

NORTH FRESNO ROTARY



BULLETIN FOR MEETING OF 05/15/14



Rotary Club of North Fresno

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District 5230

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90 Members

Upcoming Events:

- May 31st:** Arc Bowling, see below.
June 27th: Demotion Party. Are you ready Queen Bee?
July 12th: 29th Annual Pancake Breakfast & 12th Rotary Run at the Fig.

Next Weeks:

- May 22nd:** Dr. Charles Boyer, Dean of Jordan College of Agriculture.
May 29th: Field trip; City of Fresno, Waste Water Management Plant.
June 5th: Keri Bennitt, Fresno Co. Fed. Credit Union. VP Marketing.
June 12th: Mike Firpo, First Tee of Fresno,
June 19th: Scott Shewan, Service Above Self Day.
June 26th: Demotion Day at Tornino's.

For those responsible for the programs; Please review the above programs for accuracy and correctness of topics and presenters.

ARC Bowling 5/31/2014 STATE WIDE TOURNAMENT/RODEO LANES, CLOVIS – MINNEWAWA & SHAW 8:00 – 11:30 or 12:00 – 3:30; sign up for one session, sign up for two sessions, SIGN UP and lend a hand!

Our **QUEEN BEE (PREZ DEBORAH)** rang the bell at 12:30 p.m. and greeted all of us in attendance. The invocation was given by **JOHN KRIKORIAN** and the flag salute was led by **BERNADETTE HANSEN** and **DEBORAH** followed with the song of the day, "It's a Grand Old Flag". Introduction of visiting Rotarians and guest was done by **JANET POWELL**.

PETER SCHEER presented a check for \$2500 from the Endowment Fund to the Armenian Day School for the purchase of a Bar-B-Que to be used for fundraisers for school sports.

JASON WEBBER presented a check for \$2500 to the Young Entrepreneur Academy at Willow International for the purpose of supporting student enterprises.

MARSHA WAGNER announced that the 4-Way Test winners and Scholarship recipients for Fresno High School and asked for Rotarians to join with her at Fresno High on Thursday, May 22nd at 9:30 am to hand out the awards and scholarships in the classes. Those who want to join **MARSHA** need to meet at the main office at 9:30 am.

KATIE SIEMENS announced that Pancake Breakfast tickets were passed out to all present today and that each person has 20 tickets. If you sell an individual ticket, give the buyer the top portion and if you sell a family ticket, give the entire ticket to the buyer. White raffle tickets are \$2 for raffle prizes

to be given out during the breakfast and the \$10.00 raffle tickets are good for drawings during the breakfast and for the grand prize to be drawn later. Rotarians are not required to sell tickets but it is hopeful that everyone will sell at least their 20 tickets or write a check for \$300.00 for the value of the tickets. If you do that just write the check to North Fresno Rotary. Additional tickets are available if you are a great salesperson! If you do not sell your tickets, you better give them back to **BERNADETTE HANSEN** if you don't want to be charged for them. More information to follow and if I wrote anything incorrectly, I am sure I will be corrected!

ERIC MAYU reminded us that the **Fun Run** will take place during the Pancake Breakfast. More information to follow next week!

CLIFF SPEIGHT reminded everyone that ARC bowling will take place May 31st so sign up if you can help. You will have another week to sign up.

QUEEN BEE DEBORAH also reminded everyone that the ambulance will be taken down to San Diego on May 31st and if you want to be part of the party, talk to **DEBORAH** to get into the party train!!

QUEEN BEE DEBORAH also reminded everyone to fill out the membership surveys and turn them into **DAVE REULAND**.

PATTI O'NEILL announced that the May 29th meeting will be held at the Fresno, Clovis Regional Waste Water Treatment Center. Everyone is encouraged to sign up and order a sandwich. Just don't show up at Tornino's because it will be very DARK that day!

QUEEN DEBORAH thanked everyone who attended the last mixer of the year and stated that the mixers have been helpful in getting new members. **QUEEN DEBORAH** told the club that **NORTH FRESNO ROTARY** is #1 in region 5230 with the largest net new members joining this year. We have 10 new members this year and now have a club of 90 members. It is the first plus growth of new members since the 2002-2003 year.

JEFF PAPE gave a great Craft Talk telling about how he has been in Law for 32 years and in taxation law, estate law and litigation. His probate practice includes a great deal of litigation over wills and trusts. In addition, Jeff told some lawyer jokes that made most of the attending Rotarians chuckle. **QUEEN DEBORAH** wasn't done with Jeff when he stepped down from the podium and drilled him on his family which includes 4 kids and his hobby of drinking wine. We knew **JEFF** would be a great addition to the club with such a worthwhile hobby as wine drinking!

Today's program was an informational talk dealing with pending possible legislation of Proposition 218: **GORDON KNOTT** introduced our speaker **DOUG VAGIM**. **DOUG** is a member of four separate Oversight Boards to oversee the termination of Redevelopment Agencies and their dissolution in Fresno County, and the cities of Fresno, Mendota and San Joaquin. Today he discussed Proposition 218 and the importance of it being passed to assist our area with decisions that need to be made regarding our water difficulties and future.

The wine raffle was won by **DICK ELSWOTH**. The gong was rung to end the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

That's it folks! **MARSHA WAGNER**, Recorder