



Pacific Breezes

Rotary Club of Mission Bay

Meets Monday Noon at the Catamaran Hotel

Summary of Meeting February 6, 2012



After Matt Cowman led the pledge, President Michael McQuary called attention to the fact that this is World Rotary Information Month. He then asked new member Jerry Griffith to give a short "Who Am I". Jerry Griffith grew up near Erie, PA. His parents were both from farmers families. He majored in Mathematics in college, worked for GE for 10 years and became a manager. His assignments were software oriented. He then worked for Beckman- Dickinson where he met his wife. He helps her now with volunteer projects. He likes sports, rides a motorbike and has a sailboat. He has spent time sailing in the Sea of Cortez. He likes hiking and has been to Mt Everest. We welcome Jerry as our newest member. He will be the club secretary next year.

Visitors today were Rotarians Dean Dickinson and Larry Eberlein. Other guests were Dee Valsteri, M.B. Cluster, and Christine Justin. These three represent parents of students in Pacific Beach Schools. Gus Goldau was our guest and he has applied for membership in our club.

Reports and Announcements:

Michael McQuary reported on his visit to Cabo San Lucas and the status of the new Cabo Smiles project.

Matt Cowman reported on the Smiles project in Ensenada this past weekend. Gus Coldau joined him.

Susan Thorning reported on the Mission Bay Interact club and it's change maker award.

Jim Willis reported on the RYLA interviews. Jerry Hall helped John Gartner interview three students at Mission Bay and Jim helped John with five interviews at Clairemont High.

Next Week: Valentines Party. Feb 13, 5:00 at Wesley Palms. Please make your reservation with Alan Rezner. The cost is \$15 each.

March 8. Our club is invited to join the downtown Rotary club for its luncheon to help celebrate its 100 years. The meeting will be at the Shearton Harbor Island hotel

Feb 13 and 20 the club is dark for the Valentines party and for President's day.

Happy Sad \$\$\$ were contributed by Dean Dickinson, Susan Thorning, Michael McQuary and Matt Cowman.

Raffle of \$10 was won by Matt Cowman, but he did not get the green marble

Our scheduled speaker was detained. President Michael then asked our parent visitors to tell us about the schools. **Christine Justin** then gave us many facts about the school system and especially Mission Bay area schools. All three of the parents have children at Kate Sessions Elementary. Student size for elementary was about 18 and now it is 24. The money supply to our schools has slowed. There has been talk about closing schools, but that has not happened and probably will not. There is a movement to support our schools better and to encourage Pacific Beach area to have students go to schools in our area. Christine gave us a review of schools and mostly of Elementary ones in our area. Parents have a choice to be able to send their kids to other schools. But this is done by lottery so it is hard to move them to the schools with the best reputation. Again she reminded us that there is an effort to make our schools good, so moving to other schools does not happen.