



ESCONDIDO CENTERVIEW

December 9, 2008

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PROGRAMS

December 16

Jill Harp

Heritage Kids

High School Choir

Christmas Program

December 23 and 30th

DARK

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Scholarship Table for December 16

Frosty Fouts

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A MESSAGE FROM INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR JOHN YPHANTIDES

As we all know, Rotary is a worldwide organization. Unless you attend a Rotary International Conference or visit one of the more than 33,000 clubs (consisting of more than 1.2 million Rotary members) spread throughout more than 200 countries and geographical regions of the world, you may never truly comprehend the international scope of Rotary.

It is because of the relationship established through Rotary that our own **Nader Elbanna** is right now in the Mideast region with Miko Peled, a fellow Rotarian from the Coronado Rotary Club, to deliver much needed medical supplies to a local hospital in Gaza. The picture below was sent to me by Nader just this week and it shows him and Miko standing at the border crossing waiting to enter Gaza to deliver the medical supplies they brought with them.



Unfortunately, most of us do not get to experience the international “flavor” of Rotary. That’s why I’m excited to highlight the upcoming opportunity we have as a Club to host the District Host & Hospitality event on Thursday evening, January 22, 2009 at the California Center for the Arts Escondido.

For those of you who may not have attended this event in the past, it is a wonderful opportunity to experience the international “flavor” of Rotary. Future District Governors from across the globe, along with their spouses, will be attending this training in San Diego. On that Thursday evening, local Rotary Clubs

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will be hosting some of these visiting Rotarians and spouses to share with them an evening imbibing of the local "flavor" of San Diego. Since most of us haven't gotten to experience the international world of Rotary the way that some one like **Nader** has, attending this event will allow us to interact with individuals from around the world whom we would never have the occasion to otherwise meet or interact with. As an added incentive to attend this unique event, the Board of Directors of our Club has agreed to subsidize \$20 of the \$36 cost to attend this event for a member of our Rotary Club. Please take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy a cross-cultural evening with your fellow Rotarians, and who knows, you may establish a relationship that will necessitate your traveling as an ambassador of goodwill in the future to exotic places under the Rotary banner!

MEETING NOTES

Today's reporter is Bill Mayer with Dependable Alarms.

President Mary opened our meeting at 12:10 PM.

Frank Geerdes gave the Invocation, **Linda Bailey** led us in the pledge to our flag, **Gary Szytel** directed us in our Patriotic Song and his lovely wife **CJ** sang the fun song – Tinker, Tinker with the Scope - co-authored by **Katie Ragazzi**. **Chuck Hanlen** gave a moving speech about the day "that will live in infamy" – the bombing of Pearl Harbor.



Visiting Rotarians were introduced by **Jennifer Roane** – Ollie Speraw with a classification of Real Estate.

GUESTS were introduced by our Rotarians and welcomed by **President Mary**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget to buy your buttons to First Night Escondido. Tickets are only \$10 until Christmas. Such a deal for a great night!!! For more information, visit the website at www.firstnightscondido.com. There are also any number of volunteer opportunities available. See **Debbi Stanley** for details.

President Mary -

December 16 Christmas & Holiday Program

Our Christmas and Holiday Program will be "Heritage Kids" a San Diego-based home school patriotic show choir of 7th-12th grade Heritage Christian School students under leadership of the multi talented Jill Harp. 48 enthusiastic singers will inspire you as they perform patriotic and traditional holiday music that remembers our soldiers, veterans, and the heritage upon which our great country was founded. They have performed at many local, state and national venues and most recently in September, 2008, at the Family Research Council's Values

Voter Summit in Washington, DC, and election night at Golden Hall. Make sure you RSVP with **Bob Payne** and sign-up for guests. bpayne47@aol.com.

Mary also reminded everyone to remember to bring canned foods to help with the families in need this holiday. Donations are being accepted at the Salvation Army.

Wendy Barker –

Through a grant funded by the San Diego Foundation, **Wendy Barker** and **Katie Ragazzi** are working on a project to revitalize Grape Day Park. They are seeking community input. To participate, please take the survey on www.grapedaypark.org

Bob Piva –

Take a look at the upcoming events on www.rotary5430.com and pay special attention to “Host Hospitality”. If you have any questions ask Bob. Also see **John Yphantides’** article above.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

December’s birthdays were celebrated. Birthday boys and girls included: **Ralph Cook, John Kroesche, David Allaband, Kristy Fortney, Bobby Daniels, Vivian Doering, Suzanne Southwell, Todd Twedt, Jill Campbell, Tom Galyean, Claude Lubin, John McGinnis, C. J. Szytel, Tom Knight, Nick Tsoulos, 'The Angelo' Damante, Larry Michel, Nancy-Fay Hecker, and Chip Lanzi.**

CHECK PRESENTATIONS

Gloria Tecca presented a check to Greg Angela of Interfaith Community Services.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Past President Tom Knight inducted our newest Rotarian, Chemain Kellog. Chemain has the classification of Real Estate Mortgages. Her sponsor is **Alicia Knight**.



RAFFLE

Jennifer Bailey took the cash and **Jeannie Winton** pulled an 8 of Diamonds.

PROGRAM

Today’s speaker needed no introduction but we could barely recognize a much leaner Dick High. And with a beard no less. Dick spoke to the group today about astronomy and that wonderful thing above us.

He shared some amazing photos of Saturn, Jupiter and Mars and engaged the crowd with some breathtaking shots of stars and far off galaxies. He explained the process of stargazing by telling the group, “You need two things – equipment and darkness.”

Dick showed a map of the United States with a depiction of the areas of darkness. It is clear that you have to travel to find the right conditions.

While the group ohh’ed and aww’ed over the wonderful photography, Dick taught us that there is symmetry in the perceived chaos. Dick compared the structure of the galaxies with the electronic structure of the brain’s stem. The similarities were striking!!



It seems that Dick is finding a wonderful way to spend his retirement!

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