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Today's Meeting



President Karl Diekman welcomed us all and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Of our singers, only Steve Venables was available and he led us in



Rotary Grace.

Karl thanked Gary Bunch for Meals on Wheels and Nick Roncoroni for technology.

Karl's quote of the week:

Inspirational Quote of the Day

Who said?

**"The way to get started is to quit talking
and begin doing."**

Walt Disney

No one ventured a guess.

Visiting Rotarians Once again, Byron MacConnell from the morning club joined us.



Guests of Rotarians

Steve Venables introduced his guest, Chris Stamm. Chris has submitted



his application for membership.

Brian Dwyer, once again introduced his guest, Angela Lynn.



Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Woodland Sunrise Rotary Blood Drive**
Thursday, April 24 – Call Bob Hulbert at (530) 402-1448
- **Dinner/Auction Saturday, April 27**
- **May 7 off site club meeting at Velocity Island**
- **May 10 – Multi Club Social at San Bruno Lanes**

Gary Bunch reminded us that May 2nd is the Big Day of Giving and asked us all to think about giving to Jayne William's organization, All Leaders Must Serve.



Birthdays

Gary Bunch was born right here in Woodland on April 21, 1953.



Rob Beggs was also born on April 21, but in 1955.



Anniversaries

No anniversary warnings this week.



Recognition



Chuck Maltese held the reins to extract money from our wallets.
Happy Time: Jim McGibbon, who holds dual citizenship with Canada was proud of the performance of two fellow Canadians in the NBA playoffs, Shai Gilgeous-

Alexander of Oklahoma City (arguably the best player in the NBA) and Jamal Murray of the



Denver Nuggets (also one of the best).

Mark Ullrich was happy tax season was over. He said his partner Tony Delevati was down with the flu, and that Lisa Dunham did not know up from down.



Chuck called on Jayne Williams who has not yet left for her big trip, I believe to Italy. Jayne's



husband was also sick last week.

Apparently as a group we were not too happy last week, as Jayne was the last to be called on for “happy time”. Chuck then turned to his theme, name that tune. Chuck would read lines

from a song and you had to identify the song. If you also sang the song, after answering correctly first, then Chuck would pay the fine. Reggie Powell as the newest member was asked



to identify “Heartbreak Hotel” by Elvis. He could not.

Next victim was Chuck Bruns, who successfully identified “Under the Boardwalk” by the Drifters, but only because Blair Voelz told him the answer. Blair had to pay the fine.



Shawn Seyk was next and he could not identify “All My



Loving” by the Beatles.

on it, that Peter Holmes correctly identified “Wonderful World” by Sam Cook.

I believe, but would not bet

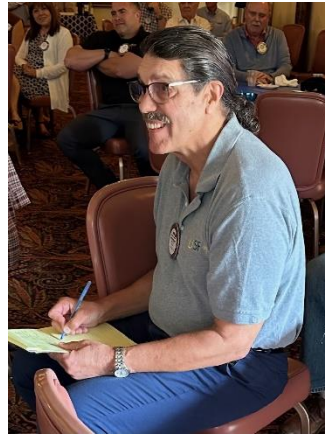


Yvette Roy did identify “My Girl” by the Temptations and



sang it. Mr. Maltese had to pay.

I then had no idea



about the words to “Misty” by Johnny Mathis.

a second guess correctly identified the Beach Boys as the author of one of their beach songs that

Jim Nolan on



I didn't write down. Rob Beggs correctly identified "the Sounds of Silence" by Simon and Garfunkel and he did a fair singing rendition.



Mr. Maltese again paid. Les Engelmann could not identify Bob Dylan's "Blowing in the Wind".



Chuck Moore could not identify a Smokey Robinson song.



Chuck concluded the festivities with a lawyer joke. NASA was interviewing professionals to be sent to Mars. Only one could go and couldn't return to Earth. The first applicant, an engineer was asked how much he want to be paid for going. He said one million dollars which he would donate to M.I.T. The next applicant, a doctor, was asked the same question. He said two million dollars. He explained he would give one million to his family and one million for the advancement of medical research. The last applicant was a lawyer. He whispered to the interviewer that he wanted three million dollars. "Why so much?" he was asked. The lawyer replied if you give me three million I will give you one million and I will keep one million and we will send the engineer to Mars.

Rags to Riches



Jim Nolan won a free lunch. Apparently he has never won before as he tried to give the



card back.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Salvatore Giambona, Criminal Defense Attorney,
Honeychurch & Giambona Attorneys at Law,
Fairfield; **'Self Defense in the Law'**



Today's Program



Wendy Casas introduced Salvatore Giambora, a criminal defense attorney with the Fairfield firm, Honeychurch & Giambora. His topic was “the defense of “self-defense”. Wendy introduced “Sal” as her best friend.



The concept of self-defense is a truly American value, which is not understood throughout the world. Sal married into an Iranian family and discussed the reaction of his family to the protests that followed the arrest of a young Iranian girl in Iran by the morality police because she had too much of her hair showing. She was then beaten to death. Some of his family wondered if this time the government would be overthrown. Sal said, “No”, because the people had no guns. Only the government had the necessary weapons. More importantly, they did not understand the concept of fighting back

because they had been beaten down for years. Russians and other peoples of oppressive regimes



have the same problem.

The Modern War on Self-Defense

By contrast Western Civilization has always recognized the right to fight back if attacked. However, this concept is now being challenged by some leaders and prosecutors who view the criminals as victims of social or other oppression or traumas, and thus their rights tend to outweigh the rights of the victims of assault. Sal used one of his cases as an example. He represented Sergio Castro Ocaso who was attacked by a meth head under the influence at the time who was beating him. Mr. Ocaso grabbed a shovel and at trial testified, "I just didn't want to die". Mr. Ocaso told the man to stand back and when he continued his attack, Mr. Ocaso hit him with the shovel, killing him. He was acquitted by the jury. He should never have been brought to trial. This same attitude in certain leaders and prosecutors has led to the lack of



prosecution of many smaller crimes.

Sal also discussed the integral relationship of self-defense to the Second Amendment. And the right to bear arms. Sal is not a believer that gun control works, especially with the advent of ghost guns created by 3-D printers.

"[T]he inherent right of self-defense has been central to the Second Amendment right." (*District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) 554 U.S. 570, 628.)

From the works of Alexander Sholzenytzen:

"In the Criminal Code of 1926 there was a most stupid Article 139 - 'on the limits of necessary self-defense' - according to which you had the right to unsheathe your knife only after the criminal's knife was hovering over you, and you could stab him only after he had stabbed you. And otherwise you would be the one put on trial."

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, "The Gulag Archipelago, Volume 2: An Experiment in Literary Investigation, 1918-1956."

"The fear of exceeding the measure of necessary self-defense lead to total spinelessness as a national characteristic. A hoodlum once began to beat up the Red Army man Aleksander Sakharov outside a club. Sakharov took out a folding penknife and killed the hoodlum. And for this he got...ten years for plain murder! 'And what was I supposed to do?' he asked, astonished. Prosecutor Artsishevsky replied: 'You should have fled!' **So tell me, who creates hoodlums?**



Upcoming Programs

Next Week's Program

CLUB ASSEMBLY

- Fundraising
- Possible Change of Venue
- Other items