March 10, 2017

Opening: Otis Archie whipped out the vacuum cleaner and a dust rag to do some spring cleaning, taking extra care to polish our best Rotary Club trophy.

Flag Salute: Mike Griffin led us in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance”

Song: Ron Perry, in honor of the beginning of spring training, led us in “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”.

Invocation: Chris Cameron, filling in for Vera, shared some quotes from Al-Anon: Just for today I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle all my problems at once. I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime. Just for today I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that “Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be.” Just for today I will be unafraid. Specifically I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:
- Mar 15, Wed., RCC Foundation Mtg, location TBD.
- Mar 16, Thu., RCC Board Meeting, Lodge, 5:30 pm.
- Mar 17, Fri., International Service Meeting, Lodge Lounge, 11 am.
- Mar 18, Sat., District Training Assembly, Bakersfield City College, 9:00—12:30. See Sharon for details.
- Mar 22, Wed. VIVA Planning Mtg, at Roger & Sue’s home, 5:00 pm, RSVP to sueincambria@gmail.com
- Mar 28, Tue., RC Cambria Sunset Mtg, Cambria Pub, 5:30 pm.
- Apr 01, Sat., District Training Assembly, Pacific High School Oxnard, see Roger for details.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:
- Mar 17, Theo Moreno, Hearst Castle: “It’s not a Home, it’s a House”.
- Mar 24, Heide Santos, Antarctica.
- Mar 31, Julia Rice, Adelaida Wine Tasting (Pending)
- Apr 07, John Ehlers, Model Airplanes.
- Apr 14, Theo Moreno, Hearst Castle “It’s not a Home, It’s a House”.
- Apr 21, To be announced
- Apr 28, Jane Howard, RYLA.
**TODAY’S GUESTS:**

*Odette Hernandez and Leah Kaviani*

Guests of

*Miguel Hernandez.*

*Bruce Badrigian*

Speaker

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**SPECIAL GUESTS:**

We were pleased to welcome *Meg Stern* and *Maryn Steeb* from the *Coast Union High School Drama Club.* Both young ladies told us how joining the *Drama Club* has given them more confidence and improved their public speaking. They announced that this year’s play, *Back to the 80’s* will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (March 31, April 1, 2, 7, 8, & 9). Tickets are available at *Among Friends.* As has been the case in the past, this production is a real team effort. Students from both the high school and middle school perform, parents and residents lend a hand with setting up, set design, music and more. Any support you can give this worthwhile program is appreciated.

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**LUCKY BUCK:**

*Patrick Hampton* won the Lucky Buck and donated it to *CUHS Drama Club.*

**SHERIFF DICK:**

The Sheriff had a bad week as did Deputy Bob. Good going, Rotarians. Everyone is wearing their pin!

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**FINE MASTER:**

*Member Birthdays:* *Bally Singh* (March 6) was not in attendance but we sang the birthday song anyway because we need the practice.

*Children’s Birthdays:* *Julie Hasting’s* son, *William III,* will celebrate his 16th birthday on March 18. *Janet Meyers’* son *Brody* is 32.

*Wedding Anniversaries:* *Julie Hastings* celebrated 30 years with husband, Chip, on March 4.

*Miscellaneous Fines:* $15 for *Mary Ann Carson* for appearing on *KSBY.* *Mike Griffin* for giving *Gerry Porter* a bad check for his purchase at the bake sale. Mike defended himself by saying he lost his checkbook and had to close it before Gerry tried to cash the check. $10 fine anyway.

*Credits:* *Mike Griffin* received a $5 credit for creating the *Neal Jensen Fellowship Circle.* *Miguel Sandoval* got a credit for giving the *Fine Master* a glass of wine.

*New Grandchild:* *Bob Putney* announced the March 5th birth of his first grandchild, *Cayden Alexander Peterson.* Congratulations to Bob & Daun! That will be $20 please.

