

Meeting Notes – 12-30-14

Allen Huber, Steve Knight, and Bill Shieff joined mainstay Linda Lynforth to greet Monrotarians and others before the last meeting of the year. After a tasty lunch, we heard Bryan “Easy E” Earll ring the meeting to order with unusual gusto, he perhaps realizing that he has reached the apex of his year and that it should be all downhill from here. After standing at attention thru the Anthem, Micah Adams paused somewhat dramatically before asking to be joined reciting the Pledge. Steve Baker lent some gravitas to the proceedings by giving his usual thoughtful invocation. Jim Ward performed choir master duties and, to no one’s surprise, had us begin by singing #7, *Auld Lang Syne*. We finished with #57, *R-O-T-A-R-Y*, with the Merry Tinklers managing to make it through both numbers with all stemware intact. “Easy” handled the announcement of Visitors and Guests himself, welcoming Monrovia Robert Parry from the Duarte club and yielding the floor to Jim Ward so that he might introduce his daughter, Riley, home on break from Auburn University.

Announcements

Bryan Earll resolves to get in more bicycling and swimming in 2015.

The Club received a thank you card for donations from Roger Schulte on behalf of the Rotoplast project. Thank you cards were also received from Stop Hunger Now, Santa Anita YMCA, and Proactive Tutoring.

Sylvia Domotor came to the podium to explain her absence at the previous week’s meeting. She was in the hospital having a lung biopsy, which revealed she is suffering from inflammatory lung disease. This has caused her to postpone her term as our president indefinitely. She thanked everybody for their concern, including those that visited. There was a palpable feeling of love and concern in the air as members listened to her words. All present wished her the best.

Tom Adams announced that the monthly meeting of the International Goodwill and Peacekeeping committee would be held at the home of Carl and Kelly Johnson. Thanks to the tardiness of this edition of the Bulletin, we can announce that the meeting has been relocated to the Adams & Barnes conference room due to Carl’s coming down with the flu.

Fines

Josh Garcia -- \$75 PHF (Anniversary)

Steve Knight -- \$50 (Diane's Birthday)

Bob Helbing -- \$75 PHF (Birthday)

Tom Hould -- \$10 (Buck a minute for the time his team was on 33 points)

Erica Hahn -- \$50 (San Francisco Trip)

Program – Tom Duggin

Erica Hahn introduced our speaker, Tom Duggin. Mr. Duggin was the proprietor of the greatly missed California Wine & Cheese shop on Foothill Blvd, but prior to that, he was a postal inspector for 33 years. Erica asked him to give us a recap of one of his most interesting cases. It involved a mail bomb that resulted in death and mayhem to innocent people in Anchorage, Alaska, the discovery and linkage of events and characters who participated in a series of capricious and vengeful crimes and the punishments received by each for his or her participation. The capture of the main culprit unfolded like a scene from a movie, and, as it turned out, both in a literal and figurative sense. Mr. Duggin's program held most in rapt attention and it could be assumed that he'd be welcomed back during a future meeting to recount another of his cases.

Opportunity Drawing

Bill Shieff -- \$16

--Kris L.