

This Week

Another Mystery *Isn't this Fun!?* Program Host: Kimmit Haggins

Once again we have a mystery speaker, but the facts are different. About 9:30p on Sunday evening, I was able to contact our Program Host, and was told that his scheduled speaker was unable to make our meeting.

Our host did not falter, he quickly called a replacement, but that person was unable to come also. So our venerable program host is out beating the bushes for a speaker. If you have someone in mind who would make a good speaker, don't hesitate, give the name and contact information to Kimmit Haggins.

Better yet, first make sure that your suggested person is available to speak on July 21, and remember that this week we will be meeting at the

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July 21
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Raising Readers

Taken from Family Talk by Kathy Brandt

I began reading to my daughter when she was 3 months old — colorful cardboard books and soft, squeaky ones. I named objects in the pictures while she tried to chew on the corners of each page. We read as she grew, cuddling in the big, overstuffed armchair at the end of day. She cried and I shed a tear or two over E. B. White's *Charlotte's Web*, found wonder in Scott O'Dell's *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. Today, my 9-year-old daughter, a 5th grade student, is not to be found without a book in her hand, and we still share the books that we read.

Child psychologists and pediatricians say that reading to your children is as important as providing them with a balanced diet or fastening their seat belt. "Language matters for everything," says Frank R. Vellutino, PhD, director of the Child Research and Study Center at the University of New York. "You can't even interpret and appreciate cartoons in the newspaper without a grasp of analogy and metaphor."

One must have facility with language in order to grasp complex ideas, problem-solve, and understand culture. Good

readers can uncover a culture's collective knowledge, master information, and challenge themselves with difficult concepts and complex thoughts. Parents can help their kids become more enthusiastic readers in two ways:

- 1) Read with them, and
- 2) Leave them alone with good books.

Read aloud to your children. A study by the National Academy of Education and the National Institute of Education Commission notes, "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children."

Your child's brain grows and develops just like the rest of the body; 50 percent of the brain develops before age 4. Reading to your child is a key way to stimulate mental growth and development.

It goes beyond hearing the story. Children will naturally ask questions -- "Why did the character do that?" or "What does that mean?"

"You cannot start too early. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends reading daily to children, beginning at six months of age." ○

Program Review

A Good Recipe for Entrepreneurial Success: Great Coffee, The Boy Scouts, and a pinch of Know-How



Jim Rhodes, friend and business associate of Kimmit Haggins and boyhood friend of

David Campbell, was a fascinating speaker who shared his upbringing in the Pasadena area, his love of hiking in the Altadena mountains, and his long-time residency in

the Pasadena area.

Rhodes was a sales executive at an insurance company for many years. After he left the insurance business, he and some friends and investors started a bank in Pasadena, which did very well. His entrepreneurial spirit caused him to start an environmental company (Proteus), in which he worked with World Vision to not only help fund projects in third-world countries like Angola, but to produce soil amendments (not fertilizer) to enable much more crop yield than previously realized. This venture is being utilized in some very large tracts of cornfields in the Midwest, with great success.

He then met Kimmit Haggins and began to work with him to help market Kilimanjaro Coffee Cup coffee through the Boy Scouts in the San Gabriel Valley. Rhodes self-taught himself about coffee, its origins, the types and flavors of it, areas in which it is grown, the marketing of coffee around the world, etc. He became fascinated with the coffee grown in Tanzania, the hand-picked and hand-sorted methods used to harvest it, and Kimmit's passion for helping the farmers in Tanza-



nia. He is using his business skills to help market the coffee through the Boy Scouts, with the able assistance Altadena Rotary President, Charlie Wilson, beginning in this area, and with plans to expand to a much larger geographical area.

