



Lakeport Rotary Club Rotogram

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President Jeff called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

I had the honor of giving the invocation and leading the pledge to our flag.

Guests:

Michael McKeown joined us from the Clearlake Rotary Club. Also visiting was Kurt Combs, and Jill Falconer had all the officers of the Clear Lake High School Interact Club in tow.

Program:

Our speaker was the one and only Kevin Ingram, Lakeport's city manager. He is also a club member, but his attendance has been worse than mine, but at least he has a plausible excuse. His wife delivered twins a year ago and they apparently have become a handful. It is not safe for him at home, so he was overjoyed at the chance to Zoom from his office on Park Street.

Kevin filled us in on the challenges of running a municipality during a pandemic. The city anticipated significant revenue reductions and made preemptive changes to the city budget last year. Luckily, though, revenue didn't drop as much as anticipated, and a number of capital projects that were put on hold will proceed apace this year. One of those projects is the repaving of portions of North Main Street. Given the excellent work of Lange Brothers Construction in 1980, the street will only require a simple layer of asphalt without having to completely reconstruct the underlying roadbed. Good work Don!

Kevin shared that many local businesses have been severely impacted by the COVID invasion. The city has tried to be as flexible as it can in order to give local businesses the ability to function, including the encroachment onto sidewalks and streets by restaurants. The city is also pursuing grants and other financial lifelines to assist these businesses wherever possible.

The most encouraging news was the conversion of the old Natural High property into a waterfront park. Improvements will include a skate park, Ninja gym, splash pad and amphitheater. The \$5.9 million project is underway and will eventually include a lakeside promenade from Library Park to Dutch Harbor.

The city is still aggressively seeking a tenant (or tenants) for the former K-Mart building on South Main Street. And the Library Park parking lots between Third and Fifth streets will soon be resurfaced. Kevin also mentioned that city is hopeful that a lakefront hotel will eventually be built. Dutch Harbor and the Willow Point properties are prime candidates for that kind of project.

Sunshine:

Capt. Dan recognized Jill who is celebrating her one-year club anniversary. And an absent Natasha will be celebrating a birthday this week.

Detective:

Gary Deas served as a last minute detective. With little to work with he nonetheless raised a



lot of dough.

Elizabeth got popped for \$50 for dozing off during the meeting. Had a good excuse, though. She is recovering from knee surgery and the lingering effects of anesthesia. That and she has an inherited disability known as the ♦Dittmar Doze. ♦ Similar to narcolepsy, she has the tendency to doze off, particularly during boring meetings.

Melissa volunteered that she traveled to Las Vegas to attend the birthday party of her sweetheart ♦s mother.

Brock and Jill paid for wildly celebrating the pending return to classroom education. Lakeport schools will soon offer a hybrid program allowing for in-classroom instruction and the continuation of distance learning for those who still require it.

Jeff was tagged for being a no-show Lacy Deas ♦s birthday dinner.

Don Lange chipped in \$10 for the superior paving project that his company did in 1980. Seems that the Lange family has been paving and repaving Main Street since the 1920s.

Announcements:

The Club ♦s March drive-by crab feed is moving full steam ahead. Over 58 tickets have been sold so far. Faith shared that sponsorships have reached the \$10,000 mark and are still growing. Ten cases of wine have been donated. Club members are being encouraged to purchase gift cards from local merchants for inclusion in the online auction that will be conducted over crab feed weekend.

The crabby steering committee will meet via zoom at noon, Wednesday, February 25.

And I almost forgot. Gary will be wearing a crab costume. Not sure when or where, but that should be quite entertaining.

Finley:

Judge Blum picked Capt. Dan ♦s number.

Birthdays

Natasha Levchenko
February 27th

Elizabeth Dittmar Davis
March 9th

David Moon-Wainwright
March 14th

Laura McAndrews Sammel
March 21st

Natalie Moon-Wainwright
March 27th