

Eastwind

Tuesday, September 17, 2019



Welcome

Club President TomJ started the meeting of the “Crown Jewel of District 5130” by asking TomCH to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thought of the Day

TomC delivered the Thought of the Day, a quote from Michelle Obama. “Success isn’t about how much money you make. It’s about the difference you make in people’s lives.”

Song

Stand-in songmeister JoeM led the room in “God Bless America”.

Guest Day

There were no visiting Rotarians, but guests included RodgersB’s lovely wife, Nancy, as well as TomC’s guest and potential member, Bill Glascock.



Sunshine

RodgersB let us know that DonA continues to struggle with back problems, and so he is not ready to return to meetings just yet. TomC announced that his sweet wife, Andrea, is in the hospital. He asked for positive thoughts toward her recovery.

RodgersB then told us a true story about a priest named Fox who got pulled over by a motorcycle cop. After introducing himself as Father Fox, the policeman said, “I don’t care if you are Mother Goose, you’re still getting a ticket!”

Club Announcements

Club President TomJ announced that the new member recruitment night has been postponed to early next year. This will enable the committee to focus more on preparing and marketing, and also allow us to collaborate with the Santa Rosa West Rotary Club at the event.

We will be having our Club meeting the first week of November. Instead of on Tuesday, our meeting is the Annual Veterans Luncheon on Thursday, November 7th! Tickets are being sold all all Club meetings by JimW.

RSVPs are still being taken for the Hands Up! prosthetic hand-building project scheduled for Saturday, November 9th from 9am to 1pm. Please let Secretary MarilynL know if you will be participating.

Marble

JeanC had the winning ticket, but had to settle for a bottle of red wine.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Happy Dollars

JulieM and her sweetheart, Todd, celebrated 16 years together by laying asphalt at their new property. They also went to a Giants v Padres game earlier this summer, and Julie brought back a San Diego Famous Chicken bobble head for Club President TomJ. She gave \$20. (And no, they are not singing a karaoke duet in this photo.)



JoeM has been in the Club for 15 years, and DaveS is celebrating 2 years. Congratulations, guys!

JeanC just returned from a trip to Fortuna to see her daughter be inducted into her high school hall of fame for track and cross country. Vicky holds many running records at the school, and she went on to college in Eugene to win other achievements. JeanC gave money to the scholarship fund.

NancyH is back from Vermont where she enjoyed a lot family, great weather, and too much food and drink. She rang the bell for the Elinor Vallergera Fund.

JoeM gave five happy dollars in appreciation of the wonderful joint-club mixer at The Living Room that DanL headed up. Past President BrianR concurred with JoeM, and he spoke with the new Executive Director and staff about the pergola and how it provides much needed respite for those who use their services. He gave happy dollars in honor of all that we have done as a Club for The Living Room. DanL stood and thanked everyone on the event committee, including Kim&DaveMcD and Larry&MarilynL. All who attended had a great time and got the opportunity to hear more about The Living Room and Rotary in general.



RitaA enjoyed a fabulous and eventful trip to Barcelona with family, then cruised down the Mediterranean to Lisbon. The major lessons were, Don't pet the monkeys, and Be careful when lighting your cocktails. She gave \$25.

TomC gave a happy dollar for the steak knife provided at the meeting buffet line. The beef sure needed it.

Club President TomJ was missing at last week's Club meeting because he was participating in an annual golf tournament in Lake Tahoe. He gave \$20 for the good time he had, plus he's given up drinking for the week.

Club Assembly

Secretary MarilynL spoke a bit about DaCdb, the District and Club database. She is offering one-hour classes to learn how to use the website, which is good for tracking attendance and finding information about your fellow Club members. She passed around a clipboard. Please let her know if you are interested in learning all about DaCdb. Class dates and times will be determined by those who sign up.



Past President BrianR talked about EREY, Every Rotarian Every Year. This effort is a goal for our Club every year, and it means that every member of our Club gives at least \$25 to the Foundation within the Rotary year AND we average \$100 per member. Giving to the Rotary Foundation is a solid contribution, due to their transparency and accountability. They are highly rated by Charity Navigator. Also, the money we give comes back to the Club in three years in the form of monies to spend on District and Global Grants. And, giving to the Rotary Foundation is how you contribute to your Paul Harris and earn pins.



Secretary MarilynL reminded the Club that the Foundation Dinner South is scheduled for Saturday, November 2nd at the DoubleTree in Rohnert Park. Everyone should have received an email invitation with a unique link to sign-up. Any monies contributed to the Foundation between now and the event will earn the following raffle tickets: \$20 for one ticket and \$100 for six tickets.

Club President TomJ announced that we are in need of an Interact coordinator or team. Joyce has left the Club and the position, but she is willing to help with the transition. The meetings with the kids at Montgomery High School counts as a make up, and there is money in the bank for a project. AnnMcG and DennisS expressed interest in helping.

DanL is looking for a replacement for himself as Club webmaster. It could be a single person, or ideally, a committee. He has researched web hosting and maintenance services. The committee would aggregate and provide the content. Please let him or Club President TomJ know if you are interested.



Club President TomJ started a discussion about membership growth for the Club. It is a key focus for him, and it's the lifeblood of our Club. We don't have enough members to do all the work we would like to do (like Interact and the website). Club members shared the following ideas to find new members:

- BNI groups
- Non-profit Board members
- A booth at the Wednesday Night Market
- A booth at the Sonoma County Fair

JimW said there is a list of ideas from a former District person. TomC is willing to meet with non-profit Board members. RitaA stated that we need to do a better job of marketing our Club and Rotary in general.

Club President TomJ concluded the Club Assembly by stating he would provide a synopsis of the meeting via email to the Club.