

KIWANIS NEWSLETTER

January 3, 2017

Guests- James Shammass brought his father George. Also, John Carsel returned after a prolonged absence and will be coming more regularly now that the court days in Paso Robles have been changed.

Board Meeting (1/3) -(1) The membership survey results were discussed. Regional Trustee Gary Gray will meet with the board in February and help with suggestions as part of the club revitalization plan. A club retreat will probably be held in March. (2) The board approved a check for \$4000 toward the community garden project. (3) Our club will co-host with the AM Club a DCM on March 8th at the Nazarene Church. (4) Reports of community service activities should be email to Secretary Milt Batson so that we get credit from KI. (5) We will be purchasing equipment from the AM Club for the Crab Feed.

Feed The Homeless (1/1)- We fed 55 people on New Year's Day. Thanks to all who donated or served.

Crab Feed- (2/18)- Tickets, posters, and requests for auction donations were distributed for this annual fundraiser.

Circle K- Advisor Bob Kitamura informed us that meetings have been changed to Monday nights at 8pm and last 1 hour. Contact Bob if you would like to attend.

Joke- Jim Irwin scored with an Auditor-Shepherd joke.

Fines & Happy Bucks- Doc Steele did the honors. Bob Alderman was hit for losing the signup sheet for Feed The Homeless. Roger Jump paid for calling himself and Ralph Battles "rock stars". Hilding Larson mixed up Bill Fieldhouse and Jim Irwin, thereby insulting 2 people at once. Doc Steele's office was flooded in the deluge. Rich Carsel informed us of the Jewish view of when life begins. Milt Batson made a false accusation. James Shammass was happy about a new job at People's Self-Help Housing and USC's win in the Rose Bowl.

Program- Our speaker was John Fowler, the President of People's Self-Help Housing. This non-profit has been in business for 46 years, providing housing for low income families, seniors, people with special needs, and most recently workforce housing. They have built or rehabilitated 3000 units for 5000 residents in the tricounty area. They employ about 170 people. Besides helping with homeownership or rentals, they provide financial counseling, literacy education, and programs for youth.

Drawings- \$20- Bob Kitamura

\$20- Jim Irwin

Flag- John Carsel

Fine Free- Milt Batson

Song- James Shammas

Soap Box- Bob Kitamura

Inspiration- Leslie Cone

Joke- George Petty

Membership (\$70)- Bill Fieldhouse picked the 7 of spades.

Next Program- David Kramer, an Afghanistan vet, will talk about Leadership.