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Service Above Self

Dana Gajda, President of the Rotary Club of Paradise, began the Club meeting with an Invocation by **Rick L.** & the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Tom B.**

INTRODUCTION OF TABLES:

Gary L.: Great Rotarians at his table joined by guest, **Travis Barker**.

Danny S.: Seated with Great Rotarians and he's glad to be back.

Steve C.: Fine Rotarians seated with him and guest **James Rhodes-Dreyer** of Chico Noon Rotary Club.

Marty N.: Seated with immediate Past President **Justin M.** who was *reportedly* glad to be seated at that table.

Mary B.: Seated with wonderful Rotarians and guest Rotarian, **Sean Cain** from Pasadena, CA.

Cindy H.: Sitting at a (power) table of "lovely lady Rotarians" and guest **Kaleigh Gomez**, daughter of **Heidi G.**

Chuck E.: At a wonderful table of mixed(?) individuals.

Brian G.: At a balanced table including Miss Relay For Life, **Heidi Elick**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pres. Dana: **Tom G.** has been actively seeking nomination to the position of **Sergeant At Arms** for **Pres. Dana**. She consented, making the appointment official by presenting him with a Sheriff's badge before the assembled. Further, she said, "You'll be expected to wear that at each meeting and take it easy on the President."

Tom G., in turn, had a few comments. With tongue firmly in cheek he said, "I just wanted to remind everybody that we hold the President to a high level of behavior and decorum, so it's very important that you stay in touch with me so that we make sure that **Dana** is steady. Consider me your conduit to making her feel welcome as our President this coming year."



Heidi Elick, Relay For Life Liaison for Rotary: She delivered a re-cap of our Club's efforts in the event. Heidi thanked us for our contributions, we finished in 3rd place partly due to **John J.'s** endeavors, "prying the money out of everyone's hands." There were 21 teams this year, with the Paradise Relay's total being a little under \$54,000. The first place team was FRH Cancer Center, "In It To Win It," who have been 1st for the 3 years running having raised \$10,000 to \$20,000 each year. The FRH Cancer Center has recently received approval for their own foundation, which is good for them. However, it takes them out of involvement in Relay For Life, which will "hurt Paradise Relay For Life a lot." Thanks to **Rob A., Cindy H., Mitch M., and Arthur P.** for the golf cart sponsorships which allowed for assistance for survivors and set-up & take-down. Heidi went on to remind us that Rotarian **Mary B.** brought Relay For Life to Paradise in the first place.

Next, **Heidi** provided a serious tribute to **John Jans.** She said, "I learn more about him all the time; the programs he started, the people he helped, his unwavering commitment to the community. When most men are slowing down their life to enjoy retirement, finally living for themselves, maybe even get a nice quiet hobby, I don't think John got that memo. He's a credible example of a great Rotarian and lives the motto, 'Service Above Self.' Paradise Rotary should be proud. To say John is amazing is an understatement. John is a true inspiration. So on behalf of Paradise Relay we made this basket for John," at which point she presented our **John J.** with a gift basket.



Finally, **Pres. Dana** stated that **John** wanted her to remind those that haven't paid him if you sponsored him, you should take care of that. There are 8 names on the list and if he's not paid by the next meeting, the names will be announced.

Pres. Dana: Thanks to those that posted & retired the flags on July 4th. The helping Rotarians were **John J., Bill B., Scott S., Scott S., Steve C., Bob D., Sandy W., Nancy E., Tim T., Mike V., Jim J. and Arthur P.**

MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

Pres. Dana: To begin a summary of Board Meeting activities, **Pres. Dana** called on Treasurer **Jon W.** to give a 1 minute report. Someone suggested Jon give a full audit, since Justin just left office. He agreed but said it would come at a cost. He decided against the audit. Jon did report, though, that everything looked really good. Typically, he said, we leave about \$25,000 in the account for the next year. This year, however, we begin with a little more: \$37,000! But, just over \$7,000 of that amount was due to an "early jump start" on revenue from the **Concours de La Chapelle** event coming from sponsorships. Even without that income, we're still about \$5,000 ahead of the prior year at this time. Net income: just over \$13,000, whereas we're normally at a break even point on that. We are within our budgets, with new and recurring budgeted items set up for this year.

