Club Welcomes New Member

Denise Cortes (in apron) was installed as our newest member on Wednesday. Past Presidents assisting with the ceremony are from left, Dave Biedebach, Ted Driscoll, Paul Campbell, Chuck Huffer and Bob Engler. To the right of Denise is her sponsor Robin Britt.

The Club continues to grow as we welcomed our ninth new member since the beginning of the Kiwanis Year, Denise Cortes. Denise was sponsored by recently-inducted member Robin Britt, and is the director of Harbor House, a local non-profit that offers referrals, resources, case management, and a hand up for those who are struggling. Immediate Past President Chuck Huffer presided over the induction ceremony, with able assistance from Past Presidents Dave Biedebach (presentation of the Kiwanis packet), Ted Driscoll (Kiwanis member pin), Paul Campbell (framed certificate), and Bob Engler (builder’s apron).

With the Kween out today, President Steve Weiss called on Doug Ryan (seriously? – not) to conduct the morning song. Doug played it “safe” with “Take
President Steve opened by awarding Mark Frankcom his permanent member badge, and conducting the Fine Free Badge auction. Dave Biedebach won the bidding against Paul Lopez and his own self (egged on by President Steve), earning a paper profit of $21 when he secured the badge at $45. He put it to good use during the Fine Period to avoid a $66 birthday fine.

El Prez also reported on the February 4th Board meeting. The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting which included changes to the Club Policies, approved Denise Cortes’ application for membership, and approved a new Fundraiser – a community pancake breakfast. The board also approved Steve Holt’s request for change from regular member to Friday member and Lori Olbrich’s request to change from Friday to regular.

He also reported that the funeral service for Chief Wilson has been scheduled for Saturday, February 29 at 10:30 a.m. at Christian Church of Thousand Oaks, 301 W. Avenida de las Flores.

Club Announcements

Past President Larry Levine filled in for the absent President-Elect Craig Burns this morning. Jim Stephenson reported that he himself will deliver Meals on Wheels this Saturday and Larry Hapner will handle Sunday. The Kween has Monday under control.

Larry then gave a rundown of the Club Calendar, which is attached at the end of this Bulletin. As you can see, busy times are ahead for the Club. Chuck Huffer announced that he will
circulate a sign-up sheet for helping with the Pot o’ Gold Soccer Tournament the weekend of March 28-29. Mary Sepe is recruiting members to volunteer with her at My Stuff Bags on February 13. She also advised us that February 23 is National Banana Bread Day. She’s taking more orders. With one $1,000 scholarship already funded from banana bread sales, Mary is 1/5 of the way towards funding a second scholarship.

Paul Campbell chaired the select committee that developed the idea and plan for our new fundraiser that the Board approved Tuesday. He said that it would be a pancake breakfast on a Saturday in June or July. More details to follow as they are worked out.

**Eight-Ball Fantasy**

It was not to be for Steve Kammerer, with the pot now at $55. He pulled the lowly two-ball, and therefore made the economically rational decision to take a second chance. No luck there either, so he walked away with a dollar and a scratcher. Other also-rans were Heleine Harris, Mike Mathews, and Kathy Smiley.

**Fine Period**

Gloria Dyok and Dave Biedebach carried the baskets this morning. Lucky Rod LeGate separated Dave Klein from a dollar for not signing in. Doug Ryan welcomed Pat to the meeting, and thanked those who attended the Super Bowl party at Randy and Julia Senzig’s home. The Kansas City ribs were fantastic (as were the K.C. Chiefs).

Bob Engler welcomed new member Denise Cortes. Paul Campbell confessed to contracting “Biedebach disease.” [Editor’s note: Biedebach disease causes a member to forget what his/her fine was going to be as soon as they stand up to announce it. Although this can happen to any member at any time, the first evidence of the disease was detected in Dave Biedebach, and his high relapse rate is alarming, but entertaining. It is probably not contagious – Paul was sitting at a different table this morning.] Paul recovered nicely though, paying tribute to many cherished members who have
passed away in the last few years – such as Irish John Gore, Rick Spampinato (aka “Valentine”), Chief Wilson, and Sergio Sepe.

Chuck Huffer welcomed Denise and his guest, Pat Givvin. He also confirmed that February 23 is really National Banana Bread Day. Robin Britt also welcomed Denise and said she has Mardi Gras Ball tickets available. It’s Community Con-science’s big fundraiser and will be held this year on the evening of February 29 at the Hyatt Regency.

