

Eastwind

Tuesday, November 19, 2019



Welcome

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

Thought of the Day

JeffS provided the Thought of the Day, a quote by Robin Sharma. “Change is hardest at the beginning, messiest in the middle and best at the end.”

Song

Songmeister LarryL led the room in “Hail Hail”.

Visitors

We were honored to have visiting Rotarians, Todd Thompson, our speaker from Northfield, Minnesota; the kind Linda Bonar from Salt Lake City; Janet Seddon and Jo Thornton (Club President) from the Petaluma Valley Club; and Shari Ranney from the Petaluma Club. There were no guests.



Sunshine

It was so nice to see AnnMcG at the meeting. Her wonderful husband, Tom, passed away recently. Club President TomJ announced that a donation in Tom’s honor will be made by the Club to the Elenor Vallerga scholarship fund. AnnMcG felt it was fitting.

BarryC provided an update on BruceR. He is doing better and has been moved from Memorial Hospital to a room across the street. He is now on Sotoyome Drive in Room 129. If you would like to visit, please do. You can also call him at 707-525-5300 ext. 81129. We are glad he is on the road to recovery!

RodgersB told a story from President-Elect KimMcD’s presidential book from 2010-2011. It was about how to use fear to get what you want.

Club Announcements

KimMcD is coordinating the signing of thank you cards for the first responders who battled the recent fires. She passed around a clipboard to collect names of anyone interested in helping to write the cards. She will pay for the postage.

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

Plans are being made for the New Member Recruitment Night scheduled for February 5th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Epicenter in Santa Rosa. EmilyR, DonC and David McDonald from the Santa Rosa West Club are coordinating a fun bowling night where all are invited to play and learn about Rotary. A rolling slideshow of our activities will be shown, as well as a video about Rotary. There will be displays showcasing our international projects and the upcoming fundraiser. Fliers will be created and distributed. Please invite potential members.

The Club Board approved an update to the website. DanL will be heading up a committee to oversee the transition and keep the site updated with content.

The Club will soon have a second newsletter! In addition to the existing Eastwind, which is an internal communication, we will now have a newsletter that will be emailed to the community (an external communication). Every week, we will send out the newsletter and it will contain 1) an announcement of the upcoming presentation, 2) upcoming events, and 3) an invitation to reach out to Club President TomJ with interest in attending and learning more about Rotary. The Board's intention is to share what we do with the community at large, and the goal is to grow members. JulieM is getting the newsletter started, so reach out to her if you have questions or email addresses of anyone you think would like to hear about what we are up to.

JoanG made a correction about the most recent presentation of Paul Harris pins. Due to a miscommunication, TomJ was presented with a pin that was intended for JoanG. Woops! Congratulations, JoanG, on your Paul Harris pin!

JoeM stood to pass around the Brookhill Pantry Project clipboard. Volunteers are needed in January and beyond to pack bags of food at Brookhill Elementary.

NancyH reminded the Club of the upcoming holiday party on Saturday, December 7th at Cattleman's. Please bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots toy drive. There will be a gift exchange, so if you'd like to participate, bring a wrapped gift valued at less than \$25. She passed around a clipboard to collect names of attendees.

DickW is coordinating the annual Salvation Army bell ringing on December 14th at the Lucky's in Montgomery Village. There is still one slot available. A clipboard was passed around.

President-Elect KimMcD reminded the Club that the annual fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st. Most of the details of the event will be the same as last year: theme, beneficiary, music, etc. We still need sponsors, so please ask around. She also requested that payment for attendance be made by cash, check or credit card at Club meetings. If you can, please avoid paying via the event website. This will save us a transaction fee.

Club President TomJ stated that we should be proud of all the work that we do in the community and the world. He personally thanked everyone for their contributions.

The first Club meeting at Legends will be Tuesday, January 7th.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

KatrinaZ celebrated her recent birthday with a compost party at her house.

GiulianaB spent her 10-year anniversary relaxing at a BBQ with family. It was kind of a blur because it was during the fires and power outages. She gave \$20.

JimW has been a Rotarian in the Club for 40 years – amazing! He gave \$40 for the occasion. DennisS has been in the Club for 37 years, and he gave \$50 to his Paul Harris. AnnMcG was one of the first females in the Club, and is celebrating 28 years as a member. She is very proud of Rotary and the work it does. JeffS has been in the Club for 4 fabulous years. He enjoys the people and the projects we do, and he looks forward to many more years!

Marble

Visiting Rotarian Jo Thornton had the winning ticket and she pulled the clear marble! She announced that she would be donating her cash winnings to the water project in Guatemala that the speaker would be sharing with the Club during his presentation.

Presentation

Todd Thompson provided an informative and song-filled presentation about a water and sanitation project in the Guatemala Highlands. The Rotary Global Grant provided a water system, which included a well and septic system for a school and a gravity tank for 91 homes. The grant addressed sanitation and health education, and worked to clean up Lake Atelan.

Todd stressed the importance of building relationships to have a successful project. They are currently raising an additional \$200,000 to continue the project.

