

FEBRUARY 6, 2012

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Reporter Mimi Gaffey

PROGRAM

BREAKING THE POVERTY CYCLE, FRANK VIZCARRA

Feb 13 Carlsbad Police Department
Feb 20 **DARK – President's Day**
Feb 27 4-Way Speech Contest

OTHER EVENTS

Feb 18 Poker party at Don Kenney's home
Feb 25 Mexico House building project; contact Al Wanamaker
March 9 Lunch N' Learn – office of Mark Ealy

MEETING OF JANUARY 30, 2012

President Jim Brubaker called the meeting to order with the usual bells and we were off. **Mimi Gaffey's** "Words" were off-the-cuff as she saluted the speaker, **CPO Derek Cameron**, for his service. Guests were introduced and the singing was joyful.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Harris Fellows: **Prez Bru** indicated that the District Gov. offered to provide a Rotary watch to any who have not contributed to the PHF in the past five years (for a \$100 donation); and a scarf and tie for a \$25 donation.



Women's Resource Center: Wendy Wiegand presented a check for \$4,000 to **Lauren-Jane Stephenson** of the Women's Resource Center resulting from the Oktoberfest. Stephenson was effusive in her appreciation and indicated that we help provide women and families an opportunity to be "free from abuse. We can't thank you enough!"

Mitchell Thorp Fdn: Wendy Wiegand also presented a \$500 check to the MT Fdn, started in 2009, to assist North County families of children with extensive medical needs. Beth and Brad Thorp were present to accept the check and express their appreciation to the club.



Flowers: **Linda Allington** offered the Valentine's Day flower special today from Ohana's; deliveries will be on February 13.

Social: **Kori Dolkas** indicated that the next Texas Hold' Em Poker Party will be held on Saturday, February 18 at 6pm at the home of **Don Kenney**. Deal 'em! Also the next Lunch N' Learn is set for March 9 at the office of **Mark Ealy**.

Mexico House Building Project: **Al Wanamaker** announced that the building project will move forward on Saturday, February 25 from 6am to about 5pm. **Robyn Hill** is coordinating the food stuffs, bedding, etc. for the family. Please bring all donations to the Feb. 13 meeting. Cash for the family is also welcome.

Rotary Talent Show: **Chungsam Doh** of the Carlsbad (evening) club asked for Hi-Noon singers to participate in a *Rotary Has Talent Show* set for April 10. The group of 13 singers, from both Carlsbad clubs, has five vacancies to fill. Contact Al Scarpelli of the evening club to add to the fun.

Past President's Moment: Bob Fenner, entitled *Mr. Excitement* by **Prez Bru**, provided a snapshot of his year as Hi-Noon President: The RI convention was in Australia and he took an additional week to visit New Zealand; it was the first appearance of the "Dude"; Hosp Grove was completed; it was the first Carlsbad Trophy football game and the first golf tournament (that raised \$17,000). Interact started with 20 students that year and ended with 120 (community service was a graduation requirement, Fenner joked). There were two students on an international exchange to France, a volleyball tournament, the building of a Mexico house ("but they didn't want me to touch a hammer, so I sat in a plush chair in the middle of the street"), and the membership moved from 75 to 78. All good stuff, thanks Bob.



Limerick Competition: FINALLY . . . Pres. Bru's contest had two contestants ready at the same time--**Dave Dana** and **Frank Hutchins** BOTH had creative, interesting limericks (copies should be forthcoming), but it seemed Hutchins won by a hair.

(Photo: Frank Hutchins, Jim Brubaker, Dave Dana)

ROTO-ROOTER Walt Waggener

Woe are the members recognized by RR **Walt Waggener** on any given day, today's victims:

- **Randy Ferren**, last week's Hi-Jinx reporter, for casting doubt on RR Waggener's factual content. \$20 would be "satisfactual."
- **Stan Gershgol's** granddaughter is in a Canadian bank commercial and her sister is training in gymnastics for the Canadian Olympic team. No fine.
- **Kori Cash Dolkas** was asked about her middle name. "Maiden name" she said, "even as I work in a bank", AND she won \$1,000 from her bank. \$34 fine.
- **Wendy Wiegand** was asked about statistics from last week's Alzheimer's program. Women are more prone because they live longer, \$10.
- **Clint Voltmer** was never fined when he answer the Alzheimer's question "because they don't have wives." . . . it shall not be forgotten.
- **Phil Urbina** described a frightening driving occasion down Palomar Airport Road when a driver turned left in front of him . . . no fine . . . but **Pat Hurley** spent lots of "ah gosh" time trying to describe the YELLOW light and how he was taught to "punch it." \$10.

- **Mimi Gaffey** has a new Lexus, an anniversary present from her husband, so HE was fined \$30. She was fined \$20 because she could not answer a horse question correctly - which person named (Alexander the Great, George Washington, Genghis Khan, Napoleon or **Henry VIII**) did NOT ride an Arabian.



PROGRAM: CPO Derek Cameron.

David Harrison introduced **Navy SEAL CPO Derek Cameron** as a most timely speaker, given the Somali rescue last week. Chief Cameron has a Purple Heart and an Award for Valor from Operation Iraqi Freedom. Cameron is with SEAL Team 3, a sniper, and was wounded by a hand grenade in Iraq.

Chief Cameron is now a communications trainer at the Naval Special Warfare Center on Coronado. He kicked off the program with a Naval Special Warfare video of the SEALs (sea, air, land) and their training. Most SEALs are from 19 – 30 years of age, with officers and enlisted going through the same training.

There are a variety of phases in training a SEAL: pre-training to emphasize physical and mental fitness. Phase 1 deals with selection (who has the commitment and teamwork ability to make the cut). Phase 2 is all about the frogman (underwater techniques, equipment readiness, emergency knowledge) . . . how to save your buddy and yourself. Phase 3 focuses on land/data, compass/navigation and land maps. Each day begins at 5am and ends about 1am--for weeks. The final assignment is a mission that is planned in the daylight and executed in the night. All phases build a foundation for the continued training of each SEAL.

BUD/S (basic underwater demolition) training ends in Hell Week, but that is only the BEGINNING of a SEAL's training. There is a 75 percent drop-out rate, and most of that usually occurs during BUD/S where "wet and sandy" is the description of each day. "The Only Easy Day Was Yesterday" is the vernacular in play.

At the end of six months, THAT is the time when Chief Cameron receives his new trainees . . . in a continuous training program that lasts **two years**. Cameron described the organizational chart of SEAL teams, including: 3204 "Operators" (Navy SEAL); 4,048 support personnel; 1021 civilian personnel; and 696 reserve personnel. The average age of a SEAL is 27.

The recent filming of a soon-to-be-released movie, "**Act of Valor**" used Navy SEALs from Coronado and is endorsed by the Naval Special Warfare Center. The Navy is trying to increase the number of SEALs because of their deftness in handling wartime crises. Chief Cameron is a perfect example of that dedication and commitment.

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