

# KIWANIS NEWSLETTER

Dec. 19, 2019

Prez Bob announced what has happened on this day in history- Bill Clinton was impeached in 1998, and this is National Regifting Day.

**Guests-** Steve and Nancy Rye of the SLO AM Club. Bill Harris reappeared after an almost 3-month absence due to Achilles tendon surgery.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing (12/14)-** We have been doing this since 1975. Thanks to all who participated in collecting at Beverley's, Ralph's, and Von's. Final collection numbers are still pending.

**Progressive Dinner (12/15)-** We had about 35 members and their guests enjoying the appetizers, salads, entrees, and dessert. Thanks to the Slocums, Coopers, Fieldhouses, Larsons, Steeles, and Irwins for hosting.

**Troop Parcels-** This is a good time to make a year-end tax-deductible contribution to Helping Soldiers in the Desert or sign up for a monthly donation. Contact Doc Steele for details.

**SLO AM Fundraiser-** To help fund their breakfasts at C.L. Smith School, the AM Club is selling \$20 tickets for a dinner at Tahoe Joe's (eat-in or take-out) on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Ryes at 805-549-8466 to purchase tickets.

**Soap Box-** Hilding Larson told us about the new STEAM Kiwanis Club in town which is considering pairing with the Ford Motor Company to do a tech project with local students.

**Fines & Happy Bucks-** Rich Carsel did the honors. He hit Ralph Slocum for never telling "tall" jokes. Ben McAdams paid for a prolonged intro to the pledge of allegiance. Bob Kitamura begged to get impeached. Roger Jump was not fined but was assessed \$2. He also gave happy bucks in tribute to Hilding Larson's work with the Salvation Army and the progressive dinner. Hilding gave for a thank you card for wife Mary Carole. James Shammas paid for being too quiet. John Durant was happy about the success of the SLOHS football team this year. Milt Batson was dunned for his elf outfit at the bell ringing. Bill Harris was glad to be back in action. Henry Rible was happy about the progressive dinner.

**Get Well Card-** This was passed around to be signed by members and to be send to Leslie Cone who had extensive back surgery about 2 years ago and is still having problems.

**Program-** Our speaker was Wendy Wendt, executive director of First Five of SLO County. This is a state sponsored organization that has programs that improve the lives of children and their families from prenatal through age 5. It is funded by the 1998 tobacco tax and supports programs that aide perinatal readiness, child health and development, early learning, and family strengthening. Scientific work has shown that 90% of the brain's development occurs

before age 5, so it is important to support health and minimize adverse experiences in this age group.

**Drawings-** \$20- Bob Alderman

\$20- Ralph Slocum

Flag-John Durant

Fine Free- George Petty

Song- Dick Riggins

Soap Box- Mike Johnson

Inspiration- Lynn Cooper

Joke- Bill Fieldhouse

Membership (\$125)- Ralph Slocum picked the club 10.

**Upcoming Dates-**

12/26- No meeting.

1/5- Feed the Homeless.

1/7- Board Meeting.

2/29- Governor's visit.

4/18- Crab Feed.