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THIS WEEK IN ROTARY

Damon Gault, a transplant recipient who does a lot of work with the nonprofit *Donate Life America*, will speak to our club via a Zoom Meeting at 12:15 pm. Check your email for the link.

LAST WEEK IN ROTARY 8-19-20

by Kathy Holmes

The August 19th Fort Bragg Rotary Meeting was called to order promptly at 12:15 p.m. with a tap of our Roto-bell by **President Mindy Slaughter** via a Zoom video conference. Those in attendance were: Paul Sweigart, Joan Woods, Lynn Finley, Robert Adamczak, Mindy Slaughter, Kathy Holmes, Gary Champlin, Judy Martin, Diane Harris, Doug Hammerstrom, Jerry Metcalfe, Michelle Goodman, Randy Knutson, Cesar Yanez, Tim Bosma, Ruth Sparks, Eve Yeomans, Linda Ruffing and Kristina Carbone-Smith. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss how our Rotary Club can help our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, today's speaker had a business emergency and was rescheduled for next week. After we said the Pledge of Allegiance, Mindy read the following inspirational prayer:

Let us be thankful for the power unlocked by our brain's decoding symbols. The ability to read gives the ability to advance beyond poverty, to learn what those near you do not know, to discover ideas that may be hidden, to unleash your potential. Let us be thankful for the literacy endeavors of Rotary, for changing the world one decoded alphabet at a time. Let us be thankful for our ability to read and commit to embracing literacy initiatives. Let us provide the ability to change the world.

Accept our thanks for this day and all its blessings. Guide and direct our club, and our actions. Grant that each of us may feel our responsibility to our community and to our country. And please, bless our fellowship today. AMEN



Announcements: DUES ARE OVERDUE! Treasurer **Gary Champlin** gave a reminder that our semi-annual Rotary dues were due last month. Make the notation “club dues” on your \$100 check made out to **Rotary Club of Fort Bragg**, P.O. Box 861, Fort Bragg, CA 95437 or drop it off at *Sport Auto Center*.

See page 4 for **Dr. John Cottle’s** latest updates on COVID-19 cases in *Sherwood Oaks*. Ten gift certificates for two free dinners from the restaurants that participated in our **Dine Out for a Year Raffle** were given to the *Sherwood Oaks* staff for taking on the extra duties of the infected and isolated staff members since the first COVID-19 outbreak in July.

Jerry Metcalf asked if our club should help the servers from *Silvers Restaurant*. **Tim Bosma** reported that *Silvers* has expanded its patio service to include part of the parking lot. The servers now have to go up and down the stairs to deliver meals and **Juanita Yanez** revealed that the tipping is worse than ever.

Another new **Read Aloud 15** photo of an adult reading to a child was submitted this week—for a total of five. **Nancy Bennett** from *Cowlicks Ice Cream Shop* will donate five ice cream cones which will be given along with a children’s book to all the winners. The new photos printed by *ColorMill* were added to the window display at *Racines*. Unfortunately, the original books have faded reported **Ruth Sparks**.

President Mindy revealed that our club’s **Read Aloud 15 Campaign** will shift to an informational awareness pushed through social media and newspapers. She urged our members to video themselves reading a children’s book and post it on our Facebook page: **Rotary Club of Fort Bragg**. **Tim Bosma** offered to read a book to his goats while tearing out the pages and feeding it to them. **Linda Ruffing** said she had an old copy of Three Billy Goats Gruff he could have. **Judy Martin** offered free children’s books from the *State of the Ark Thrift Store* to any Rotarian who wants to submit a Facebook video.

Paul Sweigart related that there were a few hiccups this morning on the **First Day of School**. Both his third-grade son and his wife cried at first with the trials and frustrations of logging on to the correct site. His son was elated when he discovered that he had the same teacher that he had in first grade. His fifth-grade daughter Ella got fully dressed up to celebrate this momentous occasion. Paul gave kudos to all the hard-working teachers.

President Mindy dropped off notecards at the four school campuses thanking the teachers and staff for their ability to adjust to making distant learning happen.

Judy Martin revealed that her daughter **Kena** had a senior meltdown this morning. After the drama and a day full of easy classes, Kena went to work at *Mendo Mill*.

