

NORTH FRESNO ROTARY



BULLETIN FOR MEETING OF 06/26/14



Rotary Club of North Fresno

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District 5230

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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:

July 3rd: We are **DARK**. Be safe and sane.
July 10th: Prez RALPH will do a Club Assembly. Hear yea, hear yea.
July 17th: High speed rail update from CalTrans.
July 24th: Justin Bond, Wounded Vet on Veteran's issues with PTSD and Depression.
July 31st: Rene' Clift from Elder Abuse Services.

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.

QUEEN BEE DEBORAH CHRISTENSEN was deposed (I think that's the right term for a monarch) in a meeting chaired by **IPPD SCOTT LOWE**. In case you're wondering, **IPPD means Immediate Past President in Charge of Demotion**. While this was **QUEEN DEBORAH's** last meeting as president, it is certainly worth noting that it was also **SCOTT's** last meeting as Immediate Past President.

Honoring the club with their presence were **DEBORAH's** husband **Jay**, her **stepdaughter**, her **mother** and her **aunt**, as well as her associate at Pinnacle Auto Brokers. Her **mom** and **aunt** traveled all the way from Germany for our exciting demotion meeting.

Throughout the meeting, the club was treated to a slide show of some of the highlights of **DEBORAH's** reign. Still, the meeting was so riveting, that it was hard to find time to watch.

ED KACZMAREK gave a suitable invocation, followed by **DR. PAD** leading us in the flag salute. It was especially fitting since **DR. PAD** came to the United States 46 years ago this date. He is a proud citizen, who has never regretted his decision to come to this country. He has been a Rotarian for half of that time, the last 23 years.

QUEEN DEBORAH was then called upon to lead the club in "If I Had a Hammer." As we all know, **DEBORAH** is never shy about leading us in song—however, **IPPD SCOTT** managed to find a song that **DEBORAH** never heard before. **DEBORAH** did her best. But, frankly, it was a disaster.

Anxious to get to the festivities, **IPPD SCOTT** efficiently took us through the club business. **KATIE SIEMENS** reminded the assembled members that the Pancake Breakfast will be held on July 12th, Saturday morning at Fig Garden Village. All are expected to attend and pitch in, if you will be in town. Meantime, sell tickets. And, as **BERNADETTE HANSEN** reminded us, get going on selling and returning the raffle tickets.

Scott and Lo from the Pinedale Soccer Club came by to present the club with a plaque in appreciation of the uniforms and soccer balls donated by the Endowment Fund and the club. (**IPPD SCOTT** had a good time with their names.) **PETER SCHEER** accepted on behalf of the Endowment Board, and thanked the club members for their continuing support of the Endowment Fund, which enables these kinds of community donations.

BREAKING NEWS!! NFR is dark on July 3rd. Incoming President **RALPH BOYAJIAN** announced that his first meeting, on July 10th, will also be our first club assembly for the new Rotary Year.

QUEEN DEBORAH, for her last official act, presented the **Terry Huntsman Rotary Spirit Award** to **CHIP PUTNAM** and **SCOTT SHEWAN**, in recognition of their efforts in membership recruitment and retention during her reign.

Why was your humble reporter blown away by this honor? Because it bears the name of **TERRY HUNTSMAN**. **TERRY** was a giant of North Fresno Rotary. He came to NFR from another club, where he had served as club president. While he never had the opportunity to serve as president of NFR, he was a major influence on those who knew him, because he exemplified the meaning of Service Above Self. When Rotary called, **TERRY** never said no. When he lost his brief battle with cancer four years ago, the club was deprived of a smiling face and a committed Rotarian.

TERRY'S legacy truly makes this award a meaningful one. Your reporter is humbled and honored to have been given this recognition.

IPPD SCOTT thought up a game which **DEBORAH** had to win in order to ascend to Past President status. The game was called "Are You 'Smarter' than a Past President?" Loosely based on Jeopardy, **DEBORAH** and a few bedraggled friends had to overcome the collective wisdom and might of the entire panel of Past Presidents. **SCOTT** rigged the game so there was no way **DEBORAH** could win. But she won anyway. And, by the narrowest of margins, she made it into the Past Presidents Club.

IPPD SCOTT called out the staff at Tornino's to thank them for their service over the past year. Nice touch.

So, it's on to the Demotion Party at The Painted Table. Someone else will have to write about that. This reporter's job is done. So is President **DEBORAH's**. Job well done.

–SCOTT SHEWAN