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Rotary Club of Coronado

VOL. 80, NO.16	October 15, 2008	SCRIBE: Jim Tom Pinch
NEXT WEEK: October 22, 2008		
PROGRAM: District Governor Visit		
SPEAKER : Pam Russell		
LOCATION: Carousel Room		

CLUB PROGRAM CALENDAR

29 October	SD Port Commissioner	Mike Bixler
3 November	Exec. Director of COSA	Pam Koker

CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

16 October	Rotary Info II	Bob Shugert
26 October	Aid Station @ CAF Triatholon	Dan Orr
11 November	Rotary Board Meeting	President Al
11 November	Flags on the Avenue	Doug Weisbarth
17 December	Coronado Rotary Family Christmas Party	Santa Claus

3 April 2009

Rotary Night at the Opera

Ross White

NOTES FROM THE SCRIBE:

President Al asked **Carlos Robert** to give the invocation and lead the Pledge and **Dan Orr** did this week's **Lionel Rowe** imitation. Thinking that the Scribe must be clairvoyant, **President Al** also asked him to introduce the guests of Rotarians. The Scribe is not clairvoyant, but wishes he was, as in keeping with today's program, all the Rotarians filibustered their introductions which left no time for a real meeting. Maybe that was the secret plan!

ROTARY NOTES OF INTEREST AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mary Sternad** noted that there was no breaking news on the "Care and Concern" front, which should be considered good news.
- Attention Red Badgers, and other interested parties. The monthly board meeting of the Rotary Club of Coronado is held on the second Tuesday of each month. They are held at the world headquarters of The Gensler Group, 120 C Avenue at 4:30 p.m.
- Juana Santos came up from the Pan American Institute in Tijuana to thank us for our ongoing support. We currently donate \$400 per month to keep the school going and have supported the school since Jack Phelan's presidency in 1988!
- **Spiro Chaconas**, in his role of Zorba the Greek, invited all Rotarians to participate in the CSF Gala Dinner and raffle. Details to follow every week until the big event. He was fined \$75 for a non-Rotarian announcement.
- **DUES** are overdue!! There are still 57 Rotarians who have not paid their 08-09 dues. Could **YOU** be one of the guilty ones?

The Family of Rotary

- Please contact **Mary Sternad** at 522-9452 or pssternad@aol.com for updates and information.

FINES & RECOGNITIONS

1. There was no time today as we needed every minute for the visiting politicians.

PROGRAM

The mayoral debate! **Don McCleary** guided the forum with a steady hand, ably assisted by **Sally Bixler**. Five candidates plus the mayors of San Diego, Coronado, and Escondido graced us with their presence. Tom Stickel is chairman of Coronado First Bank and wanted to thank Rotary for holding the forum and for all the great work we do in the community. Casey Tanaka is a high school history teacher and sitting city councilman who you all know and trust. Frank Tierney is a former councilman who is known for getting things done and taking on the hard issues. Barbara Denny is a land use attorney who was asked to run (by whom?) and supports business and economic development. **Phil Monroe** is a fellow Rotarian and retired Naval officer with a strong record of government and community service.

Question #1: Do you support RSIP (limiting square footage based on lot size)?

TS: Yes

CT: Yes, voted for it on the council, but is willing to take another look.

FT: Yes, Prop J ignored, failure of leadership on Prop J.

BD: Not enacted as it was planned, re-look at it while listening to the people.

PM: Yes, against "mansionization" and carriage house abuse.

Question #2: Position on the Tunnel?

CT: Supports the tunnel project as it adds new capacity. Senses public support for the tunnel is waning.

FT: Opposed, no merit, Navy against, the problem is Orange Avenue and lack of signal synchronization.

BD: Opposed, wants tolls back on the bridge, no cars in Coronado, use electric jitney buses.

PM: 117,000 cars trips per day within ten years. Citizens committee came up with the tunnel idea, not council. 83% of the population supported the tunnel idea in the last vote. Study results due in Spring '09.

TS: Four proposals from study due in February. Let's look at the study results before judging.

Question #3: Long-term support for Coronado Hospital?

FT: Created initiative to support the hospital. Can't do emergency only. Health District might be future alternative.

BD: Supports advisory vote. Wants independent audit from hospital on cost cutting.

PM: Many segments of Coronado have worked together on hospital solutions.

TS: Hospital good for all, urges support of the initiative.

CT: History from a history teacher. The city will have contributed \$37.1 million to support the hospital if the initiative is approved. Supports approval.

Question #4: City support for high school pool?

BD: Supports the pool opposes parcel tax to pay for operating costs.

PM: Supports letting the Islander Sports Foundation (or whomever) have a chance to run the pool profitably.

TS: It's a school board problem. Would look at it if the school district asks for help.

CT: Good people raised a lot of money. The city is not involved.

FT: CUSD mortgaged CMS to build pool. Pays \$750,000 per year in interest. Bad decision by school board.

Question #5: Budget support for fire/public safety? Changes? Cays?

PM: Supports public safety. Coronado is the safest city in the county. Would not make pay pledge to the police/fire unions.

TS: Cays treated differently than the village. Brings CEO skills to union negotiations and has a history of working with and negotiating with public employee unions.

CT: He's a teacher, not a union thug. Police/fire underappreciated. Equipment and personnel levels adequate, but not excellent. His proposals would add \$1-2 million per year in on-going costs to the city.

FT: New "Quint" fire is coming at the first of the year. No promises to the unions regarding pay and staffing. Union contracts have busted San Diego and other cities in the county.

BD: Not adequate, wants increase in equipment and personnel including another ambulance for the Cays

and CERT trained citizens on every block.

Question #6: Examples of community service during the last five years?

TS: Supports various charities, but would rather have them speak on his behalf. Founded a community bank.

CT: Teacher/councilman gives extra time to each endeavor.

FT: Public political initiatives, spent his own time and money for the hospital and the community center.

BD: Saved commuter ferry funding, wants the tolls back on the bridge.

PM: Rotary, Rotary Santa, Flower show, CSF telethon, hospital foundation, Cays HOA, Chamber of Commerce, Main Street, and Coronado SAFE.

Closing Statements

TS: Wants to do 10,000 "job interviews" with the voters. Main issue is Hwy 75 (Orange Avenue) and open communication.

CT: Wants all Rotarians to run for office. Running on his record, he's practical, rational, and accessible.

FT: Takes on tough issues, looking for best value for our dollars.

BD: Full-time mayor, office hours for citizens, smart growth.

PM: Endorsed by 33 elected officials within the county. We're the best run city in the state. Wants to continue that.

That's it! Vote early and vote often!

RAFFLE: You know them, you love them, and you can't live without them -- buy raffle tickets weekly.

***The difference between "ordinary" and "extraordinary" is just a little "extra."
Now go out and be EXTRAORDINARY!***