Pres. Dana : Also at the Board Meeting we received two funds requests. One was to sponsor the *Paradise Lake Adventure Relay*, an annual request; approved for \$500. A second request, came from a Paradise non-profit called the Dream Machine Foundation. They are working with the **Rotary Club of Fiji** to provide reading devices for the elderly there. We approved a \$500 donation. Requested by Steve Arrington, **Pres. Dana** told us that Steve will present a Program in the future, describing their whole program. Read about their entire effort at: <http://www.dreammachinefoundation.com>.

Continuing, the Skyway cleanup project was discussed at the Board Meeting. It is in need of an individual or Team to "lead the charge." Anyone inspired to step up to the task, please make your interest known.

Our recent invoices showed a \$10.00 charge for Anniversary Flowers. Ignore it. It shouldn't have been there.

A **Social Media Committee Meeting** followed the Lunch Meeting. Their tasks will be to upgrade/update the website, FaceBook page & Twitter account to better promote and publicize the Club's efforts and activities. We have some volunteers, but additional help would be welcome. Contact **Pres. Dana** to get involved.



Kathy M.: Kathy began with a full disclosure. When she and Rick go on trips, they actually “go to bars and such things.” (Apparently, it’s true.) On a recent trip to Colorado, in Silverton (an old mining town) they learned the ladies of the night were called “soiled doves.” Then, in Durango, they discovered a Vodka with the same name. So...in their tradition of presenting souvenirs to the President, **Rick & Kathy** procured a bottle of Soiled Doves to bestow upon **Pres. Dana**, with the disclaimer that it was given in an interest of historical significance only.

Pres. Dana: Our Team Assembly will, from now on, be called ‘High Level Collaboration.’ But planned before we begin our ‘High Level Collaboration,’

Pres. Dana intended to show some pictures from Brazil, outside of the **International Convention**. That was until the Sergeant At Arms interrupted.

Tom G. commenced to point out that her

personal FaceBook page had wonderful updates of margaritas, swimming pools, attractive rooms, lovely verandas, pretty girls, pretty guys, etc., etc. but no updates for our Club FaceBook page.

Pres. Dana explained that she would be posting RI Convention items on the Webpage & FaceBook after it’s squared away. **Tom’s** persuasive argument earned **1 Bell** for the Pres.

Next, **Pres. Dana** presented a slide show and narration of scenes from the Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil. Among the highlights were the Parade of Flags, the End Polio Now flame presentation, views of São Paulo, and **Dana & David’s** side trip to Pôrto Seguro.



CLUB LEADERSHIP:

Pres. Dana: Since there are three new members on the Board of Directors, **Pres. Dana** presented them with Director Pins. The new board members are: **Mary B.**, **Ron J.**, and **Donn T.** (**Ron J.** departed early to attend to a pressing work issue.) Continuing members are: **Nancy E.**, **Casey T.**, and **Mike T.** These six plus the Pres., Pres. Elect, Immediate Past Pres., Secretary, and Treasurer make up the full board of 11 members.



The Team leaders for this year were introduced next. They are **Tom B.**, **Kiley P.**, **Mike T.**, and **Donn T.** After they were assembled at the podium, **Pres. Dana** presented each with a memento of the occasion. Team membership lists are available on the District Database website at the MyClub tab, just above the full Club roster of names.

In addition to **Teams**, our Club structure includes **Committees and Committee Chairs**. They are:

Programs:	Shannon H. & Joe B.	Sergeant At Arms:	Tom G.
Membership:	Ron J. & Dean F.	Public Relations:	Arthur P.
Community Service:	Team Leaders	Social Media/Comm:	(New)
New Generation/Youth:	Vickie P. & Trudi A.	RI Foundation:	Bob I.
Paradise Rotary Foundation:	Dean F.		

Regarding major Club Fund Raisers for the year, there are three. They are: **Concours de La Chapelle** (Aug 29, 2015), **Steak & Lobster Affair** (Oct 10, 2015), and **Crab Feed** (Jan 30, 2016). Additional Fund Raisers will be planned and executed by Teams, individually and collaboratively. **Trudi A.** has **Concours de La Chapelle** posters available for business or organizational display. She handed out some at the meeting, but contact her if you missed the meeting and would like a poster.

