



## Rotary Awareness Month

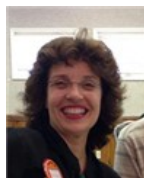
January 27, 2017

### Today's Reporter



Vera Wallen

### Today's Greeter



Vicki Schumacher

### Feb 3 Greeter



Sue Robinson

### Photos



Patrick Hampton

**Opening:** *Otis*, opened the meeting with a Viva Cheer!

**Flag Salute:** *Miguel Sandoval* led us in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance"



**Song:** *Bob Van Wagoner*, recited the entire [Gettysburg Address](#) for further inspiration for our club as we all feel the political tensions of our time.

**Invocation:** *Vera Wallen*, again referred to the principles of Rotary for us as she quoted Bernie Wiebe: "Loving relationships are a person's best protection against the challenges of the world!"

## TODAY'S GUESTS:

*Scott Ferguson*, Principal of [Coast Union High School](#) and guest of *Vicki Schumacher*.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- Feb 07, **New Member Orientation** for *Patty Griffin*, 5:30 at the Robinson's. RSVP to [sueincambria@gmail.com](mailto:sueincambria@gmail.com) or 927-2597.
- Feb 08, **Rotary Chamber Mixer**, La Terraza, 5:30 pm. Bring Appetizers and/or a door prize!
- Feb 10, **Community Service Committee Mtg**, Lodge Lounge, 11:00 am.
- Feb 17, **International Service Committee Mtg**, Lodge Lounge, 11:00 am.
- Feb 22, **VIVA 2017 Meeting**, location TBD, 5:00 pm.

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

- Feb 03, *Tim Waag*, Central Coast Missions.
- Feb 10, *Richard Torchia*, Interact Valentine's Day Bake Sale.
- Feb 17, *John Ehlers*, Improvements in Driving?
- Feb 24, *Leila Duferrena*, Family Care Network.
- Mar 03, *Gregg Whitfield*, Pickleball.
- Mar 10, *Bruce Badrigian*, Armenian Genocide stories.

### **LUCKY BUCK:**

The **Lucky Buck** won by **Dick Cameron** who donated it to the Polio Eradication

**SHERIFF DICK:** The Sheriff had a bad week, caught no one without their Rotary pin on, looked so sad! But his deputy **Bob Putney** reported catching Chuck Forester without his Rotary pin (whom he fined) and another member who was absent today (but, Bob noted, this scofflaw's wife with the red hair will no doubt inform him of coming punishment! and thereby help him remember re to wear his Rotary pin ALL the time!!!) It's to spread the word to all and keep our projects for good in the public's eye!!!



### **President's Messages & Announcements:**

- **President Sharon** reminded us of the **Cambria Sunset Club's** fund raiser January 28, 6pm at the Cambria Pub.
- **Kate Perry** spoke to our group of our evident willingness to discuss the situations brought forward by our speakers from **RISE 2** weeks ago and how good it made her feel to hear that. **Joe Morrow** also spoke up about how moved he was about the courage of our members to speak up on that topic.
- **Joe Morrow** reminded us that our Club is sponsoring the **Chamber of Commerce Mixer** at 5:30pm at **La Terraza** February 1. He asked if any of us could donate door prizes for the event, which is to support **Vocational Service**. And he asked us to bring appetizers.
- **Bob Putney** gave an update on the world's (& Rotary's) progress on **Polio Eradication**: In 2016, the world had only 37 wild polio cases, and 5 vaccine-related cases. This compares to 72 wild and 28 vaccine-related for 2015. The goal for 2018: we expect to be DONE with polio! Although there have been some tensions toward polio eradication groups, Muslims have been supportive of our work, gave us blessings for our efforts, and the Imams have supported Polio Eradication. But Bob pointed out we still need to race across the line!! Rotary has learned so much and taught the world so much about managing diseases through our work on polio. When asked about upcoming NIDs, Bob said Rotary will be going to India and hopefully to other countries as well.

### **Fine Master:**

**Member Birthdays:** **Paul Young** was the only birthday person but, once again, the birthday person was not here.

**Spouse & Children's Birthdays:** **Miguel Hernandez** honored his wife's birthday with a hefty fine, & **Kate Perry** honored her son Jason's 33rd birthday with a dollar a year. So then Miguel announced his son's 45th birthday & put up a dollar a year for that!!!

**Miscellaneous Fines:** And of course we had to have a tattletale about our tardies: **Chuck Forester, Shari Long, Monty Rice!!!**

## Saying Good-Bye to Dan Balfe :



Our **President Sharon Harvey** said for all of us: "We are REALLY going to miss you, Dan!! It will be on all of us to be better Rotarians and remember your encouragement as we go forward."

**Rick Low** told us about a time some years ago when our Foundation was going to make an endowment. Rick & Dan wrote a document about goals and guidelines for our Foundation about how to decide to disperse funds. Rick spoke highly of Dan's detail-focused mind, especially about inflation and how much he put into this Rotary effort for our club.

**Bob Putney** spoke of how he started working with Dan in 2004 and saw how Dan always helped others, helps all to get involved. Bob told us the story of when the 2 of them went to India, and Dan got sick on the trip. Bob helped him during that, but Dan did a lot here and district-wide and created many good things for all of us.

**Otis Archie** said he has not been part of our club a year yet, but **Dan Balfe** mentored him, always guiding, always helping.

**John Ehlers** talked about heading our [Highway Clean-Up](#) project, and than Dan would always help, would even spread his pick-up work all over town--& succeeded greatly in getting John to do more & more & more!! Yes, we will miss Dan--and look forward to his visiting us now & then when he gets back this way! And we all wish him great times in Santa Rosa--we know Dan will find the best Rotary Club there, we are jealous of their good fortune!!!!

## Program :

**Vicki Schumacher** on **Social Emotional Learning in Schools:**

**Superintendent Vicki** talked to us about the great need for this in schools: 65% of youngsters have anxiety disorders, and this leads to many suicide attempts. Social Emotional Learning focuses on physical and emotional needs, and is happening in many districts. There is a Peace Leader Pledge they learn about in our district, and staff works to capture kids' hearts for healthy relationships.

There are 3 themes for suicide prevention: 1. Grit--& how important it is to have that. 2. self-advocacy 3. Caring: Reach Out, Care, Know = ROCK, for mindful suicide prevention. The staff collaborates for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, focusing on how to manage stress and set personal goals. Our high school principal **Scott Ferguson** spoke also on the subject and many things the school staff is doing to work with these issues and the right way to approach differences. The district is considering some additional classes in the near future to deal with these issues.

## Closing Remarks:

*President Sharon* thanked our speaker and all of us for coming.

**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?**



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