Rhodes' son has designed a route optimization program for the Boy Scouts to efficiently deliver the coffee, either by themselves or a vendor. His goal with the Boy Scouts is to provide \$250,000 to the Scout Council and \$250,000 to the Scout troops. Our best wishes, Kimmit Haggins and Jim Rhodes!
Tom McCurry ☉

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July

Plan for a New Rotary Year

Program Chair, Kimmit Haggins

July 21 - To be Announced

July 28 - Wen Chen - Mainland China

August

Membership/New Club Development

Program Chair, Tom McCurry

August 04 - To be Announced

Congratulations



Birthdays



07/08 - Regina Wilson

07/09 - David Alimi

07/27 - Tony Hill



Anniversaries



07/01 - Ruth & Bill Reeder

f07/15 - Craig & Susan Cox

World at War . . . Again!



Of course we (the United States) are not at war with them (ISIS), but they are at war with us. . . . They have been at war with us for some time now, wantonly killing 22 in San Bernardino, 84 in Nice, 2900 in New York, another 49 in Orlando and on and on. The attacks are almost every week now, and the death toll is mounting (80 – 100 suicide attacks per month worldwide).

Who is our enemy? A mythical and amorphous dark force? . . . or someone, something, some group we can identify and deal with? ISIS has lost 20 percent of its territory in Syria and 50 percent of its territory in Iraq, but they now carry out an ever increasing number of suicide missions every month. The idea of the Caliphate has not been destroyed. Terror is spreading via Boko Haram, ISIS, Al Quada.

We are told by the Administration that ISIS is in decline, but clearly it is not. Independent operatives — radicalized recruits — are growing in numbers and in their resolve to destroy the infidel (us).

.....We are told that Islam is not at fault, and we know our Administration will not name *Radical Islam* as the enemy because Islam is a *religion of peace*. Some doubt that this is so given the interpretation of the Koran by growing numbers of radicalized Muslims under 30 years of age that Jews and Christian (named in the Koran) must *Submit* (the meaning of Islam) . . . or die. Indeed, Jihad — as it is

interpreted today — looks more and more like the Jihad of Wahhabis and Salafites of old; both committed to Sharia law and values that are essentially incompatible with Judeo-Christian values.

Newt Gingrich, former House Speaker and architect of the *Contract with America* stated this week that, “If you are a practicing Muslim and you believe deeply in your faith, but you’re also loyal to the United States and you believe in the Constitution, you should have your rights totally, completely protected within the Constitution. You should have nothing to fear. Your children should have nothing to fear.” “This is not about targeting a particular religion or targeting people who practice in a particular way,” he added. “This is about looking at particular characteristics that we have learned painfully — time after time — involve killing people, involve attacks on our civilization.” He was referencing among other instances, the 28 Sharia Courts now operating in the UK and the fact that Sharia Law is incompatible with our Constitution and traditional Judeo-Christian values. And he wants to vet all Muslims to ensure their allegiances are to the US Constitution and not Sharia Law.

In response the President stated; “In the wake of last night’s attacks, we’ve heard more suggestions that all Muslims in America be targeted, tested for their beliefs, some deported or jailed,” “And the very suggestion is repugnant and an affront to everything that we stand for as

Americans.”

Certainly a difference in opinion there . . . !

Theodore Roosevelt had some ideas on immigrants way back in 1907. He stated,

“In the first place, we should insist that, if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person becoming — in every facet — an American, and nothing but an American “There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn’t an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag...”

Was the US safer then in 1907? Did we still reach out with a welcoming hand to immigrants? Did we have the same concerns about our borders? And what about terrorism?

Even Thomas Jefferson had to deal with pirates and terrorists in 1801 in a series of what we now know as the Barbary Wars (with Tunisia). He ultimately resolved our security and national sovereignty issues through the application of force (selective use of the US Navy and Marine Corps). While Muslim terrorists kidnapped and killed innocent people around the world — as they do today, Thomas Jefferson knew exactly how to end radical Islam’s

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bloodshed – with a classic American *take-no-prisoners* smackdown.

Jefferson was very clear that our people and property were entitled to protection wherever they go. And he was just as diligent to protect American rights in Europe and on the high seas as he was within America.

