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Fall Social BBQ—Joint with Sunrise!

Submitted by Jim Lehman

It was Saturday the 13th, not Friday, so what was with the rain? Ron Coleman broadcast an email announcing our joint BBQ would be held at a backup venue rather than the originally planned BBQ joint, the home of Steve and Kathryn Hammitt. The new locale? Kathryn's Arthur Murray Dance Studio on Central Ave. in Montclair. With ample parking and tons of interior space, it was an excellent alternative. The BBQ masters served up BBQ beef, BBQ chicken, teriyaki beef, cole slaw, potato salad, and a green salad. Jerry Tambe's Tequila Bar was humming along with a nice selection of wines and beers, coffee and juices, and mellow cheer spread throughout the room. Still hungry? Good, because the dessert table offered apple pie, pumpkin pie, cookies, and killer chocolate cake, along with whipped cream for wherever you wanted. Sunrise Rotary and Claremont Rotary were co-hosts. President Ron Coleman served as DJ, sending out smooth tunes as Rotarians partied.

Welcome Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Since it was a meeting, let's introduce guests. The Sunrise delegation included Steve Hammitt and his wife, Kathryn; Parker Emerson and Garry Schneider and their spouses, and Gerri Marki. And we were graced by a visit from a fifth Sunrise Rotarian, City Council candidate Jed Leano and his wife, Liz and son, Welles.

Ron Coleman brought his wife, Yvonne and kids Harper and Mateo. **Randy Prout** was accompanied by his wife, Rhonda; **Corina Christiansen** by her husband and member, **Dale** (Wait—there was a DALE CHRISTIANSEN sighting? Cool!); **Don Ralls** by his wife, Leslie; **Buff Wright** by Joel Cinnamon; **Tom Shelley** by his wife, Barbara; **Bonita Ramos** by her husband, Richard and kids (they're adults) Christina and Michael; **Betty Sheldon** by her husband, Bill; **Chris Shaner** by her husband, Pat; **Gail Sparks** by her friend, Jennifer Fog; **Paul Steffen** by his wife, Dawn; **Pat Hauducoeur** by her husband and honorary member, **Bob**;



Jerry Goldman by his wife, Marge; **Nick Quackenbos** by his wife, honorary member and Past President, **Carole Dorsey**; **John Howland** by his wife, Naomi; **Rich Loughton** by his wife, Fran. **Frank Bedoya** brought Priscilla Figueiredo, a CGU doctoral student from Brazil.

Cameron Troxell and his wife, Barbara, noting that the festivities ran from 5 pm to 9 pm, decided to let things get well under way and make an entrance at 6. According to an anonymous and perhaps unreliable source, **Lucinda McDade** and her husband, John, meant to do much the same thing, but having missed Ron Coleman's email, went to the Hammitts' house and milled around until they realized their error, eventually joining the party at 7. Now, a disclaimer is in order. Your reporter sought to identify and record guests, but there may be errors and there may be omissions, both of which would occasion regret and apologies. (And that's what editors are for! So...) Also attending (and viewed by those not squeezing eyes shut to avoid seeing the dancing...like Jim), were **Tim Harrison** and Lorie; **Karen Sapio** and husband Anthony Becker. And while they didn't bring guests, we all enjoyed the company of **Kebokile Dengu-Zvobgo**, **Anita Hughes**, **Bobby Hyde**, **Jerry Tambe**, **Anna Torres**, **John Tulac**, **Jim Lehman** (taking notes), and **Peter Weinberger** (taking photos).

Announcements

We have sad news to share with the club: Alona Robertson, wife of Rotarian Pete Robertson, longtime member of this club (since 1971), passed away on October 8 after an illness. She was 75.

Upcoming events

October 21 Peace Conference

Saturday, Nov. 3. Hope Partners' 50th Anniversary Gala at Kellogg West on Cal Poly-Pomona Campus.

November 8 at Nunos, the second Networking social sponsored by the membership committee

November 30 Holiday Party, Frank Hall

BBQ continued

Inevitably, it being a dance studio with a DJ hurling music down the amplifiers, someone was bound to start moving to the beat, and sure enough, **Frank Bedoya** and a host of friends started in with the Electric Slide. Before long, **Steve Hammitt**, who was a football player in his youth, showed his instructional prowess as he led a demo of the line dance moves and enticed half the crowd to join in. Then came a rousing version of YMCA, with the arm gestures of people on the dance floor mirrored by many seated at the surrounding tables, amazingly, with no spilled drinks!

Because it was in fact a Rotary meeting, **John Tulac** grabbed the microphone, declared he was Sergeant (this is how a coup starts, Ron), and invoked a Carly Simon line, "Let's make right an old mistake." (No, he wasn't talking about tech catastrophes but rather a forgotten-to-all-but-him occasion when he, as Sergeant, tried to get Rotarians to do some version of Dancing with the Stars and got people paired up but not quite dancing. When asked what to do next, he'd said "I don't know, I never thought I'd get this far!") Well, this time, by golly, he got people dancing. Puzzling, really, because lots of people actually WERE dancing—Electric Slide, YMCA, etc. John's target was anyone who up to this point had not been observed on the dance floor. And the instrument of torture? The rumba. Steve Hammitt again stepped up to provide the "beneficial to all concerned" element to supplant the looming "embarrassing to all concerned" and called out the steps as we did our best to stay upright and avoid treading on others through the song. What a splendid Rotarian!

Thanks to Steve and Kathryn Hammitt for hosting this lovely evening. It was a great BBQ social! And it was great to be warm and dry! Here's to arranging more joint events!!

The RCOC Dancers with actual dancer Kathryn Hammitt

Are we having fun yet?



The Slide! Starring Cameron, Frank and Chris





Good photos by Peter Weinberger using a real camera

READY TO ROLL!



Remaining photos by Buff Wright, using her phone

Above, President Ron struts his stuff with Past President Ramos, while Sunrise President Hammitt looks on....



Sergeant Tulac, Steve Hammitt and Ron Coleman lead the "Meeting"



Ready to dance the Rumba? sort of....



UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Oct. 19	Rotary Foundation in Action
Oct. 26	Pasadena's Gamble House, Tom Voltz
Nov. 2	LA Philharmonic Music Mobile, Sue Keavney



Ron Coleman
Claremont Rotary
President
2018-2019

Photo of the Week:



Why was the DJ
banned from the
supermarket?

Dunno. Why?

He was
stealing all
the samples!

OINK!



Bacon Bits
Let's fill up the pig!

Website

Information about the club and back editions of this newsletter are always available on DACdb and www.claremontrotary.org

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October Birthdays

Betty Sheldon 10/1
Graciela Gonzalez 10/4
Owen Keavney 10/6
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 by Jim Lehman; photos by Peter Weinberger

The Claremont Rotary Club meets at the Claremont DoubleTree on Foothill at 12:10pm

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!!

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