*Joke of the Day:* What do you call cows returning from the marijuana field? The pot calling the cattle back. ~ *Crystal Chesney.*
**Presentation:**  *Barbara Burns* introduced our speaker, *Bruce Badrigian*, who spoke about *Armenian Genocide*. Bruce began by telling us that the first genocide of the 20th Century occurred in the Ottoman Empire, 1915-23. More than 1.5 million of the 2 million Armenians living in the Ottoman Empire at the time were killed. Nearly every Armenian lost a family member. The genocide was perpetrated by the young Turkish government, the main reason being Turkification. The pretext for the genocide was religious differences, economic differences and scapegoat for Work War I military losses.

Bruce’s grandmother was alive during the genocide and lost her first husband, who was killed trying to defend their home. She eventually was able to escape from Armenia with her two small daughters who, like so many Armenian children at the time, starved to death. She, however, was rescued by a man who was later to become her husband.

Thanks to Bruce for this very interesting, although disturbing history lesson.

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**President’s Messages & Announcements:**

- *President Sharon* welcomed us all and reminded us that *Rotary District 5240 Leadership Training* is being offered *March 18* in Bakersfield and on *April 1* in Oxnard. Anyone interested should contact Sharon.

- RYL*A* will take place from April 20-23 and volunteer counselors are needed. For more information or to sign up, contact *Sharon* or *Jane*.

- *Gerry Porter* announced that the *Rotary Bandstand* at Shamel Park needs some maintenance. Volunteers are needed to help out on April 29th, contact Gerry.

- *Julie Hastings* is asking for volunteers to write letters to those who will be on the Honor Flights in April and May. There is one particular gentleman who has no family so letters are definitely needed for him.

- *Barbara Burns* reminded us that the *Cambria Pickleball Club* offers free instructions at 9:00 on Friday mornings. Everyone is welcome.

- *President Sharon* asked for anyone willing to help clean out the storage unit in Tin City on April 1, contact *Steve Ormondroyd* at sormondroyd@gmail.com. She also asked for opinions on whether or not to keep the gaming tables that are stored in the shed and are taking up a lot of room.
Elaine Beckham  
Chris Cameron  
Donna Crocker  
Chuck Foerster  
Patty Griffin  
Mike Griffin  
Bruce Howard  
Jane Howard  
Bob Kasper  
Rick Low  
Ed Pierce  
Linda Sherman  
Mike O’Sullivan  
Kerry O’Sullivan  
Karen Pelle  
Ron Perry  
Judy Schuster  
Greg Sanders  
Roger & Sue Robinson  
Dennis Rightmer  
Neal Jensen Circle  
Mike Griffin is pleased to announce that the following members have joined the Neal Jensen Circle:

Elaine Beckham  
Chris Cameron  
Donna Crocker  
Chuck Foerster  
Patty Griffin  
Mike Griffin  
Bruce Howard  
Jane Howard  
Bob Kasper  
Rick Low  
Janet Meyers  
Mike O’Sullivan  
Dennis Rightmer  
Roger & Sue Robinson  
Greg Sanders  
Judy Schuster  
This is a great kick-off to the program. Let Mike know if you would like more information or are interested in joining.

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.

Foundation Endowment:  
Neal Jensen Fellowship - $1,000 donation to our Foundation’s endowment fund.  
Neal Jensen Circle - $100/year sustaining membership to our Foundation’s endowment fund.

If you have anything you would like share in the newsletter regarding club activities, upcoming events, help needed, etc., let me know. I would be more than happy to include it in the next newsletter.

Sue  
927-2597  
sueincambria@gmail.com
Here is the logo chosen for this year’s Viva. 
Work has begun on donation letters, flyers, etc. 
and they will be available soon.

Much thanks to the committee for getting this 
done. It is really the first step in the process. 
Now, the real work begins!

~ Roger Robinson 
2017 Viva Chairperson

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

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