While in London, Jefferson and John Adams spoke to the ambassador from Tripoli, Abd Al-Rahman, and questioned him on why the Barbary pirates thought they should war upon a nation that had never done them any harm. The Muslim ambassador's response was that "It was written in their Quran, that all nations who should not have acknowledged Islam's authority were sinners, that it was their [the Barbary pirates] duty to make

war upon them ... and to make slaves of all they could take as prisoners."

At the time John Adams told Jefferson not to get involved in war with the Mohammadans. He was right about the great expense of a war and time required to confront Islamic piracy. However, ultimately the problem was stopped when the United States was able to inflict a high enough cost to force aggressive Muslims to back down. If the United States had followed the European practice of simply paying off the Islamic attackers, the problem could have continued indefinitely.

The willingness to bend over backward and placate the enemy in the hopes that that will bring peace is exactly what drove Europe in dealing with the Barbary pirates. The willingness to use force and

inflict casualties is the kind of attitude it will take to answer this challenge because historically, that's the kind of attitude that will make Radical Muslims say, "The price for us is too high to pay. We'll back off and leave you guys alone."

Final analysis: We are at war whether we admit it or not. The ACLJ (American Center for Law and Justice) has a 5-point plan to deal with and resolve our current war:

- 1) Name the enemy: Islamic jihadists.
- 2) Fix our broken intelligence.
- 3) Ramp up undercover stings to smoke out jihadists at home.
- 4) Authorize military force against ISIS.
- 5) Unleash full US military might to utterly destroy ISIS.

That's it!



Form & Line

by Jacque Foreman

Coffee • Tea • and Cookies

It Sounds like a Plan to Me

This past week Jim Rhodes spoke to us about his helping the Boy Scouts sell the coffee that Kimmit Haggins imports from Tanzania and make a profit with which they can fund some of their community projects ... an example of *Entrepreneurial* skill.

Haggins tells me that Tanzania also grows good tea — mmmm — now that could peak my interest. And what goes well with tea? ... Why, cookies, of course! Some say that coffee goes well with cookies too.

And who sells cookies for a short period each year? If you said, *The Girl Scouts*, you'd be correct.

And these cookies are nothing like the cookies the Girl Scouts sold when I sold them some 65 or so years ago. Then we had only one type and flavor of cookie —

shortbread in the shape of the Girl Scout logo. They were baked by Langendorf.

I looked it up, and Langendorf Bakery went out of business in the 80s. It seems that they were known as one of the finest bakeries in the country. Be that as it may, I'm going off subject.

Don't mind me ... I'm just thinking, "What if ..." and throwing an idea against the wall to see if it sticks.

I know they are just getting started, but the project could grow and grow quickly with the help of Rhodes and his son, Haggin's connections in Tanzania, and the whole Los Angeles area Boy Scout Council as their *incubator*.

Imagine with Me

First they add tea, reaching a whole new consumer set. Add herbs and spices to tea and you have flavors. And it is

possible that more than one variety of tea is grown in Tanzania — depending on location, elevation, etc., just like coffee.

Now we add a confection to go with the coffee and tea. This is where the Girl Scouts come in. Their cookies come in multiple flavors and textures. Suggested pairings could be made. On flyers or order blanks (or on the website), it could be suggested, for instance, that *Type A Coffee* goes well with a particular cookie, and the same with each tea. And these suggested pairings can change with the season. Maybe there can be a special coffee and/or tea that is sold only around Christmas, etc. (I know I stock up on a particular tea that is sold by Trader Joe only around Christmas.)

This is looking like a business — a big business — with each troop and council running its own division.





All concerts are FREE and start at 7:00 PM in the Amphitheater at Farnsworth Park.

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DBX (Tribute to Big Band Female vocalists)	Saturday, July 23rd
Heartbeat City (Tribute to the Cars)	Saturday, July 30th
Hot August Night (Tribute to Neil Diamond)	Saturday, August 6th
Upstream (Tribute to Bob Marley and more)	Saturday, August 13th
Nowhere Men (Tribute to the Beatles)	Saturday, August 20th
The Tuners (Tribute to Credence Clearwater Revival)	Saturday August 27th

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