

# KIWANIS NEWSLETTER

Dec. 15,2016

There were no guests other than our program speaker. Our satellite club had 7 members attending on Tuesday night at the SLO Country Club. This meeting can be used as a make up for those desiring such.

**Club Survey-** Region 10 Trustee Gary Gray has analyzed the club survey taken last week and said it revealed questions about our club purpose and impact on the community, decreased opportunities to attract new members, and decreased interest in our projects. These will be addressed in a 3 hr. "retreat" to be held in January.

**Progressive Dinner-** We have 35-40 members and their guests signed up for this Sunday at 5pm, starting at Larry Meek's house. Driving directions will again be sent under separate cover.

**Crab Feed (2/18)-** Thanks to Ben McAdams, Gulliver's Travels has signed on as a corporate sponsor.

**Joke-** Bill Fieldhouse got a so-so judgement on his Lamb's Wool Coat joke.

**Soap Box-** Bob Alderman yielded to Rich Carmel who told us why our Advanced Health Care Directives should be made more specific. Doc Steele said that when he was in practice, just being a patient of his meant you wanted to pull the plug.

**Fines & Happy Bucks-** Kiwanis justice was applied by Gary Sims. Secret Greeter Bob Kitamura was shunned only by fine free Roger Jump. Doc Steele was hit for not remembering whom he put in the bulletin as being fine free. Rich Carmel led the song "Oh Maryland" and was fined for the words "Northern scum" as well as the way it was sung. He also paid for his prolonged soap box. Bob Alderman gave for yielding the soap box. Bill Fieldhouse donated for his joke and being part of a winning golf team. Ralph Battles sang "Oh Tannenbaum" with a German girl. Milt Batson had a legal question about his health care directive. Bob Kitamura will be away for 3 weeks.

**Program-** Our speaker was Colonel Nicole Ballet, commander of Camp Roberts. She talked about her 2 tours of duty in Iraq, first in 2003-04 and then in 2010-11. She contrasted the difference in the armament during the 2 times, the change in living conditions to cope with the 130-140 degree temperatures, and the interaction with the Iraqi forces. Initially as a company commander, and then a battalion commander, she was respected on an equal basis by the Iraqis.

**Drawings-** \$10- Larry Meek

\$40- Col. Ballet who will donate it to the  
Camp Roberts Museum.

Flag- Ben McAdams

Fine Free- Rich Carmel

Song- Henry Ruble

Soap Box- Mike Murphy

Inspiration- Stew Jenkins

Joke- Diana Meyer

Membership (\$62.50)- Bob Alderman picked the spade 9.

**Next Program-** Christmas Music led by Roger Jump and Ralph Battles.