

# NORTH FRESNO ROTARY



## BULLETIN FOR MEETING OF 04/17/14



Rotary Club of North Fresno

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District 5230

northfresnorotary.org

88 Members

### Upcoming Events:

**May 13<sup>th</sup>:** “Last Chance Membership Mixer” at Sequoia Brewery, 5:30 to 7:30.  
**July 12<sup>th</sup>:** 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast & 12<sup>th</sup> Rotary Run at the Fig.

### Next Weeks:

April 24<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Abraham Terian speaking on the Armenian Genocide.  
May 1<sup>st</sup>: Stanley Kjar with Pearson; Agriculture Real Estate Update.  
May 8<sup>th</sup>: TBA  
May 15<sup>th</sup>: Doug Vagim speaking to the Fresno City water issues.  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Charles Boyer, Dean of Jordan College of Agriculture.  
May 29<sup>th</sup>: Field trip to be determined.  
June 27<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.

Snap your finger and just like that....it's Thursday once again for dedicated **NFRers**. The tables at the cavernous eatery known simply as Tornino's, filled fast and immediate conversations and laughter pursued, for it's within these walls that solutions to the worlds problems are solved, local politics are fine tuned, and elusive knowledge like just how much a high speed rail ticket to Bakersfield would cost are pondered! The 11:30 Club, an ad hoc group of **NFRers**, have their own problems to solve, like will Tornino's have enough water for the groups imbibing fluids and what new “word(s) of the day” can they come up with?

From the single use podium, the gong was sounded at precisely 12:31 pm by our **PRESIDENT DEBORAH CHRISTIANSEN**, bringing the attention from the cheap seats to the front. **BOB KITTREDGE** offered a prayer, and **SARAH PANOSIAN** followed with the flag salute. The unity signing of The Battle Hymn of the Republic was actually very good!..The visiting Rotarians & Guests were intro'd by **PAUL MASQUELIER**.

### .....Around the Room:

....**Club Stuff:** **JOHN KRIKORIAN** and **PRES DEBORAH** gave us an update on how **NFR** is securing funding for a handheld dental x-ray machine to be used by Liga. **TONY AKEL** pushing “THE LAST” Membership Mixer, Tuesday May 13 at Sequoia Brewing Co.

**PATTI O'NEILL** has agreed to extend her fabulous organizing of the **NFR** programs into and through **THE BOYAJIAN TERM**. She also distributed a survey for all to add their suggestions for ‘outstanding’ potential programs...so fill it out and get it back to her. Walt Luskatof, advisor for the FSU Rotoract Club, was asking if we would be able to utilize in some manner, or sponsor any of the 35 students that make up this club. The ever-exciting and summed up in the one word “finally”, is the **COG GRADUATION** and the emotional vesting was bestowed upon **BEN SHEIN, PHILLIP GURULE,**

**AND TERI AMERINE.** Congrats to **ROSENDO PENA** for being recognized by the Cal State system, for being an accomplished person.....but we already knew that! **DORIS BLANTON** wants another swimming contest but with MANDATORY floating aids....especially with cup holders!

**Mystery Greeter**.....was a mystery.

**Travellers**.....none, saving gas we presume.

**Joke-of-the-Week**...missing..

### **...The Program:**

United One Productions.....

Our Speaker, Dr. Carl Jones of United One Productions (UOP), informed us that UOP is a group that supports faith-based organizations and got it's start in 2003 by sponsoring the Christian Awards ceremony. From there, it has now grown to serving children on the West side of Fresno via the Mary Ella Brown Center.

UOP has a board of Directors, one of which is our own **RICK QUAN**, and the original CEO's Dwayne Goldberg and Judy Rogers are still in place. The Board of UOP is basically supported by partnerships with many local organizations.

Brittany Edwards, who we've seen a few times at our club, also works for UOP and she gave us a very informative slide presentation of exactly the involvement of their services. But first, told us a little more about herself and prior involvement with Rotary. She went to Guadalajara on a Rotary scholarship, was an ambassadorial scholar, she's pursuing a Masters in nursing, AND she wants to join our club! Where's that application **RICK**?

UOP is involved in the First Tee golf program that gets kids involved in the game early and teaches them patience and perseverance....yes, that would be the 'game of golf; alright!

The programs at the Mary Ella Brown Center are many and varied and Brittany discussed several such as: After School, Lunch and Dinner, Swimming Pool, Tutoring, Field Trips, Computers, Arts & Crafts, Girl/Boys Mentoring, and Community Events.

They have special involvement programs such as: GAP Fashion Shows, Santa's Village, and River Camps. These are events that many of the kids would never have had an opportunity to attend if it weren't for UOP.

Brittany says that they also have programs for getting the general public involved in some interaction with the kids as well as sponsorships. A few of these are: Tutoring/Mentoring, Secret Sponsors (\$35/mo.), Fund Raising with the Girl Scouts, FSU Coupon Books, and 3rd Grade Pen Pals.

This is a very worthwhile group given the work that they do....and a good presentation.

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