

NORTH FRESNO ROTARY



BULLETIN FOR MEETING OF 06/05/14



Rotary Club of North Fresno

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District 5230

northfresnorotary.org

91 Members

Upcoming Events:

June 27th: Demotion Party/Dinner. Are you ready Queen Bee?

July 12th: 29th Annual Pancake Breakfast & 12th Rotary Run at the Fig.

Next Weeks:

June 12th: Mike Firpo, First Tee of Fresno,

June 19th: Scott Shewan, Service Above Self Day.

June 26th: A Roast of our current President at Tornino's.

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

July Pancake Breakfast and Fun Run. Ticket packages are out. Remember that each packet has to be returned to Bernadette Hansen with unsold Tickets. The entire packet can be purchased for \$300.00 which includes the Breakfast tickets and raffle tickets. Placemat sponsors and Fun Run Sponsors are also being sought.

The meeting was opened by **QUEEN BEE DEBORAH** and a benediction by **ED KACZMAREK** who beseeched God for some much-needed water in our valley! After a rousing rendition of The Battle Hymn of the Republic, **PHILIP GURULE** introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. Our guest, Jackie, is looking for a job, and her resume is available!

SERGIO BALI was welcomed back into membership of North Fresno Rotary, and was pinned by sponsor **JOE MASTRO**.

ROD GIBSON led us in an Endowment Board vote; **NICK SMALDINO** was unanimously elected to serve another three-year term!

On the first meeting of each month, we announce Rotary anniversaries; June's list includes **ROGER ANDERSON, MURRAY BARRY, DICK ELLSWORTH, MIKE MARZOUK, DR. PAD, JANET POWELL, HOURS SANDERSON, MARSHA WAGNER, and CHRIS WONG!** Congratulations members!

Last week's field trip to the waste water facility was hot, but enjoyed by all! A special thank you to Great Harvest Bread Co. for the lunch.

CLIFF SPEIGHT reported on last week's ARC Bowling. Twelve Rotarians volunteered and were recognized today.

Our latest ambulance donation has headed south to Mexico; we will report the latest next week.

Thank you **JOHN KRİKORIAN** for arranging this donation and to **BILL STEVENS** and **ARAM TARTARIAN** for your support also.

SCOTT LOWE made a surreptitious announcement about the official demotion out-kicking lunch on Thursday the 26th. Then the demotion party/dinner is Friday the 27th, at the Painted Table - 6-7 happy hour, 7-8 dinner, 8-9 entertainment. The bill is in the mail, so you might as well come!

SY SIZEMORE announced a fundraiser at Marie Calendars, June 13-15 (Fathers Day weekend), where they will give a portion of meals purchased, with flyer, to North Fresno Rotary. Bring the flyer on your iPhone (it can be found on the North Fresno Rotary website). All proceeds go to Guatemala student scholarships.

Pancake breakfast: **KATIE SIEMENS** instructed us to sell tickets! Assignments have been emailed to all. Calling all sponsors! The time to contribute is now; the placemats and T-Shirts are being printed.

DORIS BLANTON had assistants **BOB KITTREDGE** and **DOYLE DANIEL** model former polo shirts which are similar to future polo shirts. Orders being taken; contact **DORIS!**

KEVIN OFLAZIAN shared that Lowell Elementary is having end-of-year awards on Monday the 9th and Tuesday the 10th.

QUEEN BEE DEBORAH asked the Cogs to create one more Cog Skit before the end of the year! Exciting times are ahead.

HOURY SANDERSON introduced our program. From the Fresno County Federal Credit Union, Susan Ryan, President and CEO for past 13 years who was CFO prior to that. Keri Bennitt was our speaker for the day - VP of Marketing and Membership at FCFCU.

Credit unions are their passion. The culture at FCFCU is "people helping people". Starting 73 years ago, the Fresno County employees got together to create a credit union to support loans and saving. It started humbly but today there are over 61,000 members with 7 branch locations and over \$530 million in assets. There are now 185 employees. Their philosophy is such empathy with customers that the credit union will grow by word of mouth. Their core value are Service to Member above all else; Excellence in Service and Reputation; Improving Financial Strength of Members; Commitment to Team Values; and Being Part of Something Special. FCFCU got a satisfaction score of almost 94% when members were surveyed. FCFCU is also adding members at a rate that is six times more than comparable institutions!

The years 2008-2011 were tough years for banks and for members. They help members find solutions to financial problems so they changed their Collections Department name to the Member Solutions Department. They have a volunteer program called CARES where 40-60 volunteers serve the community through various events.

To become a member of the credit union, you have to be a family member of an existing member, or a business might partner with FCFCU for membership. Right now there are 300 companies that partner for membership. By knowing members the credit union limits liability and therefore keeps product price down.

We ended with the usual weekly book donation to Lowell, and the raffle which was won by 894865, which was **PAUL GIBSON** - though he did not guess the word meaning correctly but somehow still got the wine. And that's how life should be, shouldn't it? Thanks one and all!