Opening: Sgt. At Arms, Ron Perry, opened our meeting for The Greatest Rotary Club In The World--VIVA!!!!!!

Song: Everyone joined in singing “This Land is Your Land”

Flag Salute: Chris Cameron led us in “Pledge of Allegiance”

Invocation: Donna Crocker: “Life was very good to us and we decided to give back.” ~ Roger Robinson at 2018 Chamber Installation Dinner

Lucky Buck: Lucky Buck was won by Dick Cameron who donated the proceeds to Polio.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:
• Jan 25*, Club Board Meeting, 5:30 at Cambria Pines Lodge.
• Jan 26-28, Art & Wine, Vets Hall, contact chamber of Commerce for tickets.
• Feb 14, Chamber Mixer, location TBD.
• Feb 15, Thu., Club Board Meeting, Lodge, 5:30 pm.
• Feb 21, Wed., Club Foundation Mtg., Lodge, 5:00 pm.

* date adjusted for this month only

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

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:
• Jan 26, Abe Lincoln, SLO Noor Foundation, at The Lodge
• Feb 2, Our own Ron Perry, Piano, at The Lodge
• Feb 9, Interact Bake Sale at The Lodge
• Feb 16, Heidi Santos, Russia Trip at The Lodge

ON THE MENU FOR JAN 26
Deli Buffet
There will be no chicken salad offered today since salad options are available at the buffet.
President’s Messages & Announcements:

PP Mike Griffin, filling in for vacationing Pres. Mike O’Sullivan, suggested we check out Mike’s Facebook posts to see photos of his trip to Machu Picchu.

- Chris Cameron shared the sad news that two volunteers were shot to death in Pakistan while trying to administer the polio vaccine.
- Donna Crocker announced that St. Paul’s Episcopal Church is having a Coat drive. From now, through Sunday, January 28, they will be collecting gently used warm winter outer wear for the clients of the Prado Day Center in SLO, many of whom are families with children. The items should be clean, with no rips or broken zippers. In addition to coats (sizes children to adult), they will also accept winter scarves, beanies, gloves, umbrellas and pairs of NEW socks. Please deposit your items in the receptacle up in the Parish Hall. Unfortunately, the coat drive ends January 28, so please no late donations.
- PP Mike Griffin told us that Barry Vanderkelen spoke at Wednesday’s Foundation Board meeting about liability insurance. He also let us know that the Neal Jensen Fund now stands at $14,500 and the Foundation’s balance sheet has risen from $439,939 to $507,513 in the past year!
- Roger Robinson announced that the Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner has been declared a make up (with the approval of Pres. Mike O’Sullivan). Roger will provide a list of those Rotarians who attended.

Sheriff Dick

Sheriff Dick had a bad week catching nobody without their pin.

Fine Master:

Alas, our Fine Master was missing in action today

Can’t Make it to the Friday Meeting?

Bringing a Guest? Want a Salad? Usually have salad but like the sound of the regular lunch?

If any of the above apply to you, let Sue Robinson know.

Either call her at 927-2597 or email: sueincambria@gmail.com no later than 8:59 a.m. on Friday.
PRESENTATION: Gem Munro, "Peace through Education"

Barbara Burns introduced today’s speaker: “Gem Munro has devoted his life and career to improving educational opportunities for disadvantaged people across Canada and abroad. Pursuit of this objective carried him into residence in unfortunate communities across most of Canada. He is presently Director of Amarok Society, a registered Canadian charity that provides education programs to the very poor in Bangladesh and Pakistan. As well, Gem is an author and artist whose current book (which he has here today) is a bestselling collection of stories about some of the extraordinary people he’s come to know in the slums of Bangladesh. (Sale of his book is a major fundraiser for Amarok Society.) For their work, Gem and his wife, Dr. Tanyss Munro, were recipients of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals.”

Mr. Munro gave a powerful presentation to the club about how we can reach and teach 70 million children too poor for school. He explained that 1 in 3 children have no chance of getting an education. Amarok Society believes that, if you teach a child, you teach a child. If you teach a father, he uses his new knowledge to gain a livelihood outside the home. But if you teach a mother, you teach a family. The Society has schools in the worst slums of Bangladesh where they teach mothers how to read, write, think. They start off by showing the mothers, who have had zero education, how to hold a pencil. Each woman in the school has to teach 5 children everything they have learned and they do it enthusiastically. Even some of the men, who are normally against women getting an education, can be found outside the huts, listening in while their wives teach their children.

Gem Munro’s book, South Asian Adventures with the Active Poor., Can be found at http://amaroksociety.org/wordpress/products/httpamaroksociety-orgwordpress201112191gembook/ or by going to AmarokSociety.org and clicking 'South Asian Adventures' under the 'Gifts' tab. Proceeds from sale of the book go to help fund the work of Mr. Munro and the Amarok Society.

A note of interest: There are 52 Rotary clubs in Dacca, the largest city in Bangladesh.
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.
**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 Services**: 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
Thank you to LINDA SHERMAN and JOAN BROADHURST who made the last donations of 2017! We surpassed our goal and raised $11,400 this year!

May the Circle continue to grow!

Otis Archie & Joe Morrow***
Chris Cameron
Christel Chesney***
Del Clegg*
Matthew Clevenger
Donna Crocker*
Chuck Devroede
Chuck Foerster
Mike & Patty Griffin******
Miguel Hernandez***
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Mike O'Sullivan
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MAKE A $100 DONATION TO START YOUR PLEDGE AND JOIN US.

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

GROW BABY GROW!

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