Opening: Super hero, Otis reminded us that “We make things happen”
Flag Salute: Steve Ormondroyd led us in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance”

Today’s Guests:
Speaker, Mike di Milo
Patty Griffin, wife and guest of Mike Griffin and future Rotarian
Jack Meyers, husband and guest of Janet Meyers
Lou and Kathy Melendez, Grig Harbor Rotarians and guests of Gerry & Paula Porter.
Linda Finley of Cambria Sunset Rotary Club.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:
- Jan 14, District 5240 Mid-Terms, Ventura Mariott, 9:00 am—1:00 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 13, Jennifer Adams, RISE
- 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 Heidi Santos who donated it to Polio.

Sheriff Dick: Steve Ormondroyd was caught, not once, but twice without his pin. Deputy Bob caught Richard Torcia without his pin.
President’s Messages & Announcements:

- President Sharon had us all stand up to applaud and congratulate Socorro & Bob Van Wagoner on their December 18th marriage.

- Socorro Van Wagoner was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship award. Socorro announced, “I’m holding this for you-all!!”

- President Sharon also announced the sad news of the death of Rotary District 6 Governor, Nick Frankel’s wife, Heather. All of us acknowledged our sorrow for losing such as great Rotary supporter.

- Dan Bolfé announced that he and his wife, Linda, are moving to Santa Rosa at the end of January. He gave a thankyou to all of our club for his great number of years in our Rotary Club.


- Kate Perry presented a Thought on Thoughts: a local poet laureate is presenting soon, all are invited!

- PP Joan Broadhurst announced that 2 board members are needed for our club, they have proposed Julia Rice as Secretary for 2017-2019, and Christel Chesney as Club Service for a 3 year term.

Fine Master:

Member Birthdays: Patti Minutello (Dec. 1).
Partner’s Birthdays: Bob Minutello wife, Patti..
Multiple Birthdays: Donna Croker’s grandson; her son, her husband, Julian and Donna herself celebrated birthdays recently. And, if that was not enough, she and Julian celebrated their anniversary!
Miscellaneous Fines: Vera Wallen was given multiple fines for booing and hissing. Janet Meyers got fined for the way she started our opening song (remember—that one about beautiful!). And Lance Morales was fined for his son Cody’s engagement (Rick—experienced with marriages--did have to ask if this was the first time…..). Then Bally confessed that her son was getting married, so she got hit with a $20 fine. Chuck Forester then talked about his daughters, paid some for that. And finally, Kate Perry exploded with questions about the way this Evil Fine Master fines, letting people choose their own amount etc. Sigh. To end this & get to participate in being fined, Donna Crocker, Bob Kasper, & Don Ramirez sang their USC college song in honor of the coming-up Big Game!!

Credits: Rick awarded Janet Meyers & Lance Morales for the Food Art they gave him (yes, we all look for ways to help the Fine Master feel good). But then Rick turned on Dennis Rightmer & Nancy Carr: BOTH of them have new cars!, Dennis a black Mercedes and Nancy Silver Grey Honda Pilot. Dennis got away with $6, but Nancy (silly girl) offered to pay $20--& she got to!! Then Rick turned onto our Sheriff, pointing out that Dick was caught up in the essence of the club, so told Socorro that she should have her new husband become a member of Rotary (of course he already was for a l-o-n-g time). Our Whispering Pines note-taker did not hear the fine amount, but knows there was something for that!
**Program:**

*Mike di Milo,* our speaker, is a graduate of Cal Poly SLO and had lots & lots of information for us, especially about the new little waste buckets we all were given just recently by our garbage company. Mike pointed out that 31% of waste is organic, 155 tons into Cold Canyon for that. It is much better to use it for growing purposes, so this new program has come. We can’t put liquids, paper, plastic, or metals into this—but lots of other stuff is fine!

Restaurants have special rules for this through AB 1826 passed recently. There are consultants to help restaurants reduce their trash, increase recyclables. They go to Engle & Gray in Santa Maria to recycle, it is the closest place now. The plans are to move to a place near San Luis Obispo Airport. They are building an anaerobic digester for that—which will generate electricity AND fertilizer makers.

We can learn more at the website [lwma.com](http://lwma.com). San Francisco has been doing this for some time, although Los Angeles is behind. In the future there may be biodegradable bags for the garbage, but not yet—so we have the little buckets. Mike is trying to get paper bags to be accepted, but not yet.

**We got to ask questions & learned some interesting stuff about this recycling!!**

**Closing Remarks:**

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

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