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## November 4, 2020

By Andrew Blum on Thursday, November 5, 2020

### Welcome, Invocation and Pledge

Acting President Laura led the meeting from Ukiah. Greg gave the invocation and remembered Giovanni's father who is in hospice care. Melissa tried to lead the pledge but forgot the words. Jennifer bailed her out.

### Speaker

Nicole Flora, the Executive Director of the Lake County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) discussed their efforts in support of small businesses struggling due to the pandemic. EDC was established in the 1980's to facilitate the creation, retention, expansion and attraction of small businesses in the county. Many of these businesses have suffered reduced revenues due to COVID-19.

EDC received funding through the Cares Act which it is currently using to provide grants to small businesses to cover COVID related expenses and losses. These include costs for monthly leases, payroll, outdoor dining, and Covid supplies (masks, disinfectants, etc.). Small businesses are defined as having from \$25,000 to 1 million in annual gross receipts and 20 or fewer full time employees. Grant applications received so far are mostly from lodging, retail, agriculture, vinyards, restaurants and bars.

Some grant funding is still available, so apply soon. EDC's website is: lakecountycycaedc.org.

### Sunshine

Not much sunshine today. Nanette was away getting new carpet installed. Melissa told a joke having to do with child abandonment.

### Detective

There was no detective on scene so Jennifer stepped in and raised some money. She fined herself because (like Melissa) she previously forgot the words to the pledge.

Melissa paid \$10 after a goat selected her for a hot date with Mr. Lake County, Mark Borghesani. (No, I'm not kidding, a goat selected her!) No word on whether the goat will chaperone.

Former Rotary Area Governor Duane Barnes joined us with the sad news that he is moving back to Arkansas. Tom O'Rourke happily paid \$10 to see Duane go. Seriously Duane has done a lot for Rotary and will be missed.

Ruth paid up for buying a fancy motorhome then realizing she had nowhere to park it. Ruth was worried about the forecasted freeze this weekend. Many club members then made helpful suggestions as to where she should put it. Marty told her to park it in Phoenix. Natasha suggested wrapping it in surgical masks. Giovanni offered to rent it to Southern Californians and to split the profits with her. (75% to Giovanni, 25% to Ruth.)

Melissa was fined for owning two RVs and for going to Death Valley. Jerry was called out for his poor advice that Ruth simply shouldn't worry about it. Mark B. couldn't operate his mute button. Andy issued a court order for the weather to stay warm. Jennifer passed that fine onto Art. In gratitude, I excused Jennifer from jury duty.

Greg will be speaking at a firefighting leadership meeting in Southern Cal. Jennifer will hold a Zoom health insurance Q and A. Mark L. was charged for walking out on Jennifer's detective report. Mark blamed it on the PG&E man.

### Announcements

Board meeting on Tuesday.

### Finley

Natasha was the big winner.

## Birthdays

Jill Falconer  
November 7th

Melissa Fulton  
November 20th  
Giovanni Annous  
November 28th