

KIWANIS NEWSLETTER

May 31, 2018

The meeting started early to give time for our speaker, Sheriff Ian Parkinson time to speak.

Guests- Rich Carsel brought his latest spouse Jan and financial planner Ralph Slocum. Ben McAdams hosted Erica Neal and Nicholas Anthony from the Performing Arts Foundation as well as Fred Kelley who had purchased Ben's last house and is still talking to him. Steve Ingels returned as a guest of Lynn Cooper.

Program- Sheriff Parkinson has been in office for 8 years and is seeking a third term. He is in charge of 430 employees, 300 volunteers, and a \$73M budget. His duties cover the Patrol staff, the County Jail, and the Coroner's office. Since the state realigned the prison system several years ago, the jail has been burdened with more prisoners with mental health and physical problems. About 40% are on psychotropic meds and there are long waits to transfer prisoners to state mental hospitals. Since the death last year of a prisoner who was in restraints for 46 hours, he has changed the policy on prisoners in restraints and in safety cells, appointed a chief medical officer, is working with the Board of Supervisors and private donors to establish a separate mental health facility at the jail, and has changed the process for forcing medication on inmates. He also discussed recent school shootings. Although there are now procedures in schools in this county to mitigate the risk, he believes the ultimate solution lies in identifying students ahead of time who have social and behavioral problems.

Drawings-	\$10- George Petty	\$33- Dick Riggins
	Flag- Bill Fieldhouse	Fine Free- Jim Irwin
	Song- Jim Nielsen	Soap Box- Diana Meyer
	Inspiration- Rich Carsel	Joke- Roger Jump

Membership (\$75)- Henry Rible picked the diamond 8.

Next Program- Using Humor for Better Advocacy and Unity.

Upcoming Dates-

6/2- BBQ at Filipponi's.

6/3- Feed The Homeless.

6/6- Board Meeting.

6/14- Interclub in Atascadero.

6/22- Trip to Peterson Auto Museum in LA. Contact Kevin Hauber if interested.