Opening:  Sgt at Arms, Otis Archie, donning a bandana and waving the peace sign, opened the meeting with the best Rotary Club in the world. VIVA!

Song:  And then there was Otis and Donna Crocker spreading peace and love leading our club in "What the World Needs Now" while flowers were placed at each table! Fun!

Flag Salute:  Judy Schuster led us in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance”

Invocation:  Chris Cameron spoke about what one does in their life and how people will acknowledge us when the end comes.

Lucky Buck:  Sue Robinson won the lucky buck, donating it to the very overworked working servers.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:
- May 03, VIVA Live Auction Meeting, at Linda Sherman’s house, 5:00 pm.
- May 05, Fri., Lunch at San Simeon Bar & Grill, 12:00 pm.
- May 09, Tue., Club Social, Patti Griffin Studio, 1601 Main, 4:00—6:00 pm.
- May 12, Community Service Mtg, 11:00, Lodge Lounge.
- May 17, Wed., Foundation Board Mtg, 5:00 pm, Lodge.
- May 18, Thu., Club Board Mtg, 5:30 pm, Lodge.

Upcoming Speakers:
- May 05, Melanie Barket, CASA of SLO County at San Simeon Beach Bar & Grill.
- May 12, Dr. Joe, “Interactions of Trauma and Long Term Incarceration”.
- May 19, Nancy Foley, “War in the Woods”
- May 26, VIVA Planning Team, Status update.
- June 02, Mystery Guest, You do not want to miss this!
- June 09, Chris Fischer & Dennis Frahmann, History of the Scarecrow Festival.
**TODAY’S GUESTS:**

We had more guests than chairs! RYLA Students: *Martha Gomez, Chrysal Martinez, Daniel Pena, Will Stephenson* and, *Chase Votz*. Accompanying the students were *Cheryl Seay*, CUHS Counselor, parents *Bertha DeAlba, Elisa Martinez, Martha Mora, Alicia Voz, Gary & Heather Stephenson*. *Jim Eaton*, RYLA Counselor was also on hand. *Linda Finley, Dick Mellinger* and, *James Molnar* of Cambria Sunset Rotary, *Lindsey Mellinger* and *Jim Riedell*, guests of Dick Mellinger. *Kim Hagan*, guest of Linda Ennen, *Julie Jenkins*, future Cambria Rotarian, *Kim Bartley* and *Cheri Kourtis*. We love to have guests attend our meetings. It is fun to meet new people, chat with old friends and show off the “Best Rotary Club in the World”. So, please continue to visit or to bring guests. But, PLEASE let us know ahead of time that you are coming or that you are bringing a guest. The staff at the Lodge or San Simeon Beach Bar & Grill will be most grateful if they have an accurate head count so they can be sure to have enough places set and food prepared. Contact *Vera Wallen* at 995-3334 or email her at *jvwallen@charter.net* no later than 9 a.m. on meeting day to let her know you are coming.

**President’s Messages & Announcements:**

- *Past President Bruce Howard* welcomed us all and invited *Jane Howard* to come up to introduce the RYLA students and their family members.

- *Mike Griffin* reminded us about the *Neal Jensen Fellowship* and thanked *Ed Pearce* for donating the additional $800 needed to become a *Neal Jensen Fellow*. For more information on how you can join, contact Mike.

- *Bob Kasper* introduced *Heather Stephenson* who told us about the *Cambria Education Foundation’s Spring Concert Fundraiser* at Hearst Ranch Warehouse on April 29 from 5-9 featuring Ray Barbee Meets The Mattson 2. Heather encouraged anyone who was interested in attending to see her for tickets. Funds raised at the event will go directly to funding grants to help our teachers enhance the learning experience.

**SHERIFF DICK:**

*Sheriff Dick* had a baaad week. He did not catch anyone without a pin. And, to make matters worse, Deputy Bob was not in attendance so we don’t know if he caught anyone.

**Volunteer Quote of the Week**

“Don't ever question the value of volunteers. Noah’s Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals.” ~author unknown

**Rotary: Meeting Great People and Making a Difference**
**FINE MASTER:** The Fine Master took a few minutes to explain to our guests the role of the Fine Master before getting to the important business.

**Member Birthdays:** Neal Jensen turned 91 (Apr 22) and, even though he was not in attendance, we sang the birthday song to him. Happy Birthday, Neal.

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Ron Perry wore himself out at choir practice this morning so Kate Perry volunteered to celebrate their 35 years!

**Club Anniversaries:** Linda Ennen celebrated 2 years on April 15.

**Late Fines:** Chris Cameron, Chuck Forester, Bob Kasper and Vicki Schumacher were each fined $5 for being late.

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**Presentation: RYLA 2017 (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)**

Each year, thousands of young people take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program worldwide. Young people are chosen for their leadership potential to attend an all-expenses-paid camp to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice. Rotary clubs and districts select participants and facilitate the event's curriculum.

