

# KIWANIS NEWSLETTER

Sept. 29, 2016

Doc Steele ran the meeting which featured the return of John Carsel who was able to escape months of captivity in the Family Court in Paso Robles. Diana Meyer brought guests Cece Ley and Carol Greiten.

**Merger Vote-** The club general membership voted to approve our merger with the SLO evening club. We will gain about 17 “noontime” members and 7 members of the PM group will form a satellite club. This is effective as of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Airport Day (10/15)-** Volunteers are still needed to fill all 3 shifts (8-12, 10-2, 12-4). 5 members of the SLOHS Key Club have signed up to help. Contact Hilding Larson for info.

**Soap Box-** Bob Kitamura briefly explained social media and how it could apply to Kiwanis. It helps with branding and social interactions.

**Joke-** Doc Steele related an amusing story of a student posting a photo of his daughter on the internet while she was teaching psychology at Poly.

**Fines & Happy Bucks-** Gary Simas did the extraction and was also the Secret Greeter. He nabbed Stew Jenkins, Bob Stratton, Bob Alderman, Bob Kitamura, Henry Rible, Ralph Battles, and the Fine Free James Shammass as unfriendlies. John Carsel was glad to be back. Gary was happy over another Cal Poly football win. Ralph Battles led a patriotic song medley which Mike Murphy did not have to lip sync. Stew Jenkins gave for electronic court filings, an ACLU BBQ, and his car battery dying after 17 years. Bob Alderman celebrated wins by Cal Poly, Stanford, and the Dodgers. Bob Stratton was happy to be back. Milt Batson donated for his upcoming 22<sup>nd</sup> grandchild and his frustration over painting delays at his ranch. Doc Steele gave for his and his wife’s upcoming birthdays and their celebratory cruise.

**Program-** Our speaker was Jody Belsher on “The Other Side of Cannabis”. She had produced an award-winning documentary on this based on her research around the world and her experiences with her son. She says marijuana in circulation today is much more potent than it was years ago and is very addicting, can cause death, causes mental problems (including psychoses) especially in people under 30, and leads to unsafe driving. She is against the proposition legalizing marijuana because in states where this has been done there has been increased auto accidents, increased ER visits, increased other drug usage, and no safeguards for child usage. Even growing the plants causes increase water usage and increased thefts.

**Drawings-** \$10- Mike Murphy

\$25- Doc Steele

Flag- Leslie Cone

Fine Free- Bob Stratton

Song- Hilding Larson

Joke- Diana Meyer

Inspiration- Roger Jump

Soap Box- Mike Murphy

Membership (\$147.50)- Stew Jenkins picked the 9 of spades.

**Next Program-** Brett Strickland, SLO City Council candidate.