Opening: Acting Sgt. At Arms, Pres Mike, called the meeting to order advised us that we are lucky that he would not be leading us in song.

Flag Salute: Monty Rice led us in the “Pledge of Allegiance”

Lucky Buck: John Ehlers won the Lucky Buck and donated the proceeds to the Polio.

Invocation: Dr. Joe quoted William Arthur Ward: “Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will not forget you. Love me and I may be forced to love you.”

Upcoming Meetings/Events:
- Mar 24, District Training Assembly for new Board members, 9:00 am —12:30 pm, Bakersfield. Contact Gerry Porter if you are interested in car pooling.
- Mar 14, Chamber Mixer, Cambria Pub, 5:30 pm.
- Mar 21, Spring Break Social, J. Buckley Theatre at Pewter Plough. Contact Otis Archie by phone or text at 949-510-0566 if you would like to attend. (See flyer in back page of this newsletter.
- Mar 28, RCC Foundation Mtg, Lodge, 5:00 pm. **
- Mar 22, RCC Club Board Mtg, Lodge, 5:30 pm.

** Note change of date for this month only.

Reminder: 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).

On The Menu for March 9

ABC Burger & Fries
Remainder, if you will not be at Friday’s meeting, or are bringing a guest, let Sue know by 8:59 a.m. on Friday. If you want a Lent meal, normally have salad but want the lunch or normally have lunch but want the salad let Sue know by 8:59 Friday.
President’s Messages & Announcements:

- **Pres. Mike O’Sullivan** welcomed us with “Hello! How is everybody?” **Pres Mike** then asked if we had any guests: **Deepa Willingham**, Presenter; **Reena**, guest of **Deepa; John Weiss**, District Governor; **Ward Peters**, Rotary Club of Omaha Suburban; **Evlyn Berge**, guest of **Janet Meyers; Bob and Ann Scott**, Rotary VIPs; **Valerie Hines**, guest of **John Weiss; Pat Crowe**, guest of **Julie Hastings; Sherry Sim**, Cayucos Rotary; **Rick Hawley**, guest of **Sharon Harvey; Gail Tannehill** and **Nicolette Harley Barton**.

- **Pres Mike** told us about the **District Training Assembly** on March 10 in Oxnard and on March 24 in Bakersfield. He told us that the assemblies are great fun and very valuable for incoming officers. Anyone wanting to attend in Oxnard can carpool with **Roger**. Those wanting to attend the session in Bakersfield can ride with **Jerry Porter**.

- **Mike Griffin** announced that the Neal Jensen fund has passed $13,000! Thanks to donations from **Janet Meyers** and **Tom Tierney** the newest **Neal Jensen Fellow**.

- **Otis Archie** invited everyone to sign up for the **Spring Break Social** which will include French dinner and the movie, **Casablanca** on March 21. See flyer on the back page of this newsletter. Seating is limited and reservations are required so let Otis know if you would like to attend. First come, first served.

- **Pres. Mike** reminded us of the importance of making your $25 donation to **Rotary International** so our club can, once again, be a sustaining member. The club will put in the remaining $75 per member.

- Thanks to our generous club members, the cost of the lunches for all 18 students in the **Bellflower Vocal Ensemble** who will be entertaining us on the 30th are covered.

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**Sheriff Dick**

**Sheriff Dick** had a bad week until he arrived at today’s meeting and caught Ron Perry without a pin. Pres Mike immediately issued a pardon to Ron because he ran home to get a cable so Deepa could do her presentation.

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**International Women’s Day**

**Pres. Mike**, in honor of yesterday’s **International Women’s Day**, read off some statistics:

- There are 17 women Heads of State;
- 830 women die daily due to complications of childbirth;
- There are currently 106 women in Congress;
- 57% of the bachelor’s degrees issued in 2016 went to women.
- Women earn on average $0.80 to every $1 earned by men.
- The next 3 District Governors are going to be women.

Pres. Mike then asked the men in the room to stand and applaud the women in our Rotary Club. And they did!!! Thanks to all from the Ladies of Cambria Rotary!

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Just a few of our amazing Women Rotarians.
DG John Weiss introduced our speaker, Deepa Willingham, a naturalized citizen of the United States, who was born and brought up in Calcutta, India where she obtained her primary and secondary education under the stewardship of Mother Teresa, who was her teacher, undergraduate degree at the University of Calcutta and came to the United States in 1964 to pursue graduate degrees. She is an active Rotarian and she is the Founder/Chair of PACE Universal. Through PACE Universal and the Piyali Learning Center (PLC) she is meticulously “selling” the concept of allowing girls to be educated instead of being married in early childhood or being sent to work, or being sold for sex trade. Through her efforts and use of personal resources she is determined to make PLC a poverty eradication proto-type model that others can duplicate to heal a hurting planet. John named her “Trouble Maker” and Jane Howard lovingly refers to her as OCIW (one crazy Indian woman).

Deepa painted a troubling picture for us but, thanks to her work, we also saw hope in that picture. She explained that the planet is in trouble. There are 7.5 billion people in the world and by 2050 there will be 10 billion. One in five of them will be illiterate unless something is done. Poverty cannot lead to peace. More people in the world have cell phones than have toilets. 62 million girls are not allowed to go to school. 2 million children die in armed conflicts. 300,000 children in the United States are at risk. There are between 20 and 30 million slaves in the world. 60% of the world’s hungry are women. Every 7 seconds a young girl becomes a child bride. Educating women adds 12 trillion dollars to the economy.

