

KIWANIS NEWSLETTER

Feb. 9, 2017

Guests- Past Lt. Gov. Brian Atwell, Circle K member and liason Desiree Cruz, and member-in-waiting Ryan Sedley graced our meeting.

Feed The Homeless (2/5)- We fed 75 people including 13 children on Super Bowl Sunday. Thanks to all who donated and served. There is a change in time for future servings to have the food there by 5:15pm.

Board Meeting (2/7)- A retreat with counselor Gary Gray will be held on March 11th from 10am-1pm at Hilding's house with a lunch of tri-tip and salmon. This is a chance for everybody in the club to voice their opinion about the club's direction. Donations of \$500 each were made to the YMCA (thanks to Mike Murphy who will lead us in singing the song at the next meeting) and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (thanks to John Durant). Up to \$750 was voted to send 3 high school students to Key Leader Camp (thanks to Diana Meyer).

Youth Activities- Bob Kitamura reported the Circle K has about 20 members and held elections. Diana Meyer said the Key Club had a bake sale toward their fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Crab Feed- We have sold about 250-275 tickets out of 325 so far. Volunteers are needed to help out on the day of the feed for various positions. Please contact James Shammass if you can help. There is a meeting of the Crab Feed committee at San Luis Paper at 2pm tomorrow to help get our ducks in a row.

Joke- Dick Riggins did a 5 minute mea culpa for political incorrectness before telling a fairly good Adam and Eve joke.

Fines & Happy Bucks- Gary Simas returned as fine master. He donated for his birthday. Ben McAdams paid for his ringing phone. Stew Jenkins and John Carsel were late. Tom Tolbert gave a poor introduction. Roger Jump was reprimanded for trying to catch our President on the order of intros. Hilding Larson made a lewd comment about Bob Kitamura's anniversary. Dick Riggins paid for his mea culpa. Brian Atwell gave a truthful dollar for where he really went after leaving last week's meeting early. John Carsel endorsed Brian's airplane ride which will be up again for auction at the crab feed. Milt Batson is having problems with his "rooter" (router). Rich Carsel actually gave for his birthday in advance.

Program- Our speaker was Jason Holland, director of the Veterans Falconry Initiative (VFI). This has been in existence for 1 year and treats vets with PTSD and traumatic brain injury (TBI) at no cost to the vet. They believe that the interaction of training, growing together, and hunting with birds, helps the veterans relax and accommodate to their condition. Jason brought Mischa, a

10-month-old red-tailed hawk with him for the presentation. VFI coordinates with mental health facilities at the VA and several military bases in our area They have treated 80 vets in the last year, and 6 of these have started the process to become falconers.

Drawings-	\$10- Henry Rible	\$40- Circle K
	Flag- Henry Rible	Fine Free- Tom Tolbert
	Song- Mike Murphy	Soap Box- Diana Meyer
	Inspiration- Jim Nielsen	Joke- Jim Irwin

Membership (\$82.50)- Bob Stratton picked the 3 of hearts.

Next Program- Friends of Hearst Castle

Upcoming Dates- 2/18- Crab Feed
3/7- Board Meeting
3/8- DCM
3/18- Community Garden work day
5/19- Tri-tip BBQ fund raiser