

NORTH FRESNO ROTARY

BULLETIN FOR APRIL 7, 2016

Rotary Club of North Fresno
Chartered: October 5, 1948
District: 5230
email: northfresnorotary.org
Current Members: 95



Upcoming Meeting Events:

April 14: Rev. Sophia DeWitt: Better Blackstone Association: Progress on Blackstone Avenue Improvements

April 21: A sneak peek at the Forevermark Exceptional Diamond Collection: The exhibition is called "Natural Wonders," the magic and mystery of rare diamonds. It is a touring exhibition that contains some of the rarest, most unusual and valuable diamonds in the world. This presentation is hosted by club member LARRY GRANADOS of Rogers Jewelry. You know that diamonds are a girls best friend, and this promises to be a signature club event!

April 28: Darius Assemi: Subject TBD at this time. Details to follow

May 5: Bob Green: Central Valley Rotary Football Scholarship Program

May 12: DARK AT TORNINO'S: Register and attend the 1.5 day District 5230 Conference at the Big Fresno Fairgrounds May 13-14.

Future Club Events:

April 9: BOD Leadership FIESTA: 8:00AM-4:30PM

April 13: Monthly BOD Meeting: 7:00AM-8:15AM

**SAVE THE DATE: Friday May 6, 2016 COG SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SPRING!
Details forthcoming**

June 23: Demotion Roast for the Honorable BERNADETTE HANSEN.

No Guest Speaker scheduled, it will not be without a surprise!
June 24: DEMOTION PARTY FOR BERNADETTE HANSEN
Time: 7:00PM-11:00PM
Location to be determined, with details to follow
July 9, 2016: Annual Pancake Breakfast. 7:00AM-11:AM
Fig Garden Village @ Elbow Room. ALL HANDS ON DECK TO HELP!

Future Regional Events:

May 13-14 2016: District 5230 Conference.
Location: Fresno Fairgrounds
Theme: Thank a Farmer
NFR will be dark at Tornino's that Thursday to provide the opportunity for everyone to participate in the District Conference. Please register and plan to attend some of the festivities. Many family oriented events are planned, so save the date on your calendars!! Registration is \$50, and the doors to the fairgrounds will open at 4:30 Friday May 13.

Future Volunteer Bulletin Reporters:

April 14: Rod Gibson
April 21: Bill Stevens
April 28: Teri Amerine

If you are making arrangements for program, please verify the program/presenter are correct when you submit for publication.

12:38 p.m. Sargent at Arms RHONDA WESSELS introduced NFR President BERNADETTE HANSEN.

Invocation: PAUL MASQUELIER: Due to an outpouring of requests, Paul's very timely invocation, a prayer by Thomas Merton is listed below:

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

Flag Salute: PAT BRADLEY
Greeter: MICHAEL RABARA

Raffle ticket

sales: RHONDA WESSELS: Winner STEPHANIE KRAUSE did not draw Ace of Spades.

**Visiting Rotarians: Ken Oldershaw, East Fresno
Dick Powell NFR
Rob Coburn, Asst. Gov Area 10**

**Guests: Nicholas Grimm—United Way
Stephanie Ortiz--relocated to Fresno from Texas
Michael Robertson-Structural engineer**

Good thoughts and prayers:

CAROLEE SCHAEFER'S husband just underwent cardiac surgery. Yesterday. Doing well.

Bernadette spoke with CLIFF SPEIGHT who sends his regards as he continues to spend time with wife Marie.

PAUL GIBSON proudly announced that ROD GIBSON has accepted the position as President Elect. Thus, the Gibson dynasty begins.

KATIE SIEMENS announced that the interviews for attendees to Camp Royale would be held on 4/14/16, Contact Katie if you would like to participate in the interviews.

Bernadette reminds everyone that there will be no meeting on May 12, 2016, will be "Dark", as she is hoping for a grand attendance of NFR members to the District Conference Saturday and Sunday. \$50 a person includes two days of attendance, many meals and fun. Sign up now.

NOELLE WILLBANKS reminded everyone that the COGS are planning a Spring Mixer on 5/6 at a Madera winery. More to come. The famous, award winning Blue Street Dixieland band will be playing, lots of wine, food and lots of fun. Asked for a show of hands for possible attendance.

Speaker: Christen Morrow-Ara

Christen was raised in the Central Valley. Through her faith-based work early on with Young Life in Fresno, she was drawn to help those with disabilities. Through Young Life, she started a club for students with disabilities at Hoover High School, focusing on their abilities and not disabilities.

Her work then drew her to Peru where there is a high percentage of child abandonment of children with disabilities by their parents. Abandonment is due to the parents not being able to care for a child with disabilities in a poverty environment.

She became an advocate for these children in Lima Peru opening House of Mercy with donations along with an unexpected donation of rehabilitation equipment. They have expanded their services by training others and parents to work with children. They work with families in making the homes accessible so the child may stay at home with the family. Goal is to keep children out of institutions and at home.

Brought Break the Barriers to Peru. Making great progress. Improving nutrition through education and they started a school. Training Peruvians how to do their own Physical Therapy and Occupational therapy.

The Peruvian team does not wait for donations; they have created numerous small businesses to help fund their activities. 10 mothers create jewelry, which were on display for sale.

Ms. Morrow-Ara can be contacted at chosemcrm@gmail.com

Reporter: BEA HENSLEIT

If you are responsible for one of the above events, please review it for accuracy/correctness of the topic/presenters