

### Quick Bits:

- Bob Piva is doing well with his surgery and back at our meetings. Glad to see you Bob!
- Membership Drive: Look for Tim Giblin to be giving information on a membership drive we will be having in January
- A sad goodbye to Wendy Anderson, a fun member

of our club who will be returning to Idaho to be with her teenage daughter. We have enjoyed having her be a part of our club!

## Johnsons Present Check for \$5000

What makes a little club like our's successful? Well no question it starts with

individuals who care enough about us to do all that they can to offer their support. That

we are on the right track in our charitable goals and giving us the opportunity to strive to do more.

But with the Johnsons generosity, it makes you want to take a look at a few other Rotarians that are going out of their way to make our club successful.

Take Carl Skaja, who's weekly football pool gives the winner a prize but

returns half the funds to the club. If you weren't playing to win, play just to help support our club as every little bit counts. Plus, it gives you a chance to have a little fun and razz the winner. Rotarians like Carl are thinking about how they can help our club each week and keep our coffers full.

Another Rotarian who has done a great deal to help our club this

describes our honorary Rotarians Warren and Cheri Johnson who challenged us to meet their matching contribution of \$5000 before December 31st.

Our club stepped up to the challenge and with a couple of fund raisers managed to do just that. At the presentation of the check to our club Warren pledged to continue to challenge us in the future to raise money for our worthy causes

throughout North County and especially here in Escondido. To the Johnsons we owe our sincere thanks for making sure

## A Criminal Lawyer: The Trial



Some call it luck. Some call it skill. We call it bull@#\*\$! When the creator of the football pool keeps winning and rubbing our noses in it what do we do? We put him on trial

that's what we do. Infamous Past-President Carl Skaja admitted no wrong doing as the facts were read but did not sway the jury into the belief. Not only was it proven that Carl is a football prognosticator but he also allegedly herds cats, goes squirrel paintballing and perhaps leads a double life as Rudy from Notre Dame lore. His trial and impeachment led to an

### Non-Rotarian of the Year



Eugene "Stake Magnet"

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indictment and the promise to stop winning which he promptly did the next

## Johnsons Present Check for \$5000 (cont)

year is Ryan Meyer. Ryan was instrumental in organizing the Frisbee Golf tournament and our involvement with them. We were able to have some fun, drink some



beer and raise a little money all at the same time! Who knows where these events will lead down the road but they make a difference in whom in the community we are able to help. Thanks Ryan for your continued involvement and creative ways of working beer into all that we do.



But it doesn't stop there. Linda Courton's amazing cookies show up at various places for auction and enjoyment. CJ and Gary bring auction items to bid, even though Gary sometimes bids on his own items as CJ cringes along side him. Juan, a forever visiting Rotarian, brings his salsa and invites us to his brother's home in Ramona without even telling his brother people are coming.



So what's the bottom line? We all need to participate! Come to events, bid on an auction item, bring something to auction, bring a new fundraising idea to the board, show up to meetings and be a part of making our little club the **best** in San Diego County!



## Meeting Topics

### History 101

*Chuck Hanlen always brings great programs of intriguing historical perspective and his presentations for Veteran's Day and the anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor were great ones again. Thanks to Chuck for being ready to respond to requests to speak as he builds up his souvenir collection of After-5 beer mugs!*

## Business Notes:

**Here are some of the things your board is discussing:**

**Club Service**—We need to all participate in our greeting, inspirational messages and pledge of allegiance before each meeting. Tom will continue to take care of that god-awful singing he makes us do. Please be sure to sign-up on the sheet when you see it being passed around by Gary Fader.

**Model UN project**—Patrick Wingfield and Jim Aikens will be meeting with students from Valley High in January to talk about what country they will be representing at the Model UN meeting in April at the Joan Kroc

Center.

**St. Patrick's Day Party**—We are looking at having a brunch with possibly horseshoes or darts. Look for more information to come.

**Questionnaire**—You should be receiving an email with some questions about our meals and dues so please be sure to respond promptly so your board can discuss the results this month.



Escondido Rotary After-5

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Why is it called 'after dark' when it really is 'after light' ?



## Student of the Quarter: Valley High

Congratulations to Josue from Valley High School as Student of the Quarter. His hard work, dedication and willingness to help others made him stand out among his peers. His parents were also there to celebrate his achievement. Josue was given an award and a Target gift card for \$100.



## Packages for the Troops

Thanks to Doug Clark for another successful packaging of care items for our troops over seas. This month we will be having an all Rotary packing event with members of the other clubs so look for information and plan on being there to help pack and write letters.



## Welcome New Rotarians Bill Wagner and Daniel Barajas

Bill Wagner, a past member of the Tuesday club knows all about Rotary and he has been brought into our club by Past President CJ. Bill has already attended some of our events and is sure to be a great addition to our club. Daniel is the Vice Principal at Valley High School and is sponsored by Charlotte Hotchkiss. Daniel will help to coordinate our relationship with the high school and our student of the quarter award. Be sure to introduce yourself to these new Rotarians if you have not already met them.

