

Kiwanis Club of SLO Noontime



Koverall



October 20, 2005

Meeting Notes

President Carsel convened the Special Guest Day meeting at 12:30 p.m. with all of the last-minute disruptions (where's the bell, for instance? To no one one's surprise, Howie was "guarding" it for safe keeping, so he said!)

Hilding led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roger Jump, probably for an all-time first accompanied the group in singing "The Star Spangled Banner" with guitar, and a fine rendition it was. Howie led us in prayer.

As this was Special Guest Day, we had 12 guests, each introduced by a nearby tablemate. New guests included: Sam Kochprapha, owner of Thai-Riffic; Lee Walters, Lee Walters Insurance Agency; Thomas Stevenson, Barbich, Longcrier, Hooper & King; Don Schlotterbeck, retired; Jim Haack, Edward Jones; Don Linn, CEO, Consultant Park; Henry Rible, retired; and Dr. Jeff Blue, Optometrist and owner of EnVision (where Ron K currently works part-time as an optician, in his semi-retirement).

Additional returning guests included: Rex Saint-Onge, paleontologist and Bridgette Kramer, Shane's better half. Rich introduced

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member-on-leave/past member Mark Bloodgood, after much bantering between Rich and brother President C regarding Mark's status. As Rich stated, "I had to beg Mark to come and I want to introduce him as my guest!"

Lt. Governor Doug Carrol also was an honored guest and brief inspirational speaker. Once again, Rich called President C on a "point of order", as the membership did not stand upon Lt. Governor Carrol's introduction. Members overruled President C (his excuse, "Doug is sitting down") and in response to Rich's complaint, all stood in honor of our esteemed guest.

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Upcoming Kiwanis Events!!!

- Oct. 27 Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon
Speaker: Dianne Timmerman, Rx Drug Coverage
- Nov. 3 Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon
Speaker: Shane Phipps, Grizzly Academy
- Nov. 10 Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon
Speaker: Evan Mendelson, Ex. Dir., Hotline
- Nov. 11 DCM @ TBD, 6PM
Lt. Governor Doug Carrol
- Nov. 17 Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon
Speakers: Hilding and Pres. C

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Lt. Governor Carrol briefly discussed the success of Kiwanis International's drive to eradicate IDE, all because of the contributions from local clubs and divisions. He stressed that Kiwanis is a multi-layered organization and that efforts at all levels are essential in achieving our far-reaching goals.

Doug also announced that currently there are 16 committed members for the about-to-be-chartered Morro Bay/Cayucos Kiwanis Club (a rebirth from years past). Doug shared an anecdote about his rewards from belonging to Kiwanis for nearly 14 years: last summer he was hit by a car in a crosswalk in downtown San Luis Obispo.

Not only did the attending safety personnel comment that he was "the funniest victim they had ever assisted", within less than two days, Kiwanis Clubs in Division 24 has raised enough funds to replace Dong's badly mangled electric wheelchair with a brand new one, essential to his mobility.

Repeat guest aleontologist Rex Saint-Onge (hopeful new member?) shared with us two of his exotic artifacts. On display were two specimens: an antler skull from Holland, between 15,000-28,000 years old as well as two giant mammoth molar teeth from the Siberian area of Russian. Estimated at approximately 40,000 years old, these teeth were exposed during the ice cap retreats.

Rex shared that he has spent the past couple of months working out of Kettleman City. He

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has unearthed obsidian spears and many other artifacts that may put a halt to development.

Rex specializes in Great White sharks and has been following closely last week's attack by a Great White shark on Northern California's Sonoma Coast at Salmon Beach. He stated that the female surfer was bit on the leg in the same place that killed an Avila Beach swimmer a few years ago and this young woman was indeed very fortunate to be alive.

Fine Free

Jim Frye was Fine Free and throughout the meeting, there could be heard the sound of "firecrackers" or some similar noisemaker, but in general, Jim was more well behaved than usual. Rich did sneak in a plate spin at one time during the meeting.

Secret Greeter

There was no Secret Greeter this week due to Special Guest Day activities but everyone was at their friendliest best!

Joke of Week

Kevin told a joke about getting his new Ferrari (thanks to Fitz spilling the beans about Kevin's latest addition to his fleet!). As with most Italian cars, the Ferrari is already in the shop due to transmission problems so Kevin decided to have it blessed. He invited a priest, a minister and a rabbi for the ceremony and first the priest blessed the car then the minister, as did the rabbi, after which he cut off the end of the tailpipe!

Announcements

President C announced that Bob A has a slipped disk in his back and was therefore unable to attend today's meeting (let alone play golf!). A get well card was passed around for members to wish him well, and a speedy return.

Our next Feed The Homeless is November 6 and a sign-up sheet was distributed for sign-ups.

Roger J invited all club members and others to Judson Terrace's 35th anniversary Open House on Wednesday October 26 from 2-4 pm. There will be a tour of the facilities, music and of course, food!

Fines & Forfeitures

Kevin H extracted mucho dollars. Fitz gave sad dollars as he was unable to take a ride in Kevin's new Ferrari (due to transmission problems). Kevin responded with \$12 happy/sad dollars (a buck for each car cylinder).

Rich was sad that he missed Fine Free on October 13, in part because the *Koverall* was too late to inform him plus due to Yom Kippur - who would assign him Fine Free on Yom Kippur? Bart pointed out that it was his brother, President C that committed such an oversight. Therefore, it is NOT a club affair, but a "family matter."

Howie contributed \$5 happy that Janice was able to join us again (after caring for her ailing

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mother) and another \$5 happy that the Wisconsin cheese heads won last week's football game.