RYLA aims to:

- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders;
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth;
- Encourage youth to make a difference in their communities through volunteer work and social responsibility; and
- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth.

RYLA was officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971, and is one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service. RYLA programs often lead to the formation or strengthening of Rotaract and Interact clubs. RYLA participants often go on to become Youth Exchange students or Ambassadorial Scholars.

Five students from Coast Union High School were sent to RYLA this year and each spoke about what an amazing experience it was. It was amazing to hear these students speak with such confidence and enthusiasm about their experience. They all expressed their gratitude to Rotary for the opportunity to attend RYLA.
The Friday, May 5 Rotary Cub of Cambria meeting will be held at San Simeon Beach Bar & Grill. In honor of Cinco de Mayo, we will be feasting on a Mexican buffet. So, don your sombreros and come on out.

2017 Viva News

Volunteers are still need to solicit donations from both wineries and craft breweries. If you belong to a wine club or know a winery owner and would be willing to contact them to ask for a wine donation, please let Roger know.

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?

Call Vera at 995-3334 or email her at: jvwallen@charter.net

Please “LIKE” us on Facebook by clicking on: 👍 on our Club’s page: “CAMBRIA ROTARY”

Facebook is free. The more “LIKES” we get, the more Rotary’s word spreads! This is free publicity!

If you have anything you would like share in the newsletter regarding club activities, upcoming events, help needed, etc., let Sue know. (927-2597 or sueincambria@gmail.com).
The Rotary Club of Cambria Foundation, Inc. (our Foundation) is a qualified 501(c)(3) entity that has established a permanent endowment fund, the goal of which is to ultimately generate income sufficient to ease the pressure of fundraising.

Our Foundation receives the proceeds of fundraisers (e.g. VIVA, Chili Cook-Off Beer Booth, 4th Of July Smoothie Booth) and allocates those proceeds by formula among the Rotary Club Of Cambria (our Club) Avenues of Service and the permanent endowment fund. Some of the income generated by the endowment is also allocated to the Club Avenues of Service.

Note that our Club member’s annual dues are remitted to Rotary International and our District 5240 for dues, and that our Club member’s annual pledges are used for the operating expenses of our Club. Neither your dues nor your pledge go through or to our Foundation.

Note also that our Foundation is separate from TRF (The Rotary Foundation), which was established by Rotary International and is involved in worldwide projects such as the eradication of polio.

**Foundation Endowment:**

**Neal Jensen Fellowship** - $1,000 donation to our Foundation’s endowment fund. Thank you to the following Rotarians who have joined the Neal Jenson Fellowship.

Carol Alexander  
Dan Balfe  
Joan Broadhurst  
Bonnie Cameron  
Tim and Nancy Carr  
Christel Chesney  
Del Clegg  
John Ehlers  
Michael Griffin  
Patrick Hampton  
Sharon Lynn Harvey  
Bruce and Jane Howard  
Neal Jensen  
Bob Kasper  
Rick D. Low  
Paul McDonnell  
Nancy McKarney  
Ed Pearce  
Gerry Porter  
Paula Porter  
Dennis Rightmer  
Greg Sanders  
Jim Zuur

**Neal Jensen Circle** - $100/year sustaining membership to our Foundation’s endowment fund. Thank you to the following Rotarians who have joined the Neal Jenson Circle.

Elaine Beckham  
Chris Cameron  
Christel Chesney  
Donna Crocker  
Chuck Forester  
Patty Griffin  
Mike Griffin  
Miguel Hernandez  
Bruce Howard  
Jane Howard  
Bob Kasper  
Rick Low  
Janet Meyers  
Mike O’Sullivan  
Karen Pelle  
Ron and Kate Perry  
Dennis Rightmer  
Roger & Sue Robinson  
Greg Sanders  
Miguel Sandoval  
Judy Schuster  
Linda Sherman  
Belinda Troutner  
Dennis White

If you would like more information about either of these Foundation Endowments or are interested in joining either, please contact Mike Griffin.
Patty needs a **recruiter** to take sign-ups, a **show curator** to receive and manage entrees at the studio on May 8, from 1 to 6pm. Please contact Patty if you can help with this fun event.

If you are willing to provide an **appetizer**, please contact **Sue Robinson** who will be coordinating the food.

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**Board Members:**
- **Nancy Carr**, President
- **Mike Griffin**, Secretary
- **Gerry Porter**, Treasurer
- **Steve Ormondroyd**, VP
- **Bruce Howard**, Director
- **Gail Ortenburger**, Director
- **Chris Cameron**, Director
- **Chuck Foerster**, Director
- **Mike O’Sullivan**, Director

**Meeting Dates:**
3rd Wed. of the month, 5pm, *Cambria Pines Lodge* - check with Board President to confirm.

**Access to Box.com:**
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