

Kiwanis Club of SLO Noontime



Koverall



September 15, 2005

Meeting Notes

In his count-down weeks as His Highness, President T called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. with a bell but what appeared NOT to be a gavel but a pencil!

Baxter led us in the Pledge To Allegiance.

Ron led us in a rousing version (everyone seemed to know the words!) of "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory".

Don McCaleb briefly introduced Joe Harper, our program speaker.

Baxter introduced returning visitor Scott Herrera.

Fine Free

Bob S was fine free and as docile as always.

Secret Greeter

Dr. John correctly identified Sandy and Dan H as the un-friendly members today!

They each paid a dollar for their snubbing Dr. J but Sandy almost stole the lid from veteran member Roger J!

Meeting Notes, Continued

Joke of Week

Rich C was absent so missed this opportunity to be funny! In lieu, Shane K shared some "tongue in cheek" and downright "redneck" bumper stickers he picked up along his road trip to the Midwest and back. He also shared a book that he found most valuable when exploring national parks "Who Pooped In The Park - Yellowstone", an identification tool for nature lovers.

Upcoming Kiwanis Events!!!

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| Sept. 22 | Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon
<i>Speaker: Lee Ferrero Ex. Dir. PIC</i> |
| Sept. 27 | Pres.-Elect John Carsel's Install Dinner, 6pm
<i>Dairy Creek/Fairways Restaurant</i> |
| Sept. 29 | Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon
<i>Speaker: Laura Albers, SLO Chamber Leadership Program</i> |
| Oct. 6 | Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon
<i>Speaker: Lt. Governor Doug Carrol</i> |
| Oct. 13 | Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon
<i>Speaker: TBD, Hosted by Joe Hazouri</i> |

Soapbox

September 8 Soapbox - Shane Kramer went to college at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo as a Soil Science major. In order to work his way through college he drove busses for the City of San Luis Obispo. It turned out that Shane could make more money driving buses than he could working in Soil Science. He went to work with a company driving the large passenger buses like they use at Greyhound . Shane was now married to Bridgette and starting a family.

The company Shane worked for had great pay and benefits but terrible working conditions and poor job security. As a result, he and others got together to get a union started.

One day when Shane returned from his daily route from Bakersfield to LAX, one of his fellow employees called him to let him know that when he got to the bus yard that a man he had never before met would be handing him his last paycheck.

Sure enough! A short, bald man smoking a large cigar met him as he stepped off his bus, put his hand on Shane's shoulder like they were old friends and informed Shane that the company would have to let him go because of "cash flow" problems. Shane told the man that he knew that the reason he was being fired was because of his attempts to get a union started and that the man would be better served by getting rid of the two supervisors who were causing all the problems and indeed the two supervisors were fired.

Shane was back at work a couple of days later

Soapbox, Continued

because you cannot fire people for union activities. He worked for the company for another year and a half. In the meantime his friends, **ESPECIALLY HIS WIFE BRIDGETTE**, were encouraging him to go to law school. He took the LSAT exam and he did really well. By this time Shane and Bridgette had four children. The youngest was six months old.

Shane received notice that he had been admitted to the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento about a week before school was to start. He and his family packed up their station wagon, their clothes, a tent, and a 13" color TV set and lived at KOA for the first three weeks of school while they looked for a place to live in Sacramento.

While in Sacramento, Shane earned his Juris Doctor and a Master of Law degree in Business and Taxation. Bridgette completed her Bachelor's degree and earned a Master's degree in counseling. Both of them worked and raised their family while attending school. Shane worked as many as 60 hours a week while earning his law degrees.

Shane took the bar exam without taking a bar review course. He sent his wife and kids to visit his mother-in-law, took two weeks off from work and studied his notes. Shane finished each bar exam session early and passed the bar on the first try.

Dan H's Soap Box will be in the September 22 Koverall.

Program Speaker

Don McCaleb introduced long-time friend Joe Harper, former Cal Poly Mustangs football coach from 1968-1981 and athletic director from 1968-1973.

He is the winningest coach in the University's history with 96 wins in 14 seasons and a winning percentage of almost 700! Highlights of his Cal Poly career include an undefeated 10-win regular season in 1972, the year the Mustangs earned a trip to the Camellia Bowl; and in 1980 when they went 10 and 3 and captured the NCAA Division II national championship.

He was named national coach of the year after that season and went on to win a total of five district coach-of-the-year awards during his tenure at Cal Poly.

A graduate of UCLA, where he played guard for the Bruins, he coached Riverside City College before coming to Cal Poly. He concluded his coaching career with six-year tenures as head coach at Northern Arizona University and California Lutheran University.

Currently, Joe is the co-owner with his son, of the Cabo San Luis and J. D. Boone's restaurants in San Luis Obispo. He shared with us some analogies between "coaching" football teams and restaurant staffs. *Thanks Don McC for a thorough, informative & heartfelt introduction of your friend and our program speaker, Joe Harper!*

Joe expressed that he was pleased to join us today, to "get out of the kitchen" for a

Program Speaker, Continued

delicious lunch catered by our favorite Phoenix Catering! Of course he reminded us that J. D. Boone's Smoke House is the ONLY place in San Luis Obispo County to buy smoked, slow-cooked brisket, a Texas specialty. Even though he expected to be a "silent partner" in the restaurant ventures, "I chop tomatoes, makes marinades and miscellaneous other chef duties," Joe says.

They add a special "secret" rub to the brisket and cook it for 14 hours over oak at 190 degrees, so it's fall-apart-tender and flavorful. Joe said the fundamentals of brisket perfection and football are much the same, in that consistency is key. You carry out an assignment, the basic fundamentals, every time the same way to guarantee success.

