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Bob Bard, Ed

Exciting opening ritual

Sans gavel, Ted has Gene lead us in a spirited rendition of "Feliz Navidad."

Guess who's coming to breakfast?

Cole Felt, Harvey's grandson, Al Mackenzie, the surrogate Santa at our Xmas party, and Brian Hennes, Rick's son from law school in OR, join us. It's good to see Jared Awender.

Milestones

Ken Wudel's been in Rotary 17 long years, Jim Larsen, 14 years; it's Hector's birthday; so, we sing.

Not-so-famous quote

"The artist is nothing without the gift. The gift is nothing without work." Who said that? A 19th century author, Émil Zola. Nobody wins Ted's wine.

Welcome, Don Beno!

Pres. Ted presents membership packet to Don.

We pass the bucket for Raul

The food and service at the Striper has been exemplary, and we thank Raul with a fat holiday bonus.

4-H thank you note

Emma Wright, Secretary of 4-H sends her club's appreciation our way.

Confessions

Dave spends time with his 25 children at La Jolla. Ted asks Sgt.-at-Arms, Molly, for help, prompting Molly to gasp, "What else do you want me to do?" She sets fine at \$25.

Ken visits family in Texas for 3 days. Molly says \$25.

Cub celebrates his 35th birthday with awesome girlfriend of almost 5 months. He meets former NFL coach, sees Raiders game and Hobbit. Molly's attempt to levy \$70 fine falls by the wayside as Cub pays \$50 to PHF.

Wayne celebrates Thanksgiving at home, then goes to Tennessee and visits Barbara Mandrell's modest home which sold for \$1.9M in 2000. Wayne pays \$100/month, so he's fine free.

Blooper!

Lee reports that Robert McGahey can't figure out who he is, since his New Rotarian packet has Ed Vitrano's name on it.

Camp Royal students

Lee also reports 3 possible candidates for summer camp, Dylan, Maria and Emily.

Student Rotarians

Alex and Carli discuss Deven Davis Chili Feed at 401 Club, this evening; last day of finals, today; 3 weeks off; Boys Basketball gets first win; ugly sweater contest; AFS Xmas card walk for New York trip in April--donors get names in paper.

Discrimination lawsuits

Unprompted, Wayne courageously warns us to never use the word, "girls," in reference to women. Thanks, Wayne, we needed that.

Deven returns

Undaunted, Lee stands up, again, to say Deven returns, today, from hospital.

Program

Pres. Ted introduces our guest speaker, Gerald Clift, of the Rescue California Education Foundation. Gerald touts the Neighborhood Legislature Reform Act, designed to give the CA voter a stronger voice against special interests.

Currently, CA has 1 legislator per 450,000 voters, whereas New Hampshire has 1 legislator per 3,000 voters. A CA candidate must spend \$7,000 on a campaign, but a NH legislator spends \$753. That discrepancy makes the CA legislator far more beholden to campaign donors.

Under this act, each of the 120 presently drawn legislative districts is divided into 100 neighborhood sub-districts of either 5,000 (Assembly) or 10,000 (Senate) voters. Each sub-district will elect a neighborhood Assembly member or Senator who will have a vote on all legislation. For work that has to be done in Sacramento, each group of one hundred sub-districts will select a representative to sit on a working committee.

Gerald mentions some of the problems that have occurred as a result of the influence of special interest groups, such as the raiding of the Social Security funds and CA legislators spending gas tax on everything but roads.

For more background information go to lao.ca.gov.

Medallion auction

Pinch-hitting for his dad, Jared sells coin to Cub for \$40.

50/50 raffle

Lee has right ticket, but draws wrong marble.

Molly's phone goes off

She spins the wheel of fate and must recite 4-Way Test or pay \$2. Molly says, "What's the 4-Way Test?" Tsk, tsk.



Al Mackenzie



Brian Hennes



Gerald Clift

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Friday, December 27	No meeting--Christmas Week	Santa
Friday, January 3	No meeting--New Year's Week	Father Time
Friday, January 10	Delightful Tax Law Update	Tim Kubli
Friday, January 17	To Be Announced	Unknown
Friday, January 24	To Be Announced	Eddie Woodruff