

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East The Crown Jewel of District 5130

August 13, 2019 meeting

Edited by: Brook Hill Joe



2019-20 President TOM JACKSON

<u>Openings</u>

President TOM JACKSON (PTJ) returned to the helm and found RITA ALONSO to lead the Pledge. JEFF SCHUTT touted curiosity over boredom in his inspirational message. LARRY LIRA reminded us we are *In the Good Old Summertime* acknowledging that JOHN TEAGUE loved the Tootsie Wootsie portion of the lyrics. Visiting Rotarians included (2) Past District Governors: <u>Erin</u> <u>Dunn</u> of the Fortuna Sunrise Club and <u>Barb Spangler</u> of the Valley of the Moon Club. ANDY SCHEXNAYDRE introduced his workmate <u>Maria Robinson</u> visiting for the first time and may join our Club as a corporate member. RODGERS BROOMHEAD has returned and was very thankful for the visitors and cards. He stated his wife <u>Nancy</u> is doing better. RODGERS then gave us a wisdom over youth humor with punchline message: "No use for a young arrogant dumb ass". PTJ finally explained his absence last week, he had to go to Sacramento as his company was looking to buy another company. Some thought PTJ headed to Del Mar with his success imbibing & winning horse wagers. "I spent half my money on gambling, alcohol, and wild women. The other half I wasted". -W.C. Fields

S.R. Easters @ Horse Races on 8/1/19

August 27th Club Meeting is Bring a Guest Day!

Santa Rosa East Rotary Club to recognize Benefactors!

- Children's Museum
- Cool Kids Camp
- American Heart Association
- YWCA
- The Pony Express
- Brook Hill School Food Packing

Give MARILYN LIRA head count by Wednesday 8/21

MARILYN's quilt for ANN



Announcements

DAN LAMBERT had a flyer for The Living Room Social which will be Friday September 13th at its facility at 1207 Cleveland Ave, Santa Rosa. The event will involve other Rotary Clubs. The S.R. East Rotary plaque will be unveiled on the pergola the Club built in 2017. The event will cost \$10 per person for the BBQ and please bring a side dish. Sign-up to socialize and celebrate, **JOE MAURER** announced that the Brook Hill Food Pantry Lite program begins this fall on September 12th. The Club pays for the food which is delivered from the Redwood Food Bank and three Rotarian's are needed every school Thursday at 1:00 PM to fill 50 bags for needy families. See **JOE** to sign-up or email him for date availability. **TRACY RUSSO** will host the Distribution Committee meeting at Hogan Land Services on Monday August 26th at 4 PM. **MARILYN LIRA** made a quilt featured at the Sonoma County Fair. This quilt was special as it was a remake of an identical quilt that was destroyed in the 2017 fire that took **ANN McGINLEY**'s home. **GEORGE KEMMERER** showcased a Rotary Wheel and a Rotary License plate purported to be available for \$25. **Hello Legends!** KIM **McDONALD** announced that next week on 8/20 the Club will vote on moving our Tuesday lunch meeting to the Legends facility at Bennett Valley Golf Course beginning January 2020, in its event room with separate entrance. The lunch cost will be \$28 and the last Tuesday of each month our meeting must be held either in the restaurant/bar/outside or another location due to another commitment. The move is necessary due to the 2020 renovation of the Flamingo Hotel. See Flyer attached which has the contract and will be subject for 8/20 Club approval. **HAP CULP** has the Berger Center at Oakmont for Saturday November 9th from 9AM to 1PM for The Hand Building project. Volunteers needed!

Notes from the President

PJT has a new member social night planned for Thursday October 24th from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM to be held at the Epicenter for a private room, bowling alley with bar. **PJT** & others are encouraged to invite prospective members from other service Clubs and organizations in an effort to get newer younger members, A flyer to be prepared for next week per **PJT**. Lastly, **PTJ's** planned special <u>August 27, 2019 lunch meeting</u> is almost here, (See above center) calling it the 1st Annual SRE Rotary Charitable Distribution and/or Bring a Guest Day. SRE Rotary will be presenting Big Checks to the Children's Museum, Cool Kids Camp, American Heart Association, Cool Kids Camp, The YWCA, The Pony Express and to recognize the Brook Hill Food Pantry Lite program. Also attending, <u>Chris Smith</u> of *The Press Democrat*. **PTJ** wants to make this an opportunity for SRE Rotarians to invite a prospective member (not a relative or close friend) to lunch. This will be a showcase program, where guests can see what we do in our community & who we work with locally. <u>Secretary MARILYN LIRA</u> will need a head count no later than Wednesday August 21st.





RAFFLE & News if you want to travel to Nepal to climb Mt. Everest 🌌

It was visiting Rotarian Erin Dunn who had her ticket drawn, however no **\$Lucky\$** marble. Her white wine was gifted to **KIM McDONALD**, I believe. Mount Everest is the world's tallest peak at 29,029 ft. and located in Nepal. In recent years the number of climbers had dramatically increased for the very short climbing period during the month of May. While the climbing permits of over \$10K each generate **\$\$\$** for the poor country of Nepal, future climbers of Mt. Everest beginning in 2020 are set to face new rules after a deadly season, as 11 tourist climbing fatalities occurred during May of 2019. Nepal announced that applicants for next year must have already climbed a Nepali peak of at least 21,325 ft. Applicants must also provide a certificate of physical fitness. Applicants must be less than 75 years old and must each employ a trained Guide or Sherpa. There is very little chance a member of S.R. East Rotary will climb, but local Rotarian & climber <u>Scott Holder</u> can do it!



