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The Best Laid Plans

Submitted by Lark Gerry



Sometimes the best made plans run on cue, as life has proven many times. But, as related by **Tim Harrison**, Natalie Michny, our speaker from the March of Dimes, and her husband Cody who was going to be inducted as a corporate member this day, had an emergency that prevented both from taking place.

year, the family has grown from initially adding 5 year old twins, Michael and Mackenzie, to include their siblings, one year old Melli and Maddox 4 months. Maddox has a congenital heart valve problem and had open heart surgery last Thursday. Today (Oct 30) he will receive a pacemaker. They feel very lucky to be a family for these kids.

The March of Dimes has stepped up to help this young family manage the medical process for Maddox, as is their mission. Please keep the Michny family in your thoughts and prayers for a good outcome.

Natalie and Cody Michny recently opened their hearts to foster and then adopt children in need. So in less than a

Induction of 6 New Members!!

Susie Ilsley happily presented 6 of the “Magnificent 7” new members with their sponsors present and ready for induction. As noted above, number 7, Cody Michny, was unable to attend. Cody is one of the group of members that Tim Harrison has designated as representatives of his company. The sponsors and new members:

Buff Wright: Blanca Aguiar (a retired pediatrician)

Nona Tirre: Clarina Pio Roda (a realtor and owner of a body shop)

Arman Ariane: Ned Paniagua (the dentist we have been referring to in the welcome song.)

Ned Paniagua: Chrissie Paniagua (family membership)

Tim Harrison: Sean Harrison and Jenna Irish (corporate membership)

Each of the sponsors said a few words about their new member(s) and new members spoke briefly of their interest in Rotary.

John Tulac then talked to the new members about the foundation. He was followed by **Bobby Hyde**, who talked about mentorship. **Susie** welcomed these — the newest members of Rotary in the world!

We look forward to getting to know them!

They’re off to a good start! **Jenna** and **Sean** both helped with the three days of Teen Leadership Camp (TLC) interviews this week, thanks to Tim Harrison’s enlightened employment practices. **Ned** was a member for a minute before he brought a guest and a new member, **Chrissie**, under our family membership policy!



Jenna Sean Tim Buff Blanca Clarina Nona Arman Ned Chrissie

CLAREMONT ROTARY: THE MEETING

Submitted by Harry Sparrow

After **President Cameron** declared the meeting open, **Don Gould** led the group in singing "Smile." After the pledge, Don conducted "God Bless America."

WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS!

Susie Ilsley introduced visiting Rotarian, **Francis Limbe** from New York 6. Susie then turned to members with guests. **Arman Ariane** introduced his guest, Alison Hanson. **Nona Tirre** then introduced two guests, Sarah Jo Antonucci and Vadim Shtil. New member Ned Paniagua introduced "my wife at the coffee bar," Chrissie, and friend, financial planner Gabe Millar.

Then, like the good, certainly not bad, penny that he is, **Don Gould** returned and led us in the Visiting Rotarian song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Cameron led off announcements by thanking **Bernadette Kendall**, TLC chair, and all who had assisted with the TLC interviews: **Mike DeWees**, **Frank Hungerford**, and new members **Jenna Irish** and **Sean Harrison**.

Rotary Work Day is Saturday, Nov. 2 at the HQ of Hope Partners. **John Howland** is still recruiting volunteers to paint. Please sign up for a morning or afternoon shift.

Tom Shelly talked about Bikes for Kids and the preceding build day. Tom was pleased to announce that the club is able to hold last year's price of \$120/bike for the 30 bikes we are offering this year.

Bill's Bikes for Kids -- Bike Assembly

Saturday December 07, 2019 08:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Tools will be provided, or you can bring your own. There will be refreshments and coffee. Location: **Tom Shelley's house**.

Bill's Bikes for Kids

Saturday December 14, 2019 08:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Annual Bill's Bikes for Kids event. Children and their parents are the honored guests.

Tom also talked about The **Bike Station at Wilderness Park** that our board agreed to sponsor. The city has approved the project and the Friends of Wilderness Park have endorsed it. Our club contributed \$700 and the Upland Chamber of Commerce contributed \$500.

Holiday Social: The Rotary Club of Claremont will have its Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 at the Padua room in the Alexander Hughes Community Center. All families are invited. Flyer coming soon! Anita Boling is chairing the committee. This year we are having an International Traditions Theme. Please volunteer to help! Watch your email for Anita Hughes' request for help with **table decoration** and **homemade or fresh winter holiday desserts** based on your heritage/culture. To keep costs down and participation up, we also will appreciate donation or underwriting of a bottle or two of wine or other beverage.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

As long as **Don Gould** had a hold on the front of the room, he also offered the thought of the day. Since this was our last meeting before Halloween Don shared two things apropos of the holiday. The first was a reading from *The Headless Horseman: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*.



**When the spooks have a midnight jamboree
They break it up with fiendish glee
The ghosts are bad, but the one that's cursed
Is the headless horseman; he's the worst
That's right, he's a fright on Halloween night!
When he goes a joggin' 'cross the land
Holding his noggin' in his hand
Demons take one look and groan
And they hit the road to parts unknow
Beware, take care he rides Alone**

Then, for good measure, Don sang part of Bobby Pickett's *Monster Mash* and the club joined in on the chorus.

