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The Educator who could not read

John Corcoran

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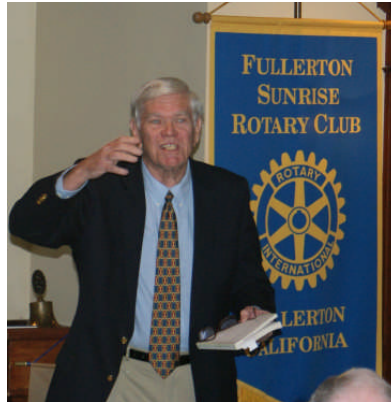
Meetings are:

Thursdays @ 7:15 AM

Meridian Sports Club

1535 Deerpark Drive

Fullerton, CA 92831



“ I'm a university graduate, with a bachelor's degree in education and business administration and over 90 additional graduate units. I have attended school for 35 years, half of them as a professional educator. In acquiring these experiences, I could not read a textbook or write the answer to an essay question.”

John described the shame that he endured about the fact that he was functionally illiterate. John learned to read at age 48 with the help of a volunteer reading tutor.

After learning to read, John decided to share his secret to the world. To share the secret that people that can't read are not dumb. They just need help and special attention.

John started The John Corcoran Foundation with the mission to facilitate the prevention and eradication of illiteracy in adults and children across America, through a specialized, effective and proven training and tutoring program, as well as the creation and dissemination of relevant and targeted literacy resources and enhanced public awareness.

Teaching children and adults to read, write, and comprehend is not only our essential duty and investment in America's future; it is also an act of love.

30% of the American Population has some problem processing language. Illiterate people are typically underemployed, underemployed or in jail.

Educational sophistication has transformed the former Dumb Row into differentiated reading groups, but students know who are bluebirds and who are buzzards. Many youngsters, and far too many adults, hopelessly sit in a prison of illiteracy. Teachers on all grade levels must recognize these prisoners and give them the tools of phonemic awareness and explicit phonemic awareness to break out of their cells.

Other News:

Care Boxes for Troops

At the next meeting we will be collecting items to send to the troupes overseas. Please bring all items that you may feel will help the troupes during their deployment serving our country. Please plan on staying a few minutes after the meeting to help pack the boxes.

Letter from Raymond Elementary

Yolanda McComb shared a letter from one of her students describing her appreciation for the donation of the dictionaries by our club.

Foundation Dinner

Jim Kilponen attended the foundation dinner with Owen Dean. Owen carried our club banner and our club was the recipient of The Foundation Banner.

50's Party & Sock Hop

The 4th Annual Sock Hop will be Friday, November 20th @ 6PM @ the Boys & Girls Club on Commonwealth. Admission is \$ 25 or \$ 5 with an unwrapped toy.

Fullerton Main Library to Expand

Ray Kawase was interviewed in an OC Register article detailing the expansion of the main library. The article described a 6,000 expansion which will include an auditorium, coffee bar and space for teenagers. 30,000 square feet will also be remodeled. Ray was quoted as saying that the renovation has been " a long time in coming" We thank Ray and others that have helped get this project to this point.

*A veteran is someone,
who at some point has
written a check to
Uncle Sam that reads:
"Payable In Full Up to
The Amount of My Life,
If Necessary, to Defend
OUR Way of Life"*



Lets Keep Up The Great Attendance !