Kiwanis Convention. John was "taken" w/all of the Convention happenings; and Hilding was happy

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for the Interclub to Fresno.

Holly was happy for her rafting trip w/son Hayden as well as trip back to New Jersey for brother-in-law's wedding.

John C was happy for his successful knee surgery and his enriching experience at the District Convention.

Stew is happy to be visiting his daughter in San Francisco. Milt gave glad dollars that Pam's recent surgeries were successful.

Kiwanis Education

*What year did Kiwanis membership surpass 10,000? What year did membership exceed 300,000? What locale has the highest per capita membership? (Hint: It is **not** the United States whose per capita membership is one in about every 1,000 Americans.)*

Kiwanis membership surpassed 10,000 in 1919 and reached 100,000 in 1928. The 300,000-member level was reached in 1979. Iceland has the highest per capita Kiwanis membership among the Kiwanis nations. About one in 200 Icelanders is a Kiwanian, compared with about one in 1,000 in America.

Next week's questions: There are four categories of membership in a Kiwanis Club. What are they? (Hint: One category was closed in 1963 and only living???? members can currently hold that distinction.)

Miscellaneous

Ticket Winners:

\$4 - Ron K
\$6 - John C
\$10 - Bob Sr

Membership:

John C, on a lucky streak after winning the \$10 ticket, missed the Ace of Spades for \$70.
Next week's pot is \$72.50

Next Week's Meeting:

Fine Free: Baxter Dunaway
Soapbox: Bob Stratton
Joke of the Week: Doc Steele
Speaker: Ron K, "Advances in Optometry"

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

9/5: Sandy Baer & Don Ruxton
Wedding Anniversary (1996)
9/11: Bob & Eunice Alderman
Wedding Anniversary (1953)
9/12: Bob Stratton
Birthday
9/14: Kristin Hauber
Birthday
9/14: Baxter Dunaway
Birthday

Kiwanis Quote

"Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do, than by the ones you did."...Mark Twain

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