Randy Senzig congratulated the Super Bowl pool winners and reported that $50 went to the Club. He said thirty-seven people attended and everyone had a great time. Thank you, Randy and Julia!!

Jeff Ellis paid a missed meeting dollar and Steve Weiss paid a fine for winning the halftime prize in the Super Bowl pool. Mark Frankcom is still looking for a CEO for his start-up, but was pleased to announce that Larry Levine has agreed to sit on the Board. Dave Biedebach closed by flaunting the Fine Free Badge to avoid a $66 contribution for his birthday.

**Los Robles Hospital Update**

Today’s program speaker was Natalie Mussi, Chief Executive Officer of Los Robles Hospital. The Hospital celebrated it’s fiftieth anniversary a year and a half ago, and Natalie shared with us how the hospital has improved and expanded its services as the community around it has grown. Last year, Los Robles’ 1,700 employees provided care for 105,000 pa-tients.

The Hospital comprises several fa-cilities. The main campus on Janss Road is familiar to all. Los Robles also owns the Thousand Oaks Surgical Hospital on Roll-ing Oaks Drive, which is used for elective surgeries, and the East Campus facility, on Via Merida, which is its rehabilitation branch. The Hospital also operated several smaller clinics in Thousand Oaks and nearby communities.

Natalie described several mile-stones that signaled Los Robles’ pro-gress over the years. In 1970, the first open heart surgery in Ventura County was performed at Los Robles. A major expansion occurred in 2007, and in 2009, the Hospital began utilizing its first Da Vinci robot for certain surgeries.
A new wound care center and pediatric ICU were opened in 2016.

Los Robles is currently expanding its emergency room, radiology department, and operating room suites, and a further major renovation and expansion will be necessary to comply with State of California seismic safety regulations that go into effect in about ten years.

Natalie is very proud of the Hospital’s volunteer program, which is essential to providing good patient care and includes more than 600 individuals, aged sixteen to 100.

**Popsicle Stick Draw**

Paul Lopez was present for most of the meeting, but missed out on a $20 dues credit when he left for work a few minutes early.

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Meals on Wheels Feb 8, 9, 10
Sat. Alice & Jim Stephenson
Sun. Larry Hapner
Mon. David Fox

Meals on Wheels Feb 15, 16, 17
Sat. Helene Harris and Bob Engler
Sun. Donna Orraj
Mon. Haze Arnold

Meals on Wheels Feb 22, 23, 24
Sat. Anie Rudman
Sun. Donna Orraj
Mon. Greg Sincock or Steve Weiss

Meals on Wheels Feb 29, Mar 1, 2
Sat. Mary Sepe
Sun. Katy Porter
Mon. Sherrill Hyink

February 7, Friday: Friday Night Meeting at the home of Craig Burns, 6:00 with a short meeting thrown in.

February 8, Saturday: Mid year Kiwanis Convention in San Gabriel. Let Gloria know if you’d like to attend.

February 13, Thursday: Helping My Stuff Bags from 2-4. See Mary Sepe to be included.

February 29, Saturday: Little League Pancake Breakfast. Don Cristie in in charge. Likely meeting time is 6:00am.

February 29, Saturday: Memorial service for Dick Wilson at 10:30 at the Christian Church of Thousand Oaks, 301 W. Avenida de las Flores.

March 1, Sunday: Crop Walk. Sherrill

Hyink is coordinating.

March 6, Friday: Friday Night Meeting at the home of Doug & Jackie Ryan, 6:00 with a short meeting thrown in.

March 28&29: Pot O’ Gold Soccer Tourney. Chuck Huffer is in charge.

April 3, Friday: Friday Night Meeting at the home of Mark Frankcom, 6:00 with a short meeting thrown in.

April 23, Thursday: Margarita Mixoff.

April 26, Aut2Run at Cal State Channel Islands with Aaron Kitzman.

May 1, Friday: Friday Night Meeting at the home of Mary Sepe, 6:00 with a short meeting.

May 2, Saturday: Wheel to the Sea. René Solem in our event leader.

May 16, Saturday: Special Olympics Track Meet at NPHS. Katy Porter is the lead.

May 17, Sunday: Cooking for Relay for Life with Cristy Warner.

June 5, Friday: Friday Night Meeting at the home of Donna Orraj, 6:00 with a short meeting thrown in.

June 6, Saturday: Cancer Support Lunch with Bud Larson.

June 7, Sunday: Love Run with Mary Sepe.