

July 11, 2018

Your Spur Reporter: T J Gilmartin



Put on the top of your list: *Rick King Tribute Dinner*, November 2, Blackhawk Museum, \$150 (deductible partially). Should be pretty hilarious with Rick and Cliff Dochterman speaking. Barbara and I already have tickets (rotarydistrict5170.org). Might have to wear a tie. (flyer attached)

The Sam of Steele started the meeting by giving tokens of appreciation to his Board members and leaders who were not at the Steele BBQ: Irv, Pat and Kathy Coyle, Sblend, Ken Perine, Ted Michels, Milly, Ed Coats, Bill Bateson. Sam and Joel managed to serve 116 at the BBQ, though only 68 had signed up. It was great fun, and the remainder of Anita Thompson's baked beans were twice appreciated.



Kathy finally gave Jay his President Elect pin.



The Judge and the Chief pledged and we sang Jasper's favorite song in honor of him and the Steele family Rotarians (Jasper, Nancy, Sam), *God Bless America*, under the able conductorship of Jon Hart and the Ad Hocs. Ed Coats, who first welcomed President Kathy to our club two decades ago, gave us thoughts about helping Kathy to be a great President, and gloried in the accomplishments of our Club over the last 61 years, showing what can be done if we work together. Kathy gave him her first *Inspiration Pin* award.



Front line, commanded by Lance Pompador (1978 picture) included the Sarb, Irv, and Randy. Many thanks were given to John Sarboraria for years of Armed Sergeantship.



Bob, The Bob, was our only guest Rotarian. And Jean Shirley Otto accompanied John. Our exchange student, Leonardo, thanked us graciously for our hospitality and his opportunities as he returns to Italy.

Red Badgers Markus, Jacob, Jessica, John, Andy, and Pat all said they joined Rotary to do service, learn about our community, make friends, and network. Jacob actually likes the food and Pat appreciates our LARPD oriented projects like tree planting. Andy received the Big Blue after a record year as a Red.

Tall Paul, Angelika, and Jim Concannon received awards for their sponsorship of the Rodeo Parade.

Sheila Fagliano received heartfelt praise from John Gordon and all of us for the Everythings that she does and further congratulations for her *Rotarian of the Year* award.



Andy Lobban received the first Blue Badge of year!

Pat and Kathy Coyle gave \$500 to the Club in appreciation for support of ongoing international projects and anticipation of more to come, and for whatever we want to do. Thank you, most generous, compassionate, and productive Coyles.

Marylin Avenue School's Back-to-School event will be an *Ice Cream Social* this year, no hots or chips, on August 16, says Joel.

T J reported on his visit in Scotts Valley to the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, RYLA, for its closing night ceremony and BBQ. The students were very bright, friendly, sociable, and curious. My several conversations with them were very interesting and fun, and revealed the obvious quality and talents of these selected young leaders. Their Closing ceremony was impressive as they demonstrated what they had achieved, ten projects for which they had team worked through the week; they were excitedly congratulated by the whole of the 250 camp attendees. This was followed a BBQ dinner where I ate with our three Livermore High students, Wade Matthews, Jacob Peterson, and Priya Bhatia, as well as Felmer, who had been a READY, Interact, and RYLA student 5 years ago, now back for a visit to RYLA. The positivity and capability of these young leaders encouraged me about our country's future.



Her Excellency, Kathy Coyle, our Canadian and Belize extracted, today initiated President, feels that we are her extended family and thanks us for the closeness of our Club. She gave First Husband Pat his *President's Partner* badge. She went on to tell about the Toronto Convention, her life's itinerary from Rosetown, Saskatchewan, to our Rotary Presidency, and what her plans

are for this year.

The *Toronto International Rotary Convention* was unbelievable; 30,000 people; Sylvia, the inspirational first woman in Rotary who forced our institution through the Supreme Court to finally admit women members; focus on international peace; an inspirational luncheon speech from the new RI President, Barry Rassin, 1,800 attendees, complete with brass band. She and Pat dined with several Kathmandu Rotarians who knew of the Nepalese Children's Project.



Kathy was born in Rosetown, Saskatchewan, among 2,000 people, with the water tower being the only sight on the horizon, no trees or even bushes, endless rolling farmlands. She loved it, including the powerhouse Redwings hockey team. She left at 18 for Carlton College in Ottawa, Canada's capitol, finished college in three years, became involved in health and sanitary conditions projects with CIDA (Canadian equivalent of US AID), which took her to Belize in Central America on the Caribbean Sea, where she met and married Pat. They bought land and moved into the countryside. They later entered the US through Nogales, AZ, she on a green card, becoming a US citizen 5 years later. They moved to Livermore in 1970, raised two remarkable children, with Kathy joining Rotary in the 1990s about 20 years ago, because Rotary "gets things done." Kathy is our fourth woman president, all of whom have been outstanding: Sue Gallinger, Jacque Williams-Courtright, and Milly Seibel.

Kathy introduced her *Officers and Board*:

Jay Davis, *President Elect*; David Rounds, *Secretary*; Irv Stowers, *Treasurer*; Jessica Carroll, *Public Relations*; Lynne Freeman, *Community Service*; Jonathan Hart, *Youth Services*; Jaslynn Liotard, *Vocational Service*; Ted Michels, *Youth Protection*; Dale Miller, *International Service*; Jonathan Orenberg, *Major Events*; Sonya Sheffield, *Club Service*; Kathy Streeter, *Training*; Lance Cavalieri, *Sergeant-at-Arms*; John Hudson, *Membership*; Pat McMenamin, *Rotary International Foundation*.

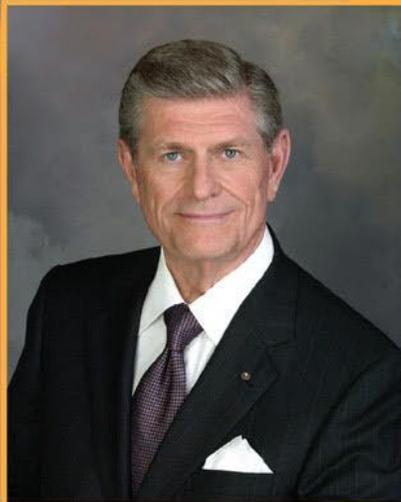
Her Excellency hopes that we can generate \$10k for *Polio Plus*, \$35k Annual Giving to *Rotary International Foundation*, with about \$14k coming from District Designated Funds going 50/50 to *local and global projects*.

Goud Memula will tell us about *Good Works in India* next week(18th). Carolyn Scheutz, past District Governor, will update us on *Coaniquem*, the South American *Childrens Burn Center* in Santiago, Chile.

Kathy Streeter testified that in 1989 she joined Rotary as an experiment. What was it? She found that Rotary was action oriented and quite capable of assisting members in doing their projects through training, teaming, and funding. Rotary was and is egalitarian, with worker types partnering and teaming with CEOs and the wealthy, who also proved willing to work and to give. Politics were not disruptive; Rotarians put their service goals ahead of their political leanings and treated each other with respect. She is proud of Rotary.



Brian Mayall held the winning # 2009, but not the winning \$191 marble.



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