Opening: Acting Sgt. At Arms, Tim Carr, greeted us with a loud HELLO that woke us all up!

Flag Salute: Paula Porter led us in the “Pledge of Allegiance”

Song: Alas, with all of our song birds absent today, there was no song.

Invocation: Bruce Howard told us of the history of Rotary’s role in the near eradication of Polio.

Lucky Buck: Paula Porter won the Lucky Buck and donated the proceeds to Polio.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:
- May 22, VIVA Meeting, 5:00 at Roger & Sue’s. RSVP to Mary Ann Carson (info@cambriachamber.org)
- May 23, Foundation Board Mtg, Lodge, 5:00 pm.
- May 24, Club Board Mtg, 5:30 pm, Lodge.
- May 29, Tip-a-Cop Dinner, Vet’s Hall. 5:00 & 7:00 pm.
- May 31, Board Retreat, @ the Robinson’s, 5:30 pm.
- Jun 05, Sea Chest Fund Raiser, 6:00 pm.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:
- May 25, John Ehlers, Motivation at The Lodge
- June 1, Maleika Lacy Introduction to Essential Oils, at The Lodge

REMINDER: If you have anything you would like share in the newsletter regarding club activities, upcoming events, help needed, etc., let Sue know. (call 927-2597 or email sueincambria@gmail.com).
President’s Messages & Announcements:

*Pres. Mike O’Sullivan* welcomed us with “Hello! How is everybody?” *The Pres* then asked if we had any guests: *Julia Rice* introduced her daughter, *Madeleine Rice*, who actually needed no introduction as she is well known to us all. *Richard Torchia* introduced *Ayan Johnson*, Interact Advisor and senior Interact officers *Karina Mendoza*, President; *Martha Gomez*, Vice President; *Riley Kennedy*, Secretary; and, *Maria Ramirez*, Publicity.

We also welcomed back our good friend *Steve Ormondroyd* after a long absence and we were thrilled that he looks so good (although there was a bit of a glare emanating from the top of his head).

- *Pres. Mike* reminded us of the *Foundation Board Meeting* on Wednesday, May 23 at 5:00 and the *Club Board Meeting* on Thursday, May 24 at 5:30. Both meetings will be at the Lodge.

- *Bob Kasper* reminded us that the *Sea Chest Fundraiser* will be held on June 5th at 6:00. Tickets are $100 per person with 75% of the ticket price going to Cambria Rotary Foundation! There will be appetizers, soup, salad and a buffet. *Louis Ortega* will be entertaining us. There are 20 tickets left.

- *Mary Ann Carson* announced that the next *VIVA* meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22 at 5:00 at the Robinson’s. Please let Mary Ann know (info@cambriachamber.org) if you will be able to attend so we can be sure there is enough wine and nibbles to go around. Everyone is welcome to join this fun group helping to make this year’s *VIVA* a success!

- Interact Advisor, *Ayan Johnson*, told us about some of the accomplishments of the Interact Club this year: The club and its 30 members, started off the year by volunteering for the *Road 2 Recovery Dinner* (wounded warriors). Next was VIVA and the Resource Fair. In December, the students participated in the coin drive for the *homeless shelter*. The students raised over $600 for the Maxine *Lewis Shelter*, a cause they have donated to for the past 8 years. Interact volunteered for the *Art & Wine Festival* in February and raised $400. Thanks to the generosity of our club members (or maybe it is thanks to the sweet tooth), the Interact students raised $3600 at the *bake sale* in February. They also held a bake sale and raised $200 for the *Northern California fires* and participated in 2 *beach clean-ups*. During their last meeting, Interact voted to donate $4,000 to the following organizations: * Beautify Cambria, Friends of the Elephant Seals, St. Jude’s, H.A.R.T., Fiscalini Ranch, Wounded Warriors* and *Rocky Fordyce*.

*SHERIFF DICK*

*Sheriff Dick* did catch someone without a pin but the offender was not present. He/she will be forced to face the music when they return.
**Fine Master:**
The Fine Master returned to thunderous applause. OK. Maybe it was groans we heard.
The only member birthday was Donna Crocker but, since she was busy attending the wedding of Harry and Meghan, we will await her return to sign.

