

Eastwind

Tuesday, October 22, 2019



Welcome

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

Thought of the Day

JeffS provided the Thought of the Day. “Those who don’t study history are doomed to repeat it. Yet those who do study history are doomed to stand by helplessly while everyone else repeats it.”

Song

In honor of post-season baseball, songmeister LarryL led the room in “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”.

Visitors

We were honored to have visiting Rotarians, District Governor Kathy Flamson and Past District Governor Jim Flamson, both from Calistoga Rotary Club, in attendance. Assistant Governor John LemMon and Sanford Smith from the Glen Ellen-Kenwood Club were also in attendance.



Sunshine

GeorgeB let us know that RodgersB is doing okay. GeorgeK shared that DonA is doing better and recovering from his epidural. He’s able to walk a little bit and hopes to be back in a few weeks. JeanC told the Club that Jack Rittenhouse has dementia and Parkinson’s Disease. His wife, June, is his caretaker. A card was passed for all to sign.

Club Announcements

JoeM stood to pass around the Brookhill Pantry Project clipboard. Volunteers are needed to pack sacks of food for fifty needy students at Brookhill Elementary every Thursday.

TomC thanked all those who helped with the “Rotary on the Road” outing at Spring Lake, especially DanD for organizing and BBQing, along with JulieM.

JeanC needs help with set-up and take-down. She passed around a clipboard for sign-ups.

Past President BrianR attended the Chirhart live auction dinner from the last fundraiser. He said it was a phenomenal event for the Club Members and employees of Summit State Bank who attended. Thanks JeanC, Mike and all the helpers!

JoanG announced that the Foundation Dinner South is happening on November 2nd. Opportunities to earn raffle tickets by contributing to your Paul Harris are still available. A big thank you to DennisS for donating a raffle prize!

Our first Club meeting of November will be the Annual Veterans Luncheon on Thursday, November 7th at the Vets Hall. Help is needed for set-up and clean-up. Please let President TomJ, TomC, DanD or JimW know if you can help.

A few more volunteers are needed for the Hands Up! prosthetic hand-building project scheduled for Saturday, November 9th from 9am to 1pm. Let Secretary MarilynL know if you will be participating.

DickW is coordinating the annual Salvation Army bell ringing during December at the Lucky's in Montgomery Village. There are two slots still available. A clipboard was passed around.

President-Elect KimMcD reminded the Club that the annual fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st. Sponsorship fliers are available. Please help us find sponsors by distributing the fliers to those you think would like to participate. Save the Date cards are also available. We are also gathering live auction items, so please let RonT know if you have any items to contribute. The next fundraiser meeting is Thursday, October 24th at noon at KimMcD's office. All are welcome.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Happy Dollars

In appreciation of filling in for him as President last week, President TomJ gave RitaA an Elvis magnet and bottle opener all the way from Graceland in Memphis, Tennessee. Then, RitaA gave President TomJ gifts from her trip to Spain and Portugal: a bottle of sangria and another of port.

SueB celebrated her husband, George's, 75th birthday with a sushi dinner in Bennett Valley. She gave \$25.

RonT feted his wife, Trish, for her birthday at a dinner at East West Café with her 99-year old mother and sister. He contributed \$20.



President TomJ was gone last week celebrating many joyous occasions in Memphis, Tennessee, including his two-year wedding anniversary with LeeAnne and his 59th-birthday. He had a good time, although he did have to head to Indiana because his father is seriously ill. Other than that, he enjoyed a five-day run of parties: emceeding an event, dinner with a friend, and a BBQ party for his birthday. He gave \$100 and ran the bell!

LarryL went to the Dominican Republic to see a long-time friend. It has been forty-five years since he left the country, so it was a momentous trip. He rode in a helicopter from the airport to the resort and a stretch limo back to the airport at the end of the trip. He brought back some spicy alcohol and a cigar for Club President TomJ.

JoeM gave sad dollars because JohnT was not present when the LA Dodgers got defeated in the post-season, but he had happy dollars for a hopeful win by the National League without the Dodgers playing. "Go Nationals!"



Marble

DonC had the winning ticket, but had to settle for a bottle of red wine. There are only 3 marbles left!

Presentation

Assistant Governor John LemMon introduced District Governor Kathy Flamson. Her theme for the year is "Close Knit Community." She believes that knitting is a metaphor for life, and that we as Rotarians should share what we do with one another and outside of Rotary.

The District Conference is scheduled for the weekend of May 15, 2020 in Fortuna. Book your rooms now!

The Rotary International Convention is June 10, 2020 in Honolulu, Hawaii. It is advised that attendees book their rooms now.



DG Kathy spoke of this year's Rotary International Theme created by President Mark Daniel Maloney: Educate, Inspire, Motivate and Connect

She hopes that we connect through growing and connecting beyond our Clubs, making Club events more family friendly, creating new leaders, partnering with the United Nations and looking at prospective members for their hearts, not their professions.

DG Kathy asked for nominations from each Club for a member who exemplifies the concept of Close Knit Communities. The winner in the Santa Rosa East Rotary Club was Past President BrianR. Congratulations Brian! Well deserved!

