**Opening:** In tune with horsing around, Otis donned a special horse cap complete with long mane, Otis reminded us that we always need special inspiration.

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

**Today’s Guests:**
Speaker, Jennifer Adams, RISE
Patty Griffin, “sister” and guest of Mike Robinson Griffin and future Rotarian.

Kristen Kearns, former Cambria Rotarian and current member of Rotary Club of Atascadero.
Gil Igleheart and Dick Mellinger of Cambria Sunset Rotary Club.

**Song:** Ron Perry led us in “I’ve been working on the railroad” inspired by his Lionel train set.

**Invocation:** Vera Wallen quoted Sir James M. Berry, author of Peter Pan, “Those that Bring Sunshine to others lives cannot keep it from themselves”

**Today’s Reporters:**
Karen Pelle

**Today’s Greeter:**
Dennis Rightmer

**Jan 20 Greeter:**
Patrick Hampton

**Photos:**
Patrick Hampton

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:**
- Jan 19, Club Board Meeting, Lodge, 5:30 pm.
- Jan 27—29, Cambria Art & Wine Festival, Vet’s Hall & around town.
- Jan 28, District 5240 STEPS Conference at Cal Lutheran—Thousand Oaks, contact Jane Howard for info.

**UPCOMING SPEAKERS:**
- Jan 20, Rick Auricchio, Fun Stories from Early Apple Days
- Jan 27, Vicki Schumacher, Social Emotional Learning
- Feb 03, Tim Waag, Central Coast Missions
- Feb 10, Richard Torchia, Interact Valentine’s Day Bake Sale

**Lucky Buck:**
The Lucky Buck won by Bruce Howard who donated it to Polio.

**Sheriff Dick:** Philip Sullivan was caught at the post office without his pin.
President’s Messages & Announcements:

- **President Sharon** announced that Andy McComb was leaving our club. Andy told the group that “it was very nice to be among such good people all these years”. We will miss you, Andy.

- **Kristen Kearns** told us that we are still the most fun Rotary Club and offered raffle tickets for the Rotary Club of Atascadero fundraiser, **Corks and Caps**.

- **Gil Igleheart** of Sunset Rotary gave us a brief description of the upcoming district STEPS program and the upcoming Rotary Midterms. -- reminding us all of these two important events.

- **Gerry Porter** brought the new shirts -- and with the announcement of **Dan Balfe** leaving our great team, he donated all of his Cambria Rotary shirts -- he is such a valued member of Rotary International; he will be missed. Santa Rosa is gaining a great and wonderful man in their Rotary.

- **Sue Robinson** again made a plea for help with note-taking at the meetings. We need more volunteers. You can volunteer once a month or whenever it fits in your schedules; our staff is limited and we need more HELP. Please let Vera know if you are willing to be part of this prestigious group without whom the newsletter would be at a loss as to what to include in the weekly newsletter.

- **Otis Archie** told us something we did not know about our President: she is taking guitar lessons.

Fine Master:

**Member Birthdays:** **Mike Griffin** (Jan. 13). Mike paid $1 a year ($72).

**Miscellaneous Fines:** **Allen McKinnon** was fined for having a new car. Allen explained that it was actually his wife’s car and he was only allowed in it when she was in the driver’s seat—$10 fine. Referring to Otis’ hat as "Goathead" got Vera a $5 fine. Late fines issued to Julie Hastings, Karen Pelle, Sharon Harvey -- not to be forgiven Sharon noted that Greg Sanders walked in behind her.

**Credits:** Rick awarded **Chuck Forester $10** for gifting the Fine Master with his Lucky Buck Ticket (which did not win). **Miguel Sandoval** received a credit for sitting at the Table of Wisdom and adding wine to their table’s festivities. **Dan McDonald** was called out for his wife Linda’s picture in the local newspaper about our weather conditions.

**Jokes:** There were many today. The Remlap Jacket made the rounds:

- Did you hear the one about the guy who walked into the local bar with a string of jumper cables around his neck? He told the bartender, “I need a drink.” Bartender said “I will give you a drink but don’t start anything.” ~ Ron Perry
- What’s brown and sticky? A stick. “Prez. Sharon
- We know seagulls fly over the sea; what do we call a bird that flies over the bay a baygull? ~ Andy McComb
- A man attempting to get on a plane with a dead raccoon and a dead rat was denied boarding by security because.....only one carryon is allowed per flight. ~ John Ehlers, who forgot the punch line was rescued by Greg Sanders.
Program:

Kate Perry introduced our speaker and Kate’s “boss”, Jennifer Adams from RISE, an organization near and dear to Kate’s heart. Jennifer spoke about the programs and benefits of RISE -- a non profit organization that provides crisis intervention and treatment services to survivors of sexual and intimate partner violence and their loved ones. All services are provided confidentially, free of charge and in English and Spanish to anyone regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion or ability. RISE stands for Respect, Inspire, Support and Empower. While the topic of the conversation was somewhat disturbing, everyone was pleased to know about the wonderful work this organization is doing in our community.

More information is available at their website: RISESLO.org.

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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