

NORTH FRESNO ROTARY

BULLETIN FOR APRIL 21, 2016

Rotary Club of North Fresno
Chartered: October 5, 1948
District: 5230
email: northfresnorotary.org
Current Members: 95



Upcoming Meeting Events:

April 28: Darius Assemi: The State of Our Community

May 5: Bob Green: Central Valley Rotary Football Scholarship Program

May 12: DARK AT TORNINO'S: Register and attend the 1.5 day District 5230 Conference at the Big Fresno Fairgrounds May 13-14.

Future Club Events:

SAVE THE DATE: Friday May 6, 2016 COG SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SPRING!

Location: Birdstone Winery in Madera

June 23: Demotion Roast for the Honorable BERNADETTE HANSEN.

No Guest Speaker scheduled, it will not be without a surprise!

June 24: DEMOTION PARTY FOR BERNADETTE HANSEN

Time: 7:00PM-11:00PM

Location to be determined, with details to follow

July 9, 2016: Annual Pancake Breakfast. 7:00AM-11:AM

Fig Garden Village @ Elbow Room. ALL HANDS ON DECK TO HELP!

Future Volunteer Bulletin Reporters:

April 28: Teri Amerine

May 5: Jason Weber

May 12: Kevork Oflazian

May 19: Bob Kittredge

May 26: Gordon Knott

If you are making arrangements for program, please verify the program/presenter are correct when you submit for publication.

**12:20 p.m: Sargent at Arms RHONDA WESSELS introduced NFR President
BERNADETTE HANSEN**

Invocation: SCOTT SHEWAN, Past President

Flag Salute: STEVE BEZZERIDES

Introducer of Visitors: NEAL HOWARD

HAGOP BEDOYAN announced there will be an election on May 26 to fill a position on our club Endowment Board. The vacancy was created when ROD GIBSON became the Presidentd Elect to follow incoming President PAUL GIBOSN. All interested club members wanting to run for the position, are to contact HAGOP. This notification of the impending election is in accordance with the NFR by laws.

DA JUDGE, DAVID KALEMKARIAN, was presented with his first PAUL HARRIS by PAUL MASQUELIER. PAUL inadvertently dropped the pin on the floor during the pinning. Fortunately, some very young eyes found the pin on the carpet so PAUL could finish the presentation. The room stood and applauded.

TIM HENSLEIT announced that for \$40 each you too can attend the COGs Spring Fling Mixer Friday May 6th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Birdstone Winery in Madera. Sign up is easy on the Web, or by putting you name on the sign up sheet during lunch in coming weeks. There will be a round trip limousine service from Highway 41 and Friant Road for the event. Exact location for service to be given. The entertainment will be provided by a Jazz Band, and there will be raffle prizes as well.

President BERNADETTE requested Rotarians to seriously consider this year's District Conference which is much less expensive than in the past (\$50 gets you all in). The meeting at Torino's is dark May 12th to encourage your participation.

For club runners, the Poverello House 2016 5K 'Run for Meals' is May 14th. This is the fourth year for this event. Start time is 7:15 am at Woodward Park. Register online at poverellohouse.org/5krun or call 559-498-6988.

LARRY GRANADOS introduced Bart Marks, the founder of the Fire & Ice diamond brand. According to Larry, ‘Bart founded the Fire & Ice diamond brand because he truly believed there was a better way to cut a diamond.’ He stated that Bart felt in his heart, he knew an exquisitely formed, optically pure diamond crystal desires to be part of the Fire & Ice brand, and believes he can provide it. It has a bigger, brighter and whiter appearance compared to other top rated diamonds. Bart believes choosing beauty over weight is the best of the difficult choices cutters need to make. Bart’s education and history in the jewelry business is extensive. He is now the Vice President of Rogers Jewelry Co. of California and CEO of Rogers of NV. He is President of Fire & Ice Diamonds. The diamonds on display were replicas of some very well known naturally occurring stones.

Mr Marks commented on two in particular: The Hope Diamond and its well known but misunderstood ‘curse,’ and the Grand Mogul diamond that belonged to a Sultan in India who strategically placed it in a palace window so he could see the reflection of the Taj Mahal. He mentioned that all the diamonds in the exhibit came from India, but that there are no longer active mines in that area of the world.

Bart discussed that a Fire and Ice Exceptional diamond is based on its optical purity and quality in the rough form, and that the Fire and Ice cut allows more light into the diamond and increases its value.

He discussed the fact the current cutting methods are a combination of Old World craftsmanship and New World technology. Lasers are not used to cut diamonds, but to measure facet sizes. The best diamonds are still cut by hand by a small segment of diamond cutting artisans.

Diamonds are sorted based on the color, quality, carat size and clarity, with the best stones being either white or colorless, and having the greatest amount of transparency. In a short video, Mr. Marks mentioned that ‘sorters’ actually use the shape of the rough stone to make their initial evaluation of its quality, value and whether it should then be ‘cut.’ He stated that < 1% of the diamonds that Fire and Ice evaluate actually become ForeverMark diamonds.

If you would like to see more of these exquisite stones, and discover more about their fascinating stories, be sure to stop in this weekend at the Rogers Jewelry Store on Blackstone in the shopping area across the street from Riverpark.

Rotarian Reporter: BILL STEVENS

If you are responsible for one of the above events, please review it for accuracy/correctness of the topic/presenters

