

# NORTH FRESNO ROTARY



## BULLETIN FOR MEETING OF 03/13/14



**Rotary Club of North Fresno**

**Chartered October 5, 1948**

**District 5230**

**northfresnorotary.org**

**83 Members**

### Upcoming Events:

**July 12<sup>th</sup>:** 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast & 12<sup>th</sup> Rotary Run at the Fig.

### Next Weeks:

March 20<sup>th</sup>: Martin Querin, City of Fresno water division.  
March 27: Scott Leonard, President of Guarantee Real Estate; Residential Updates.  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Scott from Fresno Idea Works.  
April 10<sup>th</sup>: Melinda Marks with SJ River Conservancy.  
June 26<sup>th</sup>: Demotion Party. Are you ready Queen Bee?

For those responsible for the programs; Please review the above programs for accuracy and correctness of topics and presenters.

Bell was rung 3 minutes late by President **DEBORAH**. Tsk, tsk. Invocation was effortlessly given by **ED KAZCMAREK**.

Flag Salute was led by **STEVE BEZZERIDES**, who was also subbing as Sergeant at Arms.

The one visiting Rotarian and various guests were introduced by **HOURI SANDERSON**

President **DEBORAH** welcomed them all to the "Best Rotary Club in Fresno".

In continuing efforts to establish the NFR choir, an enthusiastic rendition of "Grand Old Flag" was sung.

President Elect **RALPH BOYAJIAN** provided a summary of the goings on at PETS. No, not the pet store, but the President Elect Training Seminar, held in San Jose. A Rotarian from Twain Hart was honored by the RI President for being the oldest President Elect at 99 years old....wow! So there is hope for some of us. This gentleman might have known Mark Twain personally!

On a side note, **Prez. DEBORAH** received a court summons for attempting to quiet down the 'rowdy' table that happened to include a judge or two...

The **QUEEN BEE** gave additional information about the upcoming Swim for Change event. She even changed into a 'bikini' to enhance her presentation...(Not really, but you had to be there...)

She then presented **COGS SY SIZEMORE** and **DORIS BLANTON** with special Service pins for their dedicated involvement in club activities, especially Swim for Change.

**PETER SCHEER**, as chair of the Endowment Fund presented a sizeable check (\$About \$1,700) to the Principal of Pinedale Elementary, **Debra Bolls** for the purchase of 75 soccer uniforms for the 5 new teams formed by the school and neighborhood.

The main speaker of the day was **Kathy Garabed**. She is a member of the Fresno County Mental Health Board. **Kathy** spoke briefly about the programs offered. They focus on awareness and educational programs in the community. She then introduced three individuals, Susan, Liz and Anna, who shared their difficult and touching life stories. The upshot was that one of every four persons suffers some type of mental illness during their lifetime. And besides having to deal with the mental illness, the sufferers have to deal with the social stigma associated with it. They ask us not to treat them differently. They are not their diagnosis; the same ways as people with a cold are not 'Those cold people'. When treated with medication and support, they can and do get better and have productive lives.

PS. The Swim for Change Event over the weekend was a success. The many Rotarian volunteers and participants had a splashing good time. For more details please come to the meeting on Thursday.

Bye for now...