**Children’s Birthdays:** Dennis Rightmer’s daughter, Krista celebrated a birthday on May 7.

**Club Anniversaries:** Rick Auricchio has been with us since the last century! 19 years (May 14); Judy Schuster, has been making us laugh for 15 years (May 16); and, Miguel Sandoval has been feeding wine to the Table of Wisdom for 4 years (May 16).

**Late Fines:** Shari Long and Bob Kasper, as usual were late arrivals.

**Misc. Fines:** Karen Pelle and Mike Griffin were both fined $5 for forgetting to turn off their cell phones.

**Credits:** $5 credit to Miguel Sandoval for providing wine to the Table of Wisdom; $5 to Prez Mike who wants to be greeter next year; $5 to Karen Pelle for sitting at the Table of Wisdom (you know that table, the one with the wine); $5 to Julia Rice for bringing the Fine Master’s sheets up to date; and, $10 to Ed Pearce for having everything in place for the Fine Master when he arrives at his seat.

**PRESENTATION: Club Assembly**

**Community Service:** Chair, Mary Ann Carson told us about the committee determines where the donations will go based on the following criteria: does the community want it, does the community need it and does the community support it. This year, the donations were given to Youth Support: Sober Grad ($400); CUHS Bronco Boosters ($550); CYAA ($250); 5th Grade Field Trip to Yosemite ($250); Cub Scouts ($250); Cambria Education Foundation ($400); CASA ($400); ART Beat Homework Club ($1,000); Santa Lucia Middle School Leadership Class ($100). For Veteran Support: American Legion Flag Memorial/Fireworks ($250); Operation Holiday Package ($250). Other Community Support Projects included CERT ($550); Feed the Needy ($1,000); Maintenance of Rotary Trash Can ($360); Special Olympics/Tip A Cop (300); Peace Poles at Vet’s Hall and each of the schools ($1,500). So, if anyone asks you what Rotary does for the community, let them know that we have donated over $8,000 to organizations and groups dedicated to making life better for all of us. And, if you have any ideas for donation that you would like to see made, bring them to the Community Service meeting. The group meets in the lounge at the Lodge at 11:00 on the 2nd Friday of the month.

**Youth Services:** Chair, Richard Torchia spoke about the 4-Way Test Essay Contest for 7th graders. About 40 essays were submitted this year and cash awards were given to the 3 best essays. In addition, 6-$1,000 scholarships were given to graduating students at Coast Union High School this year and 5 students were sent to RYLA this year. He was pleased to advise us that Ken Cooper and a few of his friends are donating the funds to send an additional 4 students to RYLA next year!
PRESENTATION: CLUB ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)

**Vocational Service:** Chair, Joe Morrow said Rotary began by people getting together to talk about what they could do to make the world better and to use their skills to help. The Vocational Service committee is actually a committee of 2, according to Joe, and without that second committee member, a lot of what was done this year would not have happened. He asked Otis Archie, his partner in crime, to come up to take a bow. This committee of 2 organized the Back to School Breakfast for teachers and staff of Coast Unified, organized the Interact students to serve dinner with flair to attendees of VIVA and put on a great Chamber Mixer. Joe will be passing the torch to Laudon Rowan on July 1. Willing to help Laudon? Let her know. She would sure appreciate the assistance.

**Membership:** Chair, Chris Cameron reminded us of the importance of membership. To be effective, a Rotary club needs members. We all need to look around at friends, neighbors, members of other groups you belong to and co-workers to see if any of them might make a good member of our club and invite them to a meeting. John Hewko, General Secretary of Rotary International said “Our organizational priority is, and must be, membership...without members, there would be no Rotary. If we can achieve so much with the clubs and members we currently have, what could we do if we had more?” Chris will be passing the gavel to Nancy McKarney next year. If you have ideas for recruiting new members, be sure to share them with Nancy.

