

# Kiwanis Club of SLO Noontime



## Koverall



December 1, 2005

### Meeting Notes

President C convened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Howie led us in the pledge. Ron K got us off to a rousing "God Bless America!" Bart led us in an appropriate thanksgiving prayer.

Guests were Bridgitte, Amy and our program speaker Jeff Reynolds. Hildy reported that the SLO Lions Club has donated \$500 to the Salvation Army for holiday supplies and asked if our club could match that donation? President C noted general consensus from membership and it will be addressed by the Board at its meeting on Monday, December 5.

Shane reported on the Division 24 DCM in Paso Robles last week. President C, Shane and Bridgitte all attended the dinner meeting at McLintock's. Shane shared that Lt. Governor Carrol awarded Hilding an "Oscar" for preparing a ramp at the convention so the stage was handicap accessible.

Also, important dates to put on your calendar include March 12 when the Lt. Governor will visit and March 25, the Multiple Sclerosis Walk. It was confirmed that International President Steve Seamans would be visiting on April 1 (no fooling!).

### Meeting Notes, Continued

President C reported that after 17+ years as a Kiwanian, this was the first DCM he has ever attended. He was pleasantly surprised that he had a good time with good folks!

Howie shared that the Military Parents of the Central Coast (Janice is a member) are sending phone cards to soldiers overseas. Any donations are welcomed to support this much-appreciated program of providing soldier's access to friends and family from far away.

#### Fine Free

Rich was occasionally obnoxious as he spun our multi-sided (as opposed to round) luncheon plates on the floor with varying degrees of success. Sporadically, spoons and other silverware were heard hitting the hard boards!

### Upcoming Kiwanis Events!!!

Dec. 4 Feed the Homeless@ Lewis Shelter, 5:45pm

*Contact: Bob Alderman*

Dec. 8 Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon

*Program: SLO High Chorus Holiday Recital*

Dec. 17 Club Meeting @ Monday Club, 12 noon

*Speakers: Hilding & Pres. Carsel*

## Announcements

Doc S reminded club members that our day for collecting toys is DECEMBER 8 at our regular club meeting. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Salvation Army.

December 10 is our day for bell ringing, also for the Salvation Army. The downtown Post Office and Ross on Higuera Street are our locations.

A sign-up sheet was distributed for two-hour shifts.

President C also called for a volunteer to deliver coffee & snacks to the bell ringers but no one offered. Anyone not at the meeting who is interested in perking up our bell ringers with some hot java, please contact President C ASAP (jcarsel@aol.com).

Rich reported that thanks to the generosity of many fellow Kiwanians, he has more than enough clothing to ship to Loretta and her family in Louisiana.

Dan distributed See's candy orders. Also, speaking of food, members were reminded about Feed The Homeless on December 4.

## Kiwanis Quote

*Had I but a penny in the world, thou shouldst have it for gingerbread.*

...Shakespeare

## Program Speaker

Dr. John introduced our speaker, Jeff Reynolds, a Cal Poly graduate and recently retired entrepreneur who spoke to us on "Opportunity Is What You Make It". Jeff has followed in the footsteps of a number of previous worldwide explorers. His most recent jaunt was three weeks in Northern Ethiopia where he visited ancient Christian churches carved into mountainsides in the 4<sup>th</sup> century.

Ethiopia is an extremely poor country where 25% of the population has no shoes. He visited small villages and learned even very young children spoke a some English. "Opportunity in this world often involves learning English,".

He has visited all seven continents including Antarctica last year where he followed an

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## Kiwanis Education

*What is the name of the official Kiwanis publication? What was its original name and when was it first published? "Kiwanis" is the official magazine's name today but since its inception in 1917 it has had several monikers. Originally called "The Kiwanis Club", two other titles were tried in 1918-1920, "The Hornet" and "The Torch". They were quickly abandoned for "The Kiwanis Magazine" which was shortened in 1976 to merely "Kiwanis".*

*Next week's questions: Kiwanis was described as "an organization for men" until what year? What percentage of today's worldwide membership is female?*

## Program Speaker, continued

explorer whose motto was "By endurance, we conquer". His next adventure is circumnavigating the Andes Mountains. Additionally, he has visited Mt. Everest (but he didn't climb it; after all, George Mallory died trying.)

Jeff has also been a successful businessman as founder and owner of Video Action Sports, a distributor of sports DVDs around the world. He began the company in response to a desire to host a national cycling event in San Luis Obispo while a Cal Poly student and cycling team member.

Last year his company received the SBA's Best Small Business Award and is the 43<sup>rd</sup> largest privately held company in the tri-county area. He advised that "a good plan is the foundation for success" even though he himself didn't start that way! Jeff now spends more time with his four children and is writing a book.

Jeff suggested that we "get inspired" and be passionate about whatever it is we do. Part of being a good leader is being enthusiastic. Also, we need to pay attention. There are opportunities all around us that we need to seize. Lastly, we need to "chew through the fat" and have perseverance.

## Fines & Forfeitures

After a few weeks away in Astoria, Fitz returned and acted as Fine Master, quite successfully. He immediately nailed Howie for carrying on his own meeting with Gary. Howie

## Fines & Forfeitures, Continued

whined that he was broke due to upcoming trip to Mexico with his sons but gave a buck! In the process, he managed to steal the fine box lid from Hildy. Ron paid a buck for the lid and graciously returned it to Hildy.

Bart gave a sad buck for his early departure. He also paid Sean a buck to retrieve his personalized gavel (somehow lost at the Installation dinner). After a spirited auction, Howie paid \$35 for a pair of tickets to Saturday night's Vocal Arts Ensemble concert at the Mission. Sandy donated the tickets as she already has two and was pleased to give the money to the club. Thanks Howie!

Rich gave \$20 sad dollars for leaving early but mostly for the club members' generosity in donating clothes for Loretta and her family. President C was \$5 happy that wife Wendy will have a booth at this weekend's Christmas At The Plaza, selling her handmade doll clothing.

Kevin was happy about his family's newest 4-legged addition, an adopted Golden Retriever, and gave \$4. The Hauber family now consists of two kids and four dogs! Amy was sad that her dog died, as was Doc Steele that he had put down his dog that morning.

Vaughn was \$10 happy about attending his first meeting in several weeks. His 17-year-old son underwent an 11-hour back surgery at UCSF that was quite successful. He is now recuperating and not only is his back straight but he is taller!

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## Miscellaneous

### Ticket Winners:

\$4 - Howie  
\$6 - Gary  
\$10 - Dr. J

### Membership:

Vaughn missed for \$102.50 by drawing the seven of hearts.  
Next week's pot is \$105.

### Next Week's Meeting:

Fine Free: Bart  
Soapbox: Don Mc C  
Joke of the Week: Doc S.  
Speaker: SLO High Chorus  
We will celebrate the holiday season with the joyous sounds.

## Fines & Forfeitures, Continued

Gary gave \$10 for his wedding anniversary with Janet, his 10-cow wife. Milt was sad about the passing of his fine mother-in-law. Ron was \$5 happy about returning via plane from his trip to Oklahoma City, OK and Lubbock, TX. Even though he enjoyed being with his kids and grandkids "it's great to be home in SLO".

Sean will again be in Astoria next week so he gave in advance for his upcoming club anniversary, his 15<sup>th</sup> on December 13. He also gave for missing the last three meetings for a total contribution of \$18.

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