Joe related that today's college football is "a different animal" from his heyday. In 1954, there were no facemasks, which were instituted in a reduced-form in 1960. adding the face bar, then eventually the full-face mask. Today's helmets and associated facemasks are VERY heavy and require "a thick, strong neck," according to Joe.

Other reminiscences included: when he left Cal Poly in 1981, coaches and staff were using IBM "punch cards" and manually draw the plays. Today's instant replays and videotapes allow coaches and players to analyze plays less laboriously.

Joe does home game color commentary for

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the Cal Poly Mustangs. "It's a great job. I get to watch the game and give my opinions". Despite dramatic changes in the game over the past four decades, Joe still holds to the premise "execution is what it is all about!"

Joe shared that the 1980 Mustangs team converged on San Luis Obispo on their 25th graduation anniversary, with 60 members attending. "I was surprised to see that they are all middle-aged," Joe quipped. Even though many still live in San Luis Obispo County, other former players came from as far away as the Midwest and the East Coast.

Joe commented that a large number of these former players have pursued professional careers in social justices, law enforcement, public safety and corrections... "There are no alumni attorneys but we do have coaches and teachers among our ranks."

Kiwanis Education

How many members are on the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees? What are there terms of office? What non-voting officer receives a salary? There are 20 trustees on the Kiwanis Int'l Board. Officers serve one-year terms, and each year a group is elected for three-year terms. The Kiwanis Int'l Executive Director is the only paid board member but it is a non-voting position.

Next week's questions: What is the "Second Object" of Kiwanis International?

Announcements

President T reminded members that the next Feed The Homeless is Sunday, October 2 at the Lewis Shelter on Orcutt Road at 5:45 p.m. A sign-up sheet was distributed.

Even though we have a loyal cadre of members who ALWAYS contribute food as well as time marketing, preparing and delivering plus those who stay and serve dinner, we always welcome new and other members to join in.

For more details on Feeding The Homeless, contact our co-chairmen, Bob A (541-4774) or Ron K (544-6157).

Deadline is upon us for reserving spots and dinners at Dairy Creek for John C's upcoming Installation Dinner. The evening beings with a happy hour at 5:30 p.m. and continues with dinner and the "formal" Installation. Contact Bart at slocap@hotmail.com for reservations. Tickets are \$20 per person for dinner.

President-elect John C commented on the September 12 Board meeting. Jim A was reported missing in action and fined accordingly. Sean F and Holly were also absent but excused due to vacation/business/family travels.

John also discussed the importance of our upcoming Special Guest Day on October 20 after reading off a couple dozen names of past members, some recent and some not so recent to remind us of "lost" members.

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Announcements, Continued

Our current membership and attendance are at a real low and recruiting new members as well as retaining existing members are both essential to our Club's continued health and contribution to the community.

Special Guest Day is a means of increasing our membership and requires that ALL current members pitch in. John requested that ALL members submit two names with their mailing addresses, et. al., to him (or Bart) no later than September 22.

In turn, they will mail letters of invitation to these prospective members re: Special Guest Day. It is then the respective member's responsibility to follow-up with each person and ensure they feel welcome and able to attend Special Guest Day.

We also need to "take new members under our wings" and make sure that they are apprised of our Club's activities, projects and opportunities. John reiterated, "The best way to build a club is to retain your members".

Shane reported that we had an Interclub at Lt. Governor Doug Carrol's Installation Dinner on September 10. Club members participating in this festive evening were: Shane, Hilding, Milt, Dan, John C and Bart. In keeping with the year's theme "The Best Show in Town", the red carpet was rolled out for attending guests.

There were two blackjack tables and Rich Ferguson dazzled guests with his magic!

Announcements, Continued

On a more serious note, Lt. Governor Carrol announced that on May 25, 2006, Kiwanis Clubs from Divisions 24 and 29 will join forces with 300 plus walkers to benefit multiple Sclerosis (MS).

Fines & Forfeitures

President T acted as Fine Master in the absence of both Vaughn and Fitz. Kevin began a precedent when he gave nine happy dollars for both wife Kristin and son's birthdays he related that they are declaring September a "birthday month!"

Baxter also contributed \$9 for celebrating his birthday. Bob S gave \$9 for enjoying his 81st birthday on a fall trip to Yosemite plus another buck for the trip itself for a total of ten happy bucks.

Bart reminded Jim A of his upcoming Club membership anniversary (September 26, 1996). Ron recalled that he was Jim's sponsor.

John C gave a sad dollar for wife Wendy's mishap while he was giving a disposition the previous day (establishing his alibi!).

Wendy mangled her face in the fall, just two days before she and John are scheduled to attend a conference on Domestic Violence in San Diego. Somehow Ron segued that into the fact that the most likely reporters of delinquent taxes are disgruntled spouses!

Miscellaneous

Ticket Winners:

\$4 - Shane

\$6 - Shane

\$10 - Sandy

Membership:

Dan H missed the Ace of Spades for \$77.50. Next week's pot is \$80.

Next Week's Meeting:

Fine Free: Bob A

Soapbox: Mike Sanders

Joke of the Week: Bob S

Speaker: Lee Ferrero

Executive Director of the Private Industry Council (PIC)

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

9/12: Bob Stratton

Birthday

9/14: Kristin Hauber

Birthday

9/14: Baxter Dunaway

Birthday

9/26: Jim A

Joined Noontime Kiwanis (1996)

10/3: Gail Steele

Birthday

10/4: Claude Mislavsky

Birthday

Website:

If any members cannot receive the newsletter via an email attachment... please go to:

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for archives that you can view/download.

Thanks Dan, Great Job!!!

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