Piyali Learning Center, which was founded by Deepa in 2003, is a fully equipped and environmentally sustainable school for more than 200 girls ranging from nursery to 12th grade. Each student receives a state-approved academic education, books and supplies, uniforms, breakfast and lunch, hygiene kits, medical care and life skills training. On this three-acre site, girls have access to computer labs and large classrooms where they study subjects from math and English to dance. Many students face danger at home. So we created Safe Abode for Education (SAFE), which provides on-campus housing for girls at high risk of abuse, exploitation or being sold. SAFE allows them to complete their education while living a life free from fear. For a donation of $375 a year, girls receive 2 meals a day and an education.

Sadly, explained Deepa, young girls in both San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties are also at risk of human trafficking. She is currently working on creating safe houses in our county. Deepa and PACE Universal, whose mission is to end trafficking and abject poverty through education, particularly of girls and women, will be holding a fundraiser, Bollywood Night 2.0, on April 29. For more information, go to: http://paceuniversal.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Bollywood-Night-2.0-Invitation.2018-optimized.pdf

To view the video Deepa showed us of some of the girls at Piyali Learning Center, go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3j8ztIvRH9IQ&feature=youtu.be. Considering these girls are from a rural community in India where girls tend to their families, work as laborers or domestic servants, endure abuse, including being trafficked or married off as children, this video will inspire you.

“We know that if you can get girls into schools and keep them there, you can change the course of a nation.”

~ Queen Rania Al-Abdullah of Jordan.
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.

**Board Members:**
- **Chuck Foerster**, President
- **Mike Griffin**, Secretary
- **Gerry Porter**, Treasurer
- **Steve Ormondroyd**, VP
- **Nancy Carr**, Director
- **Matt Clevenger**, Director
- **Roger Robinson**, Director
- **Bruce Howard**, Director
- **Gail Ortenburger**, Director

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

**Access to Box.com:**
If you would like to view Foundation Minutes, Agendas, Financials, By-Laws, etc., contact the Board President for access information.

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**Rotary Club of Cambria Executives and Directors**

President: **Mike O’Sullivan**
President Elect: **Roger Robinson**
Club Secretary: **Julia Rice**
Club Treasurer: **Bonnie Cameron**
Club Service: **Christel Chesney**
International: **Jane Howard**
Community: **Mary Ann Carson**
Vocational: **Joe Morrow**
Public Relations: **Otis Archie**
Membership Chair: **Chris Cameron**
Co-Program Chair: **Barbara Burns**
Co-Program Chair: **Janet Meyers**

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Youth Services: **Richard Torcia**
Awards Chair: **Julie Jenkins**
Past President: **Sharon Harvey**
Web Master: **Linda Sherman**
Club Bulletin Editor: **Sue Robinson**
Sargent-At-Arms: **Ron Perry**
Grants Chair: **Chuck Foerster**
TRF Director: **Bob Putney**
President Elect Nominee: **Mary Ann Carson**

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**Rotary Club of Cambria Board Meetings**

Fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
 Cambria Pines Lodge
Join one of the Avenues of Service: In order to make our club THE BEST ROTARY CLUB IN THE WORLD, every member needs to consider helping in at least one Avenue of Service either by becoming an active committee member or volunteering to help with individual projects:

⇒ **Club Service**: focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.

⇒ **International Service**: encompasses efforts to expand Rotary’s humanitarian reach around the world and to promote world understanding and peace. It includes everything from contributing to Polio Plus to helping Rotary Youth Exchange students adjust to their host countries.

⇒ **Vocational Service**: involves Club members serving others through their professions and aspiring to high ethical standards. Rotarians, as business leaders, share skills and expertise through their vocations, and they inspire others in the process.

⇒ **Community Service**: is the opportunity Rotary clubs have to implement club projects and activities that improve life in the local community.

⇒ **Youth Services**: allows Rotary to directly support our local high school, middle school and grammar school through scholarships, Interact Club support, STEM support, RYLA, Buy a Child a Book and other projects.

*Work for a cause, not for applause. Live life to express, not to impress. Don't strive to make your presence noticed, just make your absence felt*  
~ Anonymous
you guys!!!!

We’ve sailed past the $13,000 mark and may reach our goal of $15,000 before the end of the Rotary year! Thank you to Tom Tierney, our newest NJ member - PLUS Dennis White for starting a NEW Circle membership and Janet Meyers for her recent Circle donation.

INTRODUCING... OUR NEWEST FELLOW: TOM TIERNEY

May the Circle continue to grow!

Otis Archie & Joe Morrow***
Chris Cameron
Christel Chesney ***
Del Clegg*
Matthew Clevenger
Donna Crocker*
Chuck Devroede
Chuck Foerster
Mike & Patty Griffin******
Miguel Hernandez***
Bruce & Jane Howard***
Bob Kasper
Rick Low
Janet Meyers**
Patti & Bob Minutello*
Gail Ortenburger*
Mike O’Sullivan
Karen Pelle
Ron & Kate Perry**
Dennis Rightmer*
Roger & Sue Robinson*
Greg Sanders****
Miguel Sandoval*****
Judy Schuster
Linda Sherman****
Bally Singh
Belinda Troutner
Jim Zuur***
Dennis White*

MAKE A $100 DONATION TO START YOUR PLEDGE AND JOIN US.

Make additional payments whenever you want - each year, each month, whenever!

GROW BABY GROW!

Donations since Feb. 2017. Includes donations of those who have moved from NJ Circle to become new members of NJ Fellowship.

- $13,500
- $10,125
- $6,750
- $3,375
- $0

NJ Circle

GOAL: $15,000

Includes new NJ fellows (Pearson/Stockham/White/Brookhart/Tierney)
CAMBRIA ROTARY

SPRING BREAK!

J. Buckley Theatre
at the Pewter Plough
828 Main St
Cambria, Ca 93428

DINNER HOSTED BY
CHEF GIOVANNI

WEDNESDAY MARCH 21, 2018

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
TIME 6:30 PM