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Guide Dogs for the Blind		

## Coming Events

May 25<sup>th</sup> - Regular meeting at the Manhattan Country Club. Jeff Wilson will give us a slideshow on his latest exotic vacation. This time, Jeff took his family to Laos and Cambodia.

June 1<sup>st</sup> - Regular meeting at the Manhattan Country Club. Jules Duffin will present her plans to travel around the world with "Semester at Sea."

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Board Meeting 12:30 at Rick's office.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Social hour 5:30-7:00.

June 8<sup>th</sup> - Regular meeting at the Manhattan Country Club.

**June 16<sup>th</sup> - Is THE DATE for our fundraiser at the Comedy and Magic Club.**

## The Meeting

We had a roomful once again except for our President. Pat Whitehead, Melissa Hudson and Mandy Jones were here representing Guide Dogs for the Blind. They brought three dogs, Anya, Cancun and Tracine. Jim Packard brought Nick Paneno who is a member of the Hermosa Beach club. Ken Giss brought the lovely Judy and Rich Briant was here in his last meeting as a guest of the club.

Dave Dinwiddie was at the podium when Madame President arrived more than a little out of breath.

Dave fined Greg Schill a buck for being late. He then fined DeAnn \$3. DeAnn upped Greg's fine but I'm not sure if she adjusted her own fine.

## The Program

Pat gave us a brief history of Guide Dogs for the Blind. The organization was founded in 1942 by Lois Merrihew and Don Donaldson. Their objective was to

create a foundation that would breed, train and provide guide dogs free of charge. In 1947, Guide Dogs moved to its current location in San Rafael. Pat invites anyone to visit its campus.

Melissa Hudson talked about her challenges after becoming blind. At the age of 3, she was diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis that took her sight as a young woman. She brought her guide dog, Anya and it was heartwarming to hear how Anya changed Melissa's life.

Please visit their website at <http://www.guidedogs.com/site/PageServer>. Pat mentioned the organization depends on private donations.

We had a quick board meeting and after a prolonged vetting process accepted Rich's application for membership. Bibi Goldstein whipped off her apron (I thought it had become a permanent part of her wardrobe) and presented it to Madame President. She then gave Rich the fine pot.

## Happy Dollars

Nick started the Happy Dollars with one for Jim taking him to our meeting. Nick was impressed by the presentation.

Double D had three dollars for the 3 wonderful women from Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Jim was happy he gets to play golf on Thursday and mentioned once again another gloomy, rainy Tuesday.

Bill Glavin couldn't make Stan Ralls' foursome in the next round of the Kiwanis Golf Tournament. Stan asked for volunteers to replace Bill. Stan ratted out Marty Davis telling Madame President Marty joined the Old Ranch Country Club and wondered why that didn't deserve a fine.



Bibi could not attend last week's meeting as she was at the Torrance State of the City luncheon presented by Mayor Frank Soto. At the luncheon, there were four tables of Kiwanians and two were selected as Citizens of the Year.

I had an absolute blast at Willow Springs International Raceway last Wednesday. The high point of the day was my chasing a Z-06 Corvette (500 horsepower and \$70,000 purchase price) with my Honda S2000 (200 horsepower and \$30,000 purchase price). As we neared the start/finish line, the blue flag was waved at the Corvette. That flag warned the Vette driver to move over for a faster car, mine! Greg corrected me that my car had 240 horsepower not 200 and he is right. I had a second happy dollar for picnic sponsored by the dog rescue organization from which we adopted Gracie, Bichon Furkids. The picnic had 100 Bichons that are roughly the same size and the same coloring. It was almost impossible to pick Gracie out of the group. Even though all the dogs were on the street at one time, there was not a single incident of aggressive behavior.

Jeff Wilson is thinking about joining the Masters of Harmony an a-cappella group in Santa Fe. This group has more than 140 singers and has won several divisional and district titles, as well as seven international chorus championships.

Double D's parents were in town for a wedding. It was a nice visit.

### **Announcements**

Our fundraising event will take place at the Comedy & Magic club on June 16<sup>th</sup>. This event will combine fundraising, a membership drive and charter party together. Each member will be given two tickets for the member and one guest. We hope you will also sell eight additional tickets for \$20 apiece.

### **Scholarships**

Our club awarded six scholarships to Mira Costa grads. We'll disclose the recipients after the awards ceremony on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Happy Birthday**

Happy Birthday was sung for me. My birthday is on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Door Prize**

Judy and Ken donated today's door prize. Mandy won the Cool Bowl on Ice.

### **Fine Free**

Stan claimed the fine free ticket but Madame President dismissed Stan's claim. Fine Free for next week is the holder of ticket number 639704.

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