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ROTARY PREZ TOM JACKSON 2019-2020 (He was here just a couple of meetings ago!)



“Champagne dreams and caviar wishes “. . . Robin Leach



Our speaker photobombs JoanG (champagne induced?)

Well one out of two isn't bad . . . I believe our first meeting of 2020 would have to be described as “*Legends-dary*” as we were welcomed to Bennett Valley with flutes of champagne and good wishes for the new year ahead!

Apparently RP Jackson was still busy getting the remnants of confetti out of his hair after New Year's so today's guest at the podium was the bubbly **KimMcD** who is a rare Rotarian now honored with the title **PPPE** – no that's not a misspelling of Pope – it means she is a Past President/President Elect and quite adept leading the way. **DSepp** led us in the pledge, **JSchutt** shared this thoughtful query with us: "Where do you see yourself this year?" Answer: (wait for it) I don't know, I don't have (here it comes) 2020 vision. Jeff mentioned that this is the only time in his life that he will be able to say that – we all agreed that was a good thing! Although there was no imminent weather **LLira** led us in the "Hail" song and we all sat down. Our venerable 'King O Comedy' **RodgersB** entertained us with a story of a taxpayer making amends with the IRS for underpayment of taxes.

There were a few visitors, visiting Rotarian **DaveMcD**, **DonC** brought as his guest his bride *Tracy* and **JoanG** introduced our speaker for the day, *Laurie Lynn Hogan*.

Now hear this! We received a nice thank you from *Roseland University Prep* for assistance we gave them, **SueB** let us know that the Children's Museum is holding their annual "Snow Days" January 18-19-20 and they have volunteer opportunities – no skiing experience or particular skills required, so we're all qualified. **JoeM** reported how thrilled parents at Brookhill School were when they received the gift cards we gave them at Christmas, there is a new principal at the school and on Friday, dictionaries were distributed to the 3rd graders. Another reminder from **Emily** that the 'recruitment for Rotary' is coming up on February at the *Epicenter* on Feb. 5 which is now imminent! We are also just a couple of months away from our annual fundraiser with the unmistakable **Luck O' the Irish** theme, **BReed** reminds us that we are still in need of Sponsors, **RonT** encouraged signups for the Live Auction, and the absolute deadline is February 15 to allow time for program printing. **MLira** is also looking for donations of baskets for the raffle – this is really a popular part of the fundraiser so let's get some good ones put together.

Speaking of fundraising we had members happy to be generous in celebration of important occasions – let's go chronologically, **RodgersB** had 25 family members join for dinner in celebration of four score and 18 years – that's right **98** years of joke telling! **LLira** had birthday dinner with **MLira** at their favorite little Mexican restaurant in Healdsburg where each

year the wait staff looks forward to saying: “*It’s Nacho birthday is it?*” Then they light candles on a burrito and call it a night. **RitaA** reminded us that hubby *Jay’s* birthday is on Christmas Day – this year instead of Happy Birthday – they all sang the Beatles song: “When I’m 64”, he also now shares that birthday with his granddaughter, nice family gathering. **SueB** reports that she and hubby celebrated 51 years of marriage at *Willi’s Wine Bar*. **NHill** had happy dollar\$ to share because of the fine service she got from Kim & Dave’s Insurance Company after she reported hitting a deer just three blocks from home. It wasn’t clear whether Nancy was three blocks from home or the deer was three blocks from home – but regardless it was bad for the deer. Nancy rang the bell setting a new standard in the club: “Hit a deer – ring the bell!”

PROGRAM TIME and a timely topic it was **JoanG** introduced us to *Laurie Lynn Hogan* from *Burbank Housing*. *Laurie Lynn* began her presentation explaining that she is not related to our own **Mike Hogan**. With that concern out of the way she described many of their good programs designed to address our current housing shortage both in Sonoma and Napa counties. The good news is that they help provide affordable shelter and housing for 10,000 people in the two counties – the challenging part is that they have some 15,000 on their wait list! They provide various services at no charge to residents of the housing they manage and they currently have about five more housing projects on the board. The need is great and the resources not great enough – most of their funding comes from Feds, State, counties and cities. To learn more about the good work they are doing, here’s the link to follow: www.burbankhousing.org.



Laurie Lynn Hogan, Burbank Housing