Our first Team Social of the year will be on Aug 8, hosted by **Tom B.'s** Team at **Arthur & Annie P.'s** house. This is BIG! Lots to do, lots of fun! Mark your calendars, NOW! Watch/listen for more details soon.

In the realm of Projects for the year, our **Major Club Project** will be assisting in the development of the **Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics** (STEM) Lab at Ponderosa Elementary School. **Pres. Dana** showed some photos of the school and future location of the STEM Lab. The Lab will be named *The Rotary Club Of Paradise STEM Lab at Ponderosa Elementary* advertised by a plaque on the door and in the interior with the Rotary Logo and our Club name. Hands-on Club involvement opportunities will be available during both development and follow-on operation.

With an eye on membership stats, **Pres. Dana** stated that we presently have 75 members. Her goal is to boost that to 85 members during the year. It's do-able with innovation, focus, and work.

RI FOUNDATION MOMENT: *(Actually, he took a moment and a half.)*

Bob I.: The RI Foundation Giving goal is \$23,000, which Bob says "won't be a cake walk, but we can do it." To help, Bob pledged to do better at quarterly statements and to attend Orientations to explain the difference between the Club and RI Foundations. General goals are to attain *Every Rotarian Every Year* 100% status and increase the number of *Paul Harris Society* members.

RAFFLE:

Tom K. & Kiley P. held lucky tickets, but neither found that stealthy Queen of Hearts.

NO PROGRAM, INSTEAD WE DID HIGH LEVEL TEAM COLLABORATION:

The Teams assembled at designated tables and spent about 25 minutes discussing plans for the year. At the conclusion, brief summary reports were given:

Kiley P.: Team Name: **Kiley's Kickass Crew**. Fund Raiser: The Roaring 20's Party at Chapelle de L'Artiste. Lots of ideas for Community Service, but none really nailed down yet. **Kiley** has no doubt that they'll have lots of Team Socials.

Donn T.: No Team Socials discussed yet. Service Projects include possibly Fire Station #1 Landscape Completion, PHS Restrooms, Smoke Detector Replacement Project, and Supporting SHOR to whatever extent possible. Placed an emphasis on supporting the 3 BIG Club fund raising projects. No Team Name yet.

Tom B.: Team Name: **Baker's Dozen**. Several Socials planned, multiple Team members enjoy cooking, the Kick-Off Social will be Aug 8th with live music, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Arthur's house, possibly another trip to the Clairveaux Winery for a tour & tasting, and another possible Social at **Marty N.'s** house. The team looks forward to supporting the STEM Lab Project at Ponderosa School.

Mike T.: Team Name: **Team Trinc**. A "High Level Social" at **Mary B.'s** house (similar to last year). For Service Projects, they are looking at taking over the Skyway Cleanup Project and offering free Swim Lessons to every child in Paradise over a 3 year period with the necessary fund raising attached.

DON'T FORGET THE CLUB PICTURE NEXT WEEK!

Please be here! Let's get everybody in the picture! The **New District Governor, Ken Courville**, will be attending, so this should be a fun meeting. Dress for *picture* success!

(The E-Cone "Editorial Staff" is seeking someone to provide backup when Donn is out of town. Anyone with a desire to provide Club Service, that finds pleasure in writing, and/or has newsletter production experience is encouraged to investigate this valuable, rewarding, ongoing Service to the Club. Contact any of us.)

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ENTER MTG MAKEUPS ON THE DISTRICT DATABASE

Chico Sunrise – Thurs 6:45 AM, Canyon Oaks Country Club
Colusa – Tues Noon, Colusa Country Club (On Hwy 20)
Corning – Wed Noon, Rolling Hills Casino, Corning (By I5)
Durham – Tues 6 PM, Butte Creek Country Club (South Chico)
Orland – Mon Noon, Round Table Pizza (temporary)
Paradise – You know....or should know
Willows – Thurs Noon, at the Old Highway 99 Steak House

FUTURE CLUB PROGRAMS

7/9 Club Assembly - Dana's First!
7/16 Ken Courville - District 5160 Governor
7/23 PPD - Body Cameras
7/30 SHOR Update
8/6 Laura's Literacy Project
8/13 Wheelers for the Wanted

Rotary Club of Paradise Board Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Thurs at Cozy Diner, 6371 Skyway, Paradise, @ 7:00 AM



*At the
District 5160
2015
Awards & Installation Dinner*



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Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

