

## Meeting Notes – 1-20-15

Greeters included Allen Huber, Trevor Fessenden, and, if you were prompt, Lynda Linforth. For the second week in a row, the meal began with potato soup. The salad dressings provided for the course to come did not tempt anyone to embellish the soup as had been the case with the salsa last week. Members at one table contented themselves listening to a tutorial on towing by Brian Soash. Mr. Soash was just warming to the subject when President Easy called upon him to handle Anthem and Pledge duties. This he did while simultaneously demonstrating how one leads from behind by staying put at his table as he performed his duties. The Big Easy then asked the dependable Steve Knight to give the day's invocation and Steve obliged in his usual efficient fashion. Visitors included a passel of red badgers from the Monrovia West club whom the president recognized at lightning speed. Kathy Taylor introduced her guest, Bruno Esquivel. Continuing at the tempo he had set for himself, the president launched into announcements and made several before Cal Magro tactfully inquired about pianist Tabby Hentgen's continued presence. At this point, a somewhat chagrined Bryan yielded the podium so that Tim Moore might have his day as song master. The first selection, #65, *Sing Rotarians*, was supplemented by the usual tinkling and, this day, by a percussion section that would have made Nikita Kruschev proud. Mr. Moore wisely limited his second selection, #13, *Clementine*, to one verse lest the proceedings get totally out of hand.

### **President's Comment**

Rotarians hold five core values: Service, Comradery, diversity, integrity, and leadership.

### **Announcements**

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. So far, two tables worth of Monrotarians have signed up.

Bob Helbig is committee chair for the 4 way speech contest. He asked for three volunteers to help him with the judging and Mike Antonessi, Alex Blackburn, and Erica Hahn stepped up.

The Dan Stover Music and Hensell Essay contests are also approaching. Judges will be needed for them as well.

We received thanks from the Monrovia school board for our support of the Pro-active tutoring program.

## **Fines**

Karen Lujan -- \$0 (Trip to New Mexico that turned out to be for business)

Alex Blackburn -- \$50 (New Car)

Josh Garcia -- \$?? (Seahawk fan passing the buck to championship game attendee Gary Kooiman)

Lynda Linforth -- \$20 (Reneging on attending make-up meeting in Pasadena, Texas)

## **Program – Drought Tolerant Planting**

Our speaker was Lydia Jeffries of the Monrovia Garden Club. The Garden Club was established in 1931 and is affiliated with a national garden organization. With Erica Hahn assisting at the projector, Ms. Jeffries showed slides of several different gardens throughout Monrovia that utilize drought tolerant planting and landscaping and are beautiful nonetheless. The Club also recognizes eight gardens, two from each quadrant of the city, each year for their beauty, although not necessarily drought tolerance. Seeing the slides was a nice reminder that Spring will soon be here and seemed to put everyone in a festive mood.

## **Opportunity Drawing**

Denny Black -- \$22

*--Kris L.*