

REPUBLICAN CLUB OF OCEAN HILLS MEETING
MAY 17, 2017

President Barbara Hazlett called the meeting to order at 1:00PM. Barbara led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Barbara introduced guests and welcomed new members.

Program: Program Chairman Don Squires introduced the Speaker, Chris Megison. Mr. Megison is a social entrepreneur and founder of Solutions for Change. He served 10 years in the Marine Corp. He was a Marine liaison with the City of Oceanside. He became aware of the acute problem of homelessness. He attacks homelessness from a different point of view. Under President Obama, homeless shelters were increased dramatically. This housing does not require that people give up drugs or alcohol. The Marine Corp taught Chris to "get up, suit up and show up". He teaches personal responsibility and requires it. People need a purpose. He has been working in this field since 1993. He started Solutions for Change in 1999. Causes for homelessness are addiction, health issues, and extreme poverty. In the past 8 years, the Federal Government has spent over two hundred billion on homelessness and the problem is growing.

Solutions for Change University is a 1000 day program for the homeless. Housing is provided for the homeless and their children. During this time the client must stay drug and alcohol free. Students work on the farm and take classes on parenting, life skills, how to change their mental attitude, and learn responsibility and self-discipline. He gets people off welfare and back into the workforce.

Treasurers report and minutes. Treasurer Judith Fulop placed copies of the report on the tables. Copies of the minutes were also on the tables. The motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 19th meeting. The motion was seconded and was approved by acclamation.

Membership: Chairman Elaine Kowalik stated the Club now has 83 paid members.

Future programs: 1st Vice President and Program Chairman Don Squires has Speakers for June, July, Steve Hasty, President Tri-city Tea Party and August, Assemblyman Rocky Chavez. Steve Deitlin, CEO of Tri-City Medical Center will be the June Speaker.

Correspondence: Secretary Barbara Barreras sent a thank you note to Fred Yerrick and birthday cards to members with May birthdays.

Telephone Committee: Chairman Colleen Vogel thanked the Callers, Rita Schnedar, Beverly Proeoesel, Mike Richardson and Vicky Squires for the excellent job they do notifying the members of each meeting. Anne Caywood is resigning

Precinct Chairman: Mike Richardson brought lists of the five precincts in Ocean Hills Country Club. These lists were given to Club Officers who live in these precincts. Member Jackie Stanislawski will also have a "coffee" in her village. The first coffees will be with a few Club members that live in the precinct. These will then be expanded to each have a coffee for Republicans on each one's street. The Democrats are already having events daily to recruit workers for retaking the Senate and the House of Representatives in 2018. We must all become part of the solution. 2018 is a crucial election year.

New Business: President Hazlett discussed the Voter Districting for City Council in Oceanside. At the present, each city councilman is elected at-large, by the voters of the entire city. This new districting will make it that each councilman is elected by his district. This is to avoid a lawsuit that argues that minorities are not properly represented. Meetings on this subject are being held, in May, all over the city before the City Council makes its final decision.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47PM.

Barbara Barreras conducted the Opportunity Drawing where lucky members won red and white wine and dark chocolate bars.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Sally Booth