Birthday\$Anniver\$ary\$HappyDollar\$Trip\$Hor\$eRace\$

RON TAYLOR celebrated his birthday out at Mary's Pizza Shack with his wife Patricia. They ran into ANN McGINLEY & her hubby Tom. There was some connection with **RON's** birthday & the number 69. SUE BISBEE just returned from seeing family at her father's Minnesota cabin while celebrating her August 1st birthday. SUE searched for an appropriate gift for PTJ & she found the Disgruntled Brewery where "Grumpy is Good". TOM CROFT spent a week in Tahoe with his cousin & they did not go horseback riding. TOM had an unpleasant Tahoe horseback riding in the past. Today TOM was Disgruntled, but not from Beer, but because he was unable to rent HAP CULP's cabin & had to find other accommodations. RODGERS BROOMHEAD & wife Nancy celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary! 19 family members got together at his daughter's home. Wisdom for the happy couple's longevity? "Let each other grow on their own and as you age you gravitate towards each other!" RODGER's \$75 fine will be matched at 150% by his former employer! TOM CROFT reminded the group that RODGER's former company once donated \$5K to Every 15 Minutes Drunk Driving prevention program for high schoolers. JOHN TEAGUE & his wife Karen celebrated 28 years of wedded bliss by sailing & diving in Santa Barbara. They then took their oldest granddaughter to an L.A. Dodger game vs. the St. Louis Cardinals. She got a Cody Bellinger jersey & Bellinger hit a 3 run HR in 1st at bat. JOHN got PJT a Kenley Jansen bobblehead. TOM CHAUNCY was happy to finally go out to a restaurant, I-HOP with wife Les where he ran into former S.R. East Rotarian Bob Bailey. Visiting Barb Spangler was happy to meet RON TAYLOR's son who leads the Santa Rosa Symphony. DAN LAMBERT celebrates his former wedding anniversary with his ex-wife, which ended 26 years ago. DENNIS SEPP who met DAN's ex at the Transendence dance event, said she was lovely & charming was surprised that she married DAN! KATRINA ZAVALNEY was happy for the overwhelming response of numerous participants, (in person & on-line), for recent Change Makers meeting. Now for the horse talk. PJT tormented DENNIS SEPP about his sure thing Del Mar horse bet which lost him \$40 between races at the Sonoma County Fair on 8/1/19. Absent DON ALLISON would have also taken PJT's wrath. However, the next Del Mar tip from DENNIS was a winner. PJT spent race winnings taking wife Leanna out to Monte's. Both PJT & DENNIS were \$50 happy each for their back & forth. KIM MCDONALD was happy that today was her grandson's first birthday. 🐵



Today's Speaker: KATRINA ZAVALNEY: The Nepal Global Grant

KATRINA ZAVALNEY presented her program on Nepal: Building New Hope and Community Revitalization. A few years ago, KATRINA was traveling in Nepal looking for a project to help others. She contacted her friend BARRY COGBILL regarding funding and BARRY explained the Rotary Global Grant matching matrix & the benefits of Rotary membership. Soon afterward KATRINA became a Santa Rosa East Rotary member and began the Global Grant to help the people of the Digam Village which has now expanded to 2 other neighboring villages: Chipling and Thankani. The 3 areas that KATRINA's project focused on helping others were 1) Economic Development & Livelihood, 2) Women's Empowerment and 3) Leadership. To obtain the Global Grant, KATRINA had to establish a non-profit entity, so Katrina has started her nonprofit, Aranya Solutions. KATRINA is inspired by this project and working with our Rotary Club. With this nonprofit, she and her partners in Nepal will continue the work with the community for the next few years. Future plans include repairing the roads for safer transportation into the villages and fix roads which have been eroded or damaged by landslides. Plans to build a community center & continue support in the agriculture initiatives with the shiitake mushrooms, kiwi & beekeeping that were part of our Club's first Global Grant. (See photos above right) KATRINA wants to ensure the cooperative leadership & has proper support with accounting & math classes to keep their financials & economic development records in place. Earlier this year, a final assessment from Rotary International was made which outlined the entire project & funding usage. BARRY COGBILL on his recent visit to Rotary International obtained a spreadsheet to properly manage future Global Grant projects. If you'd like to support this work & make a donation, please go to the website <u>www.AranyaSolutions.com</u> or write a check. You can always contact KATRINA anytime at katrina@aranyasolutions.com or call her 503-459-1345. KATRINA loves hearing from Club members!

Programs coming up at our Santa Rosa East Rotary Tuesday meetings:

August 20th <u>Silvano Payne</u>, **Satellite Technology** August 27th 1st Annual SRE Rotary Charitable Distribution and/or Bring a Guest Day September 3rd To Be Determined