

KIWANIS NEWSLETTER

Dec. 14, 2017

Guests- We were visited by Kiwanian Ray Michael and his wife Carol who are moving here from Boardman, Oregon early next year.

Legion of Honor Awards- Prez Hilding handed out Legion of Honor certificates to representing 25 years in Kiwanis to 28 members totaling more than 1100 years of community service. These were given out at the Progressive Dinner, the Tuesday satellite club meeting, and this meeting. Ken Rodman, Lynn Cooper, and Marvin Dee have each been in Kiwanis for more than 50 years.

Progressive Dinner (12/10)- 31 people feasted on various appetizers, tri-tip, salmon, brownies, ice cream, and lemon bars served at the houses of Larry Meek, Hilding Larson, and Doc Steele. The food and comraderie were great. Thanks to all who participated.

Troop Parcels- Doc Steele reported we sent \$650 to Si Tennenberg to help pay for the mailing of packages to the Middle East. Contact Doc if you would like to get on the list to help.

DCM (12/13)- Lt. Gov. Steve Click distributed much literature describing the projects of Kiwanis. There will be a Valentine's Day Bingo fundraiser in Feb. The Governor's visit will be Feb. 17th. The mid-year conferences will be in Sacramento and Pomona in Feb.

Youth Activities- The Key Club will help with the Salvation Army bell ringing this Saturday. They have raised \$205 for Project Eliminate so far.

Joke- Doc Steele got thumbs up for a church-military funny.

Soap Box- Gary Simas descends from a family of whalers from the Azores and farmers from the Santa Maria area.

Fines & Happy Bucks- Gary did the extraction. He missed the LA Auto Show because of his grandson's birthday and paid for some souvenirs which Hilding brought back for him. Hilding gave for losing the bell and maligning Boardman, Oregon. Lynn Cooper and Jim Irwin were hit for trying to rat out George Petty. Ben McAdams paid for advertising. Leslie Cone forgot she had the joke. Mike Murphy was happy about the Progressive Dinner. Larry Meek ran into a previous president of the DeTolosa club. Bob Kitamura paid for a Porsche catalogue from the auto show. Henry Rible left early. Diana Meyer was glad about our guests.

Program- Our speaker was Tom Bobyns, a retired banker, who now represent CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). He said there are 500 children in SLO County who are under court jurisdiction because of either abuse or neglect. About half the parents have drug or alcohol problems and 90% of the children have physical or emotional problems. CASA has been in this county for 24 years and currently has 14 employees and 150 volunteers and is able to

service between 150 and 170 children. 90% of the volunteers are female and male volunteers are urgently needed. The program has been shown to increase high school graduation rates, improve the health of the children, and result in fewer foster home placements. Their \$900k yearly budget is funded by government grants, individual and corporate donations, and fundraising events. They also provide a mentoring program for teens who are “emancipated” at age 18.

Drawings-	\$10- Bob Kitamura	\$30- Mike Murphy
	Flag- Jim Nielsen	Fine Free- Doc Steele
	Song- Bart Topham	Soap Box- Lynn Cooper
	Inspiration- Gary Simas	Joke- Leslie Cone

Membership (\$87.50)- Doc Steele picked the 5 of clubs.

Next Program- Community Foundation Scholarship Program.

Upcoming Dates-

12/16- Salvation Army bell ringing.

1/3- Board Meeting

1/7- Feed The Homeless

2/10- DCM

2/17- Governor’s visit

3/10- Crab Feed