I was working in the lab late one night
When my eyes beheld an eerie sight
For my monster from his slab, began to rise
And suddenly to my surprise
He did the mash, he did the monster mash
The monster mash, it was a graveyard smash
He did the mash, it caught on in a flash
He did the mash, he did the monster mash
PROOF that a singing club is good fun!

Sergeant Nona Had a Fine Day

Sergeant Nona Tirre decided the pig was especially hungry this week.

Susie and the membership committee were fined for their great work in bringing in so many new members. As they say, "No good deed goes unpunished."

All of the **new members** were fined, just to get them used to the process.

Marla Lefler was fined for the great news of the second anniversary of her successful surgery.



Bill Burrows was called out for still being a red badger. He tried to claim it was a "red badge of courage", but he was told it is more like a "red badge of shame." ;-)

Buff Wright was fined because of an error in the members directory. She claimed this was inappropriate, but Nona said "someone has to be fined." Fine...

Harry Sparrow was fined because he doesn't have a copy of the current membership directory; he was vacationing during the meetings when it was handed out.

Ron Coleman and **Mark Carson** were fined because they had assisted each other in getting their lunch desserts; they could have made a second trip each, but no....

Don Ralls was fined for having the audacity to share a feel good story.

Pat Hauducoeur recently moved into the Gardens and was fined for no longer having to clean house or tend her garden.



Jerry Tambe was fined because he ruined the LAFF (Last Arrived First Fined) Award by saying the sergeants shouldn't do this because it might make the recipient uncomfortable. We'll see....

Nona said she was fining **Ron Coleman**, because his wife **Yvonne** created a sewing room in a home on the Claremont Heritage Home Tour that included a sign advertising her business. **Bernadette Kendall** jumped up and said she would pay the fine, because creating the sewing room design was a favor to Bernie and the sign was a thank you for being a good communitarian.



Lark Gerry did what all good Rotarians do; she attended another club's meeting while on travel to Pinehurst NC. So, as no good make-up goes unpunished, she was fined.

Bonita Ramos was fined for going to a pumpkin chucking contest.

Paul Steffen was fined for not going to Corazon after being the Club's Corazon Superbuild leader for many years; he tendered the lame excuse of an injured ankle. We'll get him back on it in the spring



Meet the newly fined members



Clarina PioRoda
Ned Paniagua



Blanca Aguiar
Chrissie Paniagua



Jenna Irish and Sean Harrison

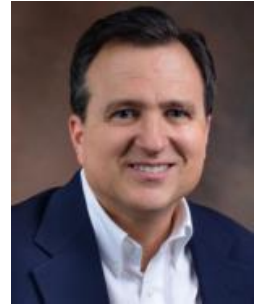


Three Truths and a Lie Harry Sparrow

1. I was a principal in a project management consultancy, many of whose clients were federal contractors who had to demonstrate that they had management systems compliant with a federal standard. When the government asked industry to craft their own version of this, I pulled off the ultimate business development coup, by being a named co-author of the new standard.
2. I once convinced 4-Star General (Ret) Peter Pace, former Chairman of the joint Chiefs of Staff to write a thank you note to the president of Miner Family Winery.
3. I once had dinner with Robert Mondavi.
4. My father, during WWII, flew 40 bombing missions, including one where he bombed the town he was born in: Wiesbaden, Germany.



The only one that wasn't picked was number 1 (What was Harry's "tell"?) There were calls for 2 and 4, but 3 seemed to raise the most suspicion. Harry admitted that on three different occasions he had eaten in the same restaurant at the same time Robert Mondavi was dining, but he had never actually broken bread, let alone never shared wine, with Robert Mondavi.



Cameron Troxell
Claremont Rotary
President
2019-2020



UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Nov 1	From High Heels to Horseshoes: An Unexpected Life, Ada Gates
Sat. Nov 2	Corazon Build; Rotary Work Day
Nov 8	Future of Liberal Arts Colleges Melvin Oliver, Pitzer President
Nov 15	The Homeless in Claremont: What we do for them Zach Courser

Photo of the Week



Sierras from Alabama Hills

Photo by Steve Schenck

Can't wait for Halloween. Monster mash is yummy! I'm collecting coins dressed as the polio pig.



Bacon Bits

Let's fill up the pig!

Don't forget to drop into Scare Away Hunger at Wheeler Steffen Sothebys Thursday! Support this food drive by our Interactors!



Sergeants committee meets every Friday at 11:30 AM in the Orchard Lounge at the DoubleTree Hotel and anyone with information to share is welcome!!

Clarifier Committee

- Bill Burrows
- Mike DeWees
- Lark Gerry
- Bobby Hyde
- Dan Kentner
- Jim Lehman
- Steve Schenck
- Chris Shaner
- Harry Sparrow
- Peter Weinberger
- Buff Wright, editor

Website

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October Birthdays

- Betty Sheldon 10/1
- Tom Shelley 10/7
- Sean Gallagher 10/13
- Rich Laughton 10/13
- Jim Lehman 10/20
- Chuck Carpenter 10/25
- Nona Tirre 10/30



Notes: Lark Gerry (program), Harry Sparrow (meeting). Photos: Steve Schenck
The Claremont Rotary Club meets at the Claremont DoubleTree on Foothill at 12:10pm