Doc Steele was happy that his son is visiting from Thailand. Roger J was happy that Judson Terrace is celebrating its 35th anniversary. He was also happy for his "tender moment" with Fitz prior to the meeting when Sean told him how much he really liked and respected him. Roger "affirmed his love" for Fitz as well!

Vaughn gave happy and sad dollars because he survived the change over in the bankruptcy laws, after filing 45 cases in the past two weeks.

Rich contributed \$10 happy dollars for wife Jan's birthday (he stated that he almost forgot, again due to the late *Koverall*! Sandy defended herself by sharing that she had indeed called Rich's office to remind him prior to Jan's birthday! Amy gave a sad dollar that Rich needed a phone call to remember Jan's birthday (at which Rich owned up that he had not forgotten it, aside from lack of reminder via the *Koverall*.)

Jim Frye gave \$50 happy dollars in celebration of his 46th birthday, plus he was happy to see Mark Bloodgood in attendance. Ron was happy to have Dr. Jeff Blue as his guest and that for a change, Dr. Blue actually left the office (EnVision) for lunch, which he seldom if ever does. Hopefully, this is the beginning of a new tradition - Thursday noon at Kiwanis!

Program Speaker

Sandy introduced Paul Brown, SLO City Councilman and local entrepreneur as owner of Mother's Tavern. Paul grew up in Santa Inez, graduated from Cal Poly with a bachelor's degree in animal science and has since married a fellow classmate, Jayne.

He joined the National Guard, was an instructor at the Grizzly Academy, and was deployed to Barstow in 2001 after 9/11. He currently volunteers at the Alpha Academy where he instructs students on leadership skills. He belongs to the Wednesday Rotary Club as well as the Exchange Club, the Downtown Association and the Chamber of Commerce. He serves as Sergeant At Arms for the local chapter of the American Legion and is on the Board of Directors of the Senior Nutrition Program.

After a year on the City Council he is becoming more comfortable in his role as a decision-maker, even though his vote on any given issue is only 20%. He is no longer discounted as the "newest" councilperson as he does his homework.

After winning the election after a previous bid, he was humbled, as he opposed five other qualified candidates (including our own Shane Kramer) and just a little scared of his responsibilities. Also, "it was daunting following in the footsteps of Ken Schwartz, 'an institution' in SLO."

He shared that he went to his first City Council meeting early and "practiced" sitting

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in his chair in the Council Chambers. He commends city staff for thoroughly informing Council members of the pressing issues facing them. He especially lauded Ken Hampian, CAO, as an excellent communicator and manager of the city's department heads.

He related that the biggest change on a personal level since being elected is the inability to go the store for milk or other errands without being stopped on the street for questions and comments. He has learned to put aside his own personal and professional goals because responding to his constituents is his number one priority while on the Council.

He shared that the biggest issue facing SLO voters in the proposal to increase the city's sales tax from 7.25% to 7.50%. This is needed because in the last 20 years, the State has "taken away" \$30 million from city coffers, at a rate of \$2.5 to \$3 million each year.

This past budget cycle found the city more than \$2 million short and as a result has had to reduce city services, most noticeably resurfacing and maintaining city streets. Another option is to assign higher fees for city services, such as rental property inspections, which met with much opposition due to the formula used.

Whereas this method of reducing city expenditures is industry-specific (housing), an increased sales tax is broad-based and will

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affect not only locals but also tourists. Tourists' contributions to the city's coffers could amount to \$2.5 to \$5.5 million annually.

A majority vote is required to raise the sales tax and in the meantime, the city is conducting an informational program in the next nine months. If the measure fails, Paul said that the city would not be able to maintain the new Damon-Garcia Sports Fields.

Every city in SLO County is considering a sales tax hike with varying increases but after preliminary talks, it was decided such an initiative would not work countywide, as cities' needs vary.

Special Remarks

President C assured all special guests that our Board of Directors has pre-approved all as club members, upon completion of the application in a brochure about Kiwanis International distributed to all visitors. Shane, as past Division 24 Lt. Governor, briefly summarized the Kiwanis International priorities and goals as well as those of our Division and club.

He explained that service projects often stem from club members' suggestions and this is a way to really have an impact as one person's efforts can be multiplied with the club's assistance. Kiwanis is not a free ride and requires a commitment of time, money and other resources, as appropriate.

Members in Motion



Rich C telling everyone that he didn't know that he was fine-free because the Koverall was late ... ha ha ha. (There are no excuses this week Rich, Editor).

Kiwanis Education

What is the fourth Object of Kiwanis?

The fourth Object is: "to develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship."

Next week's question:

What is Kiwanis International's service focus and what are the four areas of focus?

Kiwanis Quote

*Listen! The wind is rising,
and the air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings, now for
October eves! ...Humbert Wolfe*

Miscellaneous

Ticket Winners:

\$4 - Don V

\$6 - Don V

\$10 - Jim F

Membership:

Kevin missed (by one card!) for \$90.

Next week's pot is \$92.50.

Next Week's Meeting:

Fine Free: Don Mc C

Soapbox: Fitz

Joke of the Week: Bob A

Speaker: Dianne Timmerman

Prescription Drug Coverage

Hosted by Don V

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/21: *Jim Frye*
Birthday

11/1: *Sandy Baer*
Club Anniversary

11/19: *Milt & Pamela Batson*
Anniversary

11/20: *Lois Stratton*
Birthday

11/23: *Ron Kyker*
Birthday

11/23: *Holly Mislavsky*
Birthday

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Thanks Dan, Great Job!!!

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