

Rotary News August 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President, Steve Kreider and Invocation was given by Aaron Winters. Arts News followed, given by Kristen Chesak, reminding us of our arts-rich community.

Guests were introduced by Rotarian hosts: Leslie Salinas, wife of Juan Salinas; Beth Boyd, wife of Nick Boyd; and Adi Rama, guest of John Dillworth.

Songs: Tim pointed out all the songs of the past about busses, and chose for us to sing *Wheels on the Bus*, with a few creative verses added!

Announcements:

- Amy Remmert announced the sale of the District Raffle Tickets, selling for \$25 each as always. They will be available at meetings for the next few weeks. The club receives a percentage of the proceeds for our youth programs—STRIVE, Interact, and RYLA. We also have a good history of members winning some of the many cash prizes.
- Grant applications for local nonprofits are again available with a due date of September 12. Steve asked members to let local organizations know of our grants.
- Golden Trowel award applications are also now available on the district website.
- Odd Olympics coming up on Saturday, September 7, register NOW, or let Rob Peterson know if you can volunteer.
- Board report from Steve included agenda items mentioned above, as well as a new memorial fund—more to come on that. They also talked about enhancing the Rotary Stage, using the endowment established for maintenance and improvements. They have asked arts organizations for input.
- Satellite Club meets Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Olde Peninsula Brewpub.
- No meeting Monday, Sept. 2, Labor Day.

Happy Bucks:

Both Joe Brogger & Don Flesche for another successful USTA National Boys Tennis championships; Jack Hopkins for a recent family gathering; Todd Bannon for a recent conference he attended and found many colleagues were also Rotarians; Deb Chope Hughes for the successful Humane Society Campaign for their new facility; Deb Harris for Keith Mumma's book with only a few left for sale; Tom Stobie for a long and enjoyable vacation, and Juan Salinas for Nick Boyd's birthday today.

Program:

Sean McBride, Executive Director of Metro, was introduced by Greg Ayers. He shared some statistics about who rides Metro, why they ride, and why public transportation is necessary for low wage, students, and disabled persons to get to work, school and medical appointments. An authority was formed in 2016. Metro provides about 2.95 million rides per year. The cost to ride is \$1.50, or 75 cents for seniors/disabled. There is also Metro Connect which is on demand rides, Metro Share which is a pool of vans provided to 37 appropriate agencies, and the Youth Mobility Program for KPS students which started this summer. In the future they are looking at bus stop investments/improvements and a millage election for March of 2020. Current millage is .75 mills.