

June 14, 2011

On the Record

Prayer & Pledge: Pat Patrick
Music: America the Beautiful
Birthdays: None
Attendance: 17

Lucky Bucks

\$24 collected with \$12 going to John Demlow

Happy Bucks

John Demlow
Editha Bartley
Jo Rita Jordan
Kay Dorman
Diane Vasquez
Ben Booth
Rose Taylor
Bill Taylor

Sandy Poppers
Bob Vander Meer
Sharon Vander Meer
Charlie Goddard
Jose Vasquez III
Kayt Peck
Therese Melton
Kim Schilling

Visitors

Ben Booth, Lorraine Guttierrez
Jose Vasquez III, Mickey Vasquez

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Rotary Web Sites

Rotary International www.rotary.org
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El Toro



June 14 Events at
Rotary Club 1311
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Featured Program

Featured Program: Jose Domingo (JD) Vasquez Jr

This presentation was made by José D. Vasquez III who spoke for his father who has been a member of this Rotary Club for a great many years. Also present were JD's daughter, Lorraine Guttierrez, and daughter-in-law, Mickey Vasquez. As a background, JD noted that the name has Basque association but that the family probably came from the Madrid area in Spain. Their grandfather, the first José Domingo, came to work as a shepherd in the Santa Fe area and accumulated land and sheep over time so that he had ranches with sheep in several areas. Chacon valley was a major ranch and José Junior spent summers as a shepherd there during his school years. The presentation was a commentary with a series of family photos which illustrated stories his father told about Chacon which he had made into a booklet titled "Dad Said" and given it to his father on his 94th birthday.

The profile of work consisted of working as a shepherd, a cowboy, and scholar. JD Jr's education began at a Presbyterian Mission school at Mora which continued at the Presbyterian Boys High School on Menaul in Albuquerque where he participated in the Glee Club and sports. There was a Presbyterian Girls school in Santa Fe and the glee club gave a performance there. Young Teresena from Chimayo was a student there and the two met for the first time. Later they were married and raised a family.

The education pattern was to continue at UNM from 1935-1939 with a degree in education focused on biology and Spanish. His first school assignment was a one room building at Black Lake followed by other rural school assignments. In 1943 he was involved in ship building for the war effort in California. In 1946 the family moved to Las Vegas and he took a position as Biology teacher at Las Vegas High School. Editha Bartley was one of his students. He earned a Masters Degree at Highlands and became principal of the

Castle Middle School for a number of years. This was followed by appointment to the Superintendency of the Las Vegas City Schools from which he retired.

He was president of the Rotary Club during the 1965-66 year.

Rotary Minute: Kim Schilling

Continuing information from the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. Kim reported that membership retention was a major concern and a number of ideas were introduced as a way to attract new people and to make Rotary more visible in the community. Specifically, projects should address real community needs. Clubs should be innovative and flexible as they examine their situation and ways to make them better.

We celebrated the life and career of José Domingo Vasquez, Jr., our oldest member (though Charlie Goddard is closing in). J. D. Vasquez III (on the right) told of his father's background as shepherd, cowboy, scholar, shipbuilder, and educator. His daughter, Lorraine Guttierrez (a frequent Rotary guest), and daughter-in-law Mickey also came to honor JD.



News & Notes

- Kayt Peck reported from the Board Retreat that the theme for the year is "Enlighten Your Own Club" and that Service will be emphasized.
- Kay Dorman invited the group to participate in the Holiday Inn project to raise money to give a terminally ill child a normal vacation with family at EpCot. The local Holiday Express has pledged to raise \$1000. for this project.
- Please send announcements for El Toro to Jo Rita Jordan at joritaj@mac.com.