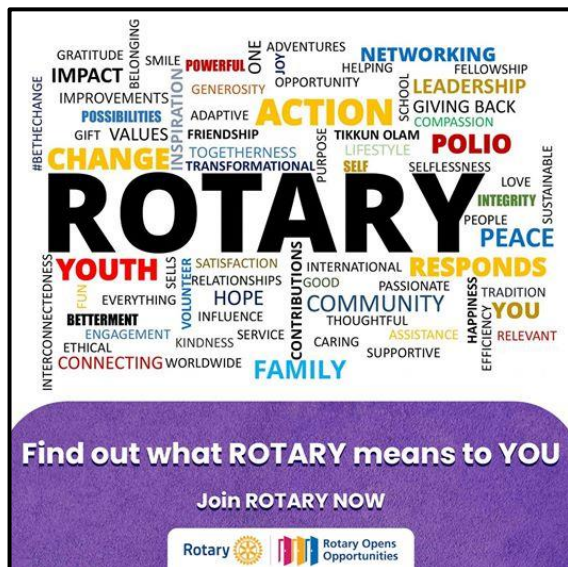
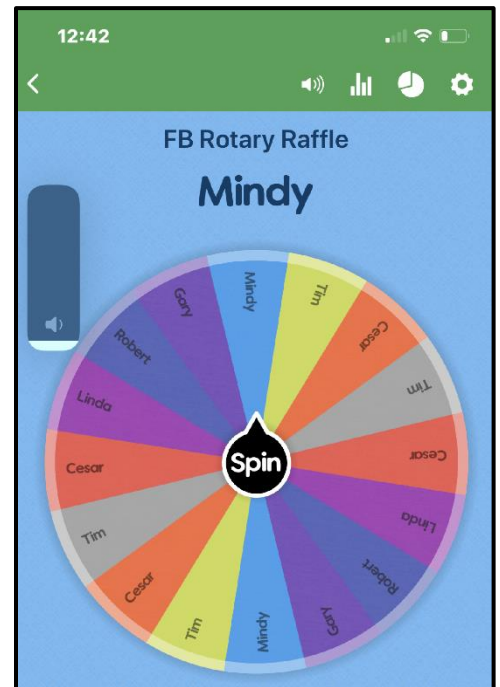
Tim Bosma gave a *Harvest Market* update. There are still some items (like rubbing alcohol and hydrogen peroxide) in short supply. Hand wipes are plentiful but the demand for charcoal has skyrocketed and now there is a production shortage. **Diane Harris** was impressed with the courtesy and kindness of the *Harvest Market* staff during these trying times.

Aspen Logan offered to take on the Program Speaker Chairmanship. She would like to share this position. Please email Aspen at aspen@mycolormill.com with the contact information needed for future speakers.

President Mindy still has many Beer Fest T-Shirts to sell. Our club also has Beer Fest glasses on sale for \$10. For a discounted price of \$25, you may purchase a shirt and a glass. Contact Mindy for details. You can pick up your items at *Sport Auto Center*, corner of Franklin and Chestnut streets.

Cesar Yanez said last year a lady in a Rhinestone Cowboy hat (a frequent customer of our past Beer Fest events who buys a shirt every year) requested a 2X long-sleeved Beer Fest T-shirt. Cesar has no way of contacting this woman to give her a shirt and asked for our club's help in locating her. Perhaps a post on Facebook or an ad in the Lost and Found Section of the newspaper could help find this woman.

In lieu of weekly Rotary fines, our club conducted its fourth **Virtual Weekly Raffle** today. At the end of the meeting, the virtual random wheel was spun and **Mindy Slaughter** won a suitcase donated by **Paul Swiegart**. Please contact Mindy, if you have a gift certificate or other prize which could be given away in a future virtual raffle. Be sure to attend our next Zoom meeting and you could be the next raffle prize winner. Meeting was adjourned at 12:43 pm by the ringing of our Roto-bell.



Two Updates from Dr. John Cottle

Sherwood Oaks received our last two Covid positive residents from Adventist Health Mendocino Coast on Monday. Of our 24 residents and 8 staff who tested positive for Covid, all have recovered except the 7 residents who passed away. Additional temporary staff have been hired, and strict isolation policies remain in place. This week's testing will be completed later today, with results not expected until the weekend. No staff have tested positive in the past 4 weeks, and no residents in the past 11 days.

I really have nothing new to report, we are holding steady at Sherwood Oaks and are waiting for the results of Monday and Tuesday's Covid testing, which will come in no sooner than Friday, perhaps not until Monday. As of yesterday afternoon, Adventist Health Mendocino Coast has no Covid patients, but will keep its isolation area intact in the event of future Covid admissions. Thank you so much for giving me this forum to keep the public accurately informed. If all goes well, next Tuesday will be my last daily report. After that I will only send reports if new cases arise. - August 19, 2020

Sherwood Oaks had another resident pass away peacefully Tuesday night. He had survived pneumonia caused by Covid, then enjoyed a week of good health only to succumb to long standing heart disease. The cause is considered Covid related, bringing the total to 8 Covid deaths among our residents. 16 residents and the 8 staff with Covid have recovered, though some have persistent fatigue as is often seen with this virus. It has been 13 days since a Sherwood Oaks resident has tested positive, and more than 4 weeks since a staff member has been diagnosed with Covid. Results from Monday's testing are expected during the coming weekend. - August 20, 2020

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