

Meeting Notes – 1-13-15

The bowls of salsa on the tables coupled with the oversize spoons clued the more observant of us in to the fact the day's repast would consist of soup and salad. An adventurous gastronome at the rear table spooned some of the salsa into the soup and a few of his tablemates followed, apparently depending on whether each preferred his potato soup New England or Manhattan style. The Big Easy let most people finish what they were going to consume of the taco salad before ding the bell and announcing that Sylvia Domotor would be overseeing Anthem & Pledge duties. Dennis Franklin gave the invocation, the napkin clutched in hand behind his back suggesting silent protest regarding what he may have considered a premature start to the proceedings. For the second week in a row, the president reserved song master duties for himself. He chose #65, *Sing Rotarians*, as the single selection for the session. There were no visitors or guests, a fact which drew no special note from the president this week.

President's Comment

Rotarians hold five core values. Comradery, diversity, integrity, and leadership are the second through the fifth. Commitment, humility, empathy, or humor may be the first.

Announcements

Tom Adams thanked everybody who kept wife Sally in his or her thoughts and prayers. Her surgery was a success and Sally is resting comfortably at home. He has been forced to consider urging Brad to come out of retirement to care for all the flowers Sally has received.

The initial meeting of the Canyon Oaks Interact club took place last Thursday. Things went well.

Carl Johnson and Lynda Linforth received thanks in absentia for arranging the well-attended First Friday gathering at Bar O.

The Dan Stover Music, Hensell Essay, and 4 Way Speech contests are rapidly approaching. Judges will be needed.

The sign in Rotary Park is being painted as this is being written. The editors trust that more paint has made its way onto the sign than onto those applying the new coat.

Saturday is also the first scheduled facilitator orientation for RYLA. Aside from writing an edition of the Bulletin, being a RYLA facilitator is the quickest route to the attainment of a Blue Badge.

The Monrovia Chamber of Commerce will be honoring 2 of our own on Friday, January 30. Bryan would like everyone to attend to recognize Rob Hammond and Jason Landes.

Fines

Denny Black -- \$100 (Birthday, anniversary package)

Julie Roybal -- \$21 (San Francisco Trip)

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Darrell Brooke -- \$50 PHF (Mexico trip to meet his future in-laws)

Mike Williams -- \$100 (Chicago Trip, 14-0-1 soccer team record)

Micah Adams -- \$34 + \$5 (Birthday + OSU “massacre” of Oregon, courtesy of Andrew Chelinsky)

Program – Club Assembly

President Earll started by going over the summary of the Club budget, copies of which were provided at each table.

Bryan asked club treasurer Tim Mishler for a report on the financial health of the Club. Tim reported that the Club finances are “sound” and gave the amounts in various accounts the Club has.

The president then asked each of the four tables to brainstorm to create a project that would make excellent use of \$2500 seed money. Ideas included holding a career fair to promote vocational service businesses, A Morongo Casino junket (the proceeds of which will fund scholarships), holding a promotional event to tie in with the extension of the Gold Line through town, and adopting five needy families during the holidays.

We finished with Bryan having us participate in an emulation of the culture walk, one of the activities at RYLA, seemingly to embed in us the desire to serve and get more involved in the Club.

Opportunity Drawing

Patrick Azadian -- \$28

--Kris L.