

August 30, 2010

Opportunity Drawing, Debra Hubbard
Words, Mark Ealy
Pledge, Al Torkar
Roto-Rooter, Tom Applegate
Bulletin, Thomas Hill

PROGRAM

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Sept 6 Dark - Labor Day
Sept 13 Moved to Thursday evening Sept 16 joint meeting with Evening Club,
With Former RI President Richard King
Sept 20 Mayoral Candidates

OTHER EVENTS

Sep 11 Rotary BBQ at Murchison Finocchiaro residence, 4pm
Oct 2 Oktoberfest
Oct 21-24 District Conference, Fallbrook

MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 2010

President Al Wanamaker opened the meeting with his usual good humor, **Bob Brue** provided the Words for the day – focusing on the power of a positive attitude, and the few guests (new member **Mike Vetrano**, his daughter and Speaker **Ruben Navarrette**) were greeted with an enthusiastic welcome song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joint Meeting: **President Al** reminded the club that we will be dark on September 13 and we will be having a joint meeting with the Evening Club on September 16 with former Rotary International President **Richard King** as the special guest speaker. Dinner will be \$10 and reservations must be made and paid by Monday, August 30.

Community: **President Al** thanked all the members of the club that participated in the “build the fence” project. Special thanks to **Juliet Cunningham** for planning the event and her son Charles for participating.

Marines: The next hands-on project will be manning a booth at the Von’s located on Tamarack on September 11 to request customers to donate groceries for Marine families. Up to 10 people are needed to staff the booth, so please see **Juliet Cunningham** to sign up.

Social: **Kori Dolkas**, the club’s Social Chair reminded us of several upcoming events including the Wine Tasting at Carlsbad Wine Merchant on 8/26 and a BBQ at **Yvonne Murchison’s** house on 9/11. Dolkas also noted that we are still looking for members to host Lunch ‘n Learns at their businesses as well as Bunko and Poker parties.

Speakers Needed: **Robyn Hill** let the club know the Army/Navy Academy is setting up a speaker series for the cadets. Robyn will be a speaker for National University, so if you think you have an interesting topic for the cadets please see Hill.

Bulletin: **President Al** put out the request for reporters for the Hi-Jinx bulletin. Based on the great response from the club, a strong team of club veterans and newer members has now been assembled, who will continue to deliver a fun and informative weekly bulletin. Thanks to all from the Editor!

Quickbits: **President Al** mentioned some of the upcoming events that were in the recent Rotary QuickBits emails including: the Fallbrook Club’s Lobster Fest fundraiser, an inter-district event in Mexico with wine and bullfighting (could be a dangerous combination), and our Ethics Conference hosted by **Don Kenney** and **Mark Ealy** next spring.

Guests: While we didn’t have many guests this week, next week **Pat Casinelli** will bring the football coaches and key players from CHS and La Costa Canyon to join us for lunch and brief introduction.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Gloria Foote introduced our newest Red Badger **Mike Vetrano**. Mike had his daughter Brianna with him. He was previously a police officer and his classification will be Public Service-retired. Please make sure to introduce yourself to Mike and welcome to the greatest club in the “Universe”!!



ROTO ROOTER

Roto Rooter Tom Applegate was conspicuously absent, which received the loudest cheer of the day, possibly from all those escaping \$40 fines. Maybe the Roto Rooter deserves a fine for his absence without arranging for a stand-in.



PROGRAM IMMIGRATION RUBEN NAVARRETTE

Bob Brue introduced our guest speaker, **Ruben Navarrette**, a columnist who led an open discussion on immigration issues. Navarrette began with a disclaimer, that although he is of Latino descent, he was born in the United States, as were both of his parents and three of his four grandparents – a claim not that many people can make in this immigrant nation.

Navarrette, born in Fresno, son of a police officer, with family in Texas and California, currently resides in Carlsbad. Harvard educated, he is the author of “A Darker Shade of Crimson: Odyssey of a Harvard Chicano”, a columnist for the San Diego *Union Tribune*, nationally syndicated columnist with *The Washington Post* Writers Group, contributor to *USA Today* and *The Wall Street Journal*, regular Commentator on

National Public Radio and CNN.com and frequent guest on national television shows such as "The O'Riley Factor" and CNN's Rick List.

With credentials like these, it was pretty clear that Navarrette had taken a turn or two in discussions around the immigration controversy that is so hot right now. To put things in perspective, he provided a background of the history of immigration in the US that is significantly different from the "open arms, melting pot" image portrayed in the history books. In stark contrast, he noted the repeated attempts by our government to keep succeeding groups of immigrants out of the US.

Beginning in 1882 with the Chinese Exclusion Act (at least it was honest and said what it really was) and going through 1942, several Acts were approved by Congress that tried to limit the number of people coming from China, Ireland, Italy, and Germany. The Immigration Act in 1924 was the first legislation limiting overall immigration, thus marking the beginning of illegal immigration. Therefore, while Navarrette's Mexican Grandfather was an immigrant, he came to the U.S. in 1915 during the Mexican Revolution, so was a legal immigrant.

With the historic attitude of "There goes the neighborhood" still fully in force, Navarrette pointed to the problem of dishonesty, or at least unwillingness to be direct and honest, about how we talk about the immigration problem today, especially in Washington. He believes our borders present the paradox of two messages, "Keep Out" and "Help Wanted", with lost work ethic as the deep down root of the problem that we don't want to admit, even though it is a world-wide issue.

Using his own "sissy job" as a prime example of what happens in the highly developed world with higher education and technological advances, he noted that we don't do hard physical work like our grandparents did. However, even advanced technology has not completely eliminated all jobs that we don't want to do. Examples included cows that still aren't capable of connecting themselves to milking machines (those dumb cows –what's wrong with them!) and strawberries that have to be picked by hand unless you want jam. Somebody still needs to do the jobs we don't want to do, and don't want our children to have to do.

Navarrette sees himself as an advocate for truth and an opponent of dumb ideas, in which he includes the current Arizona immigration law. He believes that solutions must start with having honest discussions. He fully agrees that there should be consequences for illegal actions including illegal immigration, but that well administered temporary guest worker programs and the ability for people to earn citizenship would go a long way towards helping the immigration problems.

His discussion brought out many opinions from our members during the Q&A session, as he anticipated before he even began his speech. Look for more from Navarrette on www.rubennavarrette.com or on www.SignOnSanDiego.com.

Jackpot for August 30, 2010: \$170

Responsibilities for September 16 (Evening), 2010

Opportunity Drawing, Harry Peacock

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Roto-Rooter, none

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