**International Services:** Chair Jane Howard started off by telling us that they are stewards of our money. She said the International Committee is a strong committee that she feels comfortable passing the leadership of to Gerry Porter next year. The main goal of the committee it to offer assistance to projects that are sustainable following the principle of “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.” Some of the sustainable projects the committee took on this year were: Project Peanut Butter in Sierra Leone ($2100 towards a global grant). This project teaches people to make a ready-to-use therapeutic peanut butter-like substance to treat SAM (severe acute malnutrition), the single largest cause of child death in the world today. Lords Meade Vocational College near Jinja, Uganda, with the aim of providing quality post-primary comprehensive education for disadvantaged children of Uganda and surrounding countries. This year we sponsored two students ($1,325). Shelter Box provides emergency shelter and tools for families around the world have been made homeless by natural disaster and conflict. Our club was proud to be designated as a Bronze Shelter Box Hero Club for donating $1,000 a year for the past 3 years. We have partnered with the Rotary Club of Newbury Park to provide $3500 to a Mobile Library in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. The library will be dedicated in September, with Bruce and Jane Howard attending to join in the celebration! We also partnered with Rotary Club of Newbury Park to provide training and equipment for a cancer ward in Calcutta, India, and are working on a donation for a pediatric hospital in Bucharest, Romania. And we donated $1000 to a grad school in New Zealand that is offering a Peace and Conflict Resolution Graduate Degree to students such as former Cambrian, Alexandra Scrivner. There is a lot more this committee has done but, since space is limited here, feel free to sit in on a committee meeting to hear about the many projects they are working on. They meet the 3rd Friday of the month at 11:00 a.m. in the lounge at Cambria Pines Lodge.
PRESENTATION: CLUB ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)

**Public Relations:** Chair, Otis Archie makes sure the word gets out about the amazing things our club is doing. Otis submits information about VIVA to the Rotarian Magazine and works with the Cambrian to get information about the event out to the public. He is also gathering information for a new magazine, put out by the publishers of the Rotarian Magazine, that center on a single district within Rotary so our club’s efforts can be highlighted. Other members of the Public Relations Committee work on social media (promoting our club via social media) and keeping our website up to date. If you have any information you would like Otis to know about or if you would like to help out with public relations, contact Otis.

**The Rotary Foundation (TRF):** Chair, Bob Putney explained that The Rotary Foundation transforms our donations into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. During the past 100 years, the Foundation has spent $3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. TRF is dedicated to six things: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene, saving mothers and children, supporting education and growing local economies. TRF was established to put money into the bank where it will gain interest which is returned to our club. Charity Navigator has rated TRF as a 4 Star Charity, their highest level. 91% of donations are spent directly on programs. Bob thanked everyone for their donations to TRF and presented Elaine Beckham with a Paul Harris + 4 Pin. Paul Harris pins are awarded to Rotarians who give $1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. Congratulations, Elaine!

**The Cambria Rotary Club Foundation:** Chair, Mike Griffin thanked club members who have donated to the Club Foundation by either becoming a Neal Jensen Fellow and joined the Neal Jensen Circle. Mike applauded his better half, Patty Griffin, for all her amazing and awesome work on behalf of the Cambria Rotary Foundation. See Mike’s flyer about the Foundation on page 7 of this publication.

The Object of Rotary is to “encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise.” Rotary is a service organization. Since 1910, the Rotary Motto has been “Service Above Self.”

Rotary strives to achieve it’s objective of “Service Above Self” through activities in five primary areas. These are often referred to as the Five Avenues of Service.

*If any of the Avenues of Service covered at the meeting sound interesting to you, contact the chair. They would love to have more help and input from fellow Rotarians. And, making a difference feels so darn good!*
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.
$15,050 Since Feb. 2017!

BRAVO to all of you who got us HERE!!!

updated 5/18/18
includes new NJ fellows since NJ Circle started in Feb. 2017:
Pearce/Beckham/White/Broadhurst/Tierney/Rightmer

DENNIS RIGHTMER IS NOW A TWO-TIME FELLOW!

FELLOWS
Carol Alexander
Dan Balfe**
Elaine Beckham
Joan Broadhurst*
Bonnie Cameron
Tim and Nancy Carr
Christel Chesney
Del Clegg
John Ehlers
Mike & Patty Griffin***
Patrick Hampton
Sharon Lynn Harvey
Bruce & Jane Howard
Neal Jensen****
Bob Kasper
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Jim Zuur*

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

IN THE CIRCLE
Otis Archie & Joe Morrow****
Chris Cameron
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Del Clegg***
Matthew Clevenger
Donna Crocker*
Chuck Devroede*
Chuck Foerster**
Mike & Patty Griffin*******
Miguel Hernandez*****
Bruce & Jane Howard***
Bob Kasper
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Patti & Bob Minutello*
Gail Ortenburger
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Karen Pelle
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Miguel Sandoval*******
Judy Schuster
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Bally Singh
Belinda Troutner*
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Dennis White***

GROW BABY GROW!

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

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 Service**: 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