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EASTWIND



Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East

The Crown Jewel of District 5130

March 31, 2020 **Zoom Meeting**

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2019-20 President
TOM JACKSON

Openings

President **TOM JACKSON (PTJ)** opened our first Santa Rosa East Rotary **Zoom Meeting** in history, because of our invisible enemy COVID-19. **JEFF SCHUTT** added some appropriate inspiration that patience is a good attitude while waiting. **LARRY LIRA** led us over the airwaves and facetime in song, *We're Glad You're Here*. We had a few visiting Rotarians, Barb Spangler from Valley of the Moon, Christine Schieberl from Santa Rosa West, John LemMon from Glen Ellen and Jennifer Strong from Lakeport. While no formal sunshine for the day, (**RODGERS BROOMHEAD** may be linked in next week) it was great to see and hear from most Club Members as there was probably about 25 of us linked by phone or by



President **TOM JACKSON**, **KIM McDONALD** and others take part first Santa Rosa East Rotary Club **Zoom Meeting**

Announcements: **KIM McDONALD** commented on the Give Back Project that took place on Saturday 3/28 in conjunction with the Santa Rosa West Club that was featured in Sunday's *Press Democrat* in the Celebrate Community section. Casey Williams, a SRWester wanted to do something for those who work in the food and hospitality trades, most all who have lost their jobs because of COVID-19. On 3/28 Casey and other Rotarians including a few SREasters, **KIM** and **PJT** passed out professionally prepared box lunches to those workers. Food was prepared by Rotarian Gerard Giudice and his local restaurant Sally Tomatoes. The Feed Those Who Have Fed Us distribution was held at the Multicultural Child Development Center on West Third Street. Leftover boxes were shared with homeless people and Sonoma Acts of Kindness. The financing for this came from Rotarians and donations can be made on a GoFundMe appeal at www.santarosawestrotary.com. See **KIM** if you'd like to help on a future Saturday. **RON TAYLOR** has taken over the Elinor Vallerga Scholarship program for Montgomery High School seniors. With seniors still set to graduate in May despite not being able to physically attend school, there is a need to vet the applicants for scholarships. **RON** will use **Zoom Meeting** to vet the applicants however he needs assistance. If you have time and Zoom capability to assist **RON** in this annual endeavor for the Santa Rosa East Rotary Club please contact **RON** ASAP at (707) 291-8052 or rontaylordigitalworld@gmail.com. **KIM McDONALD** also stated Meals on Wheels that delivers meals to seniors needs help for food preparation or putting food in cars or delivering, all practicing social distancing. If interested call Council on aging (707) 525-0143 ext 121 **DAN DRUMMOND** stated, the Veterans Committee that coordinates our joint Rotary-Kiwanis November Veterans Luncheon has donated a surplus of \$5,000 to the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Thanks!

Notes from the President: The postponed 3/28 **Luck O' the Irish Fundraiser** is potentially rescheduled for Friday June 26th. It's likely there will not be a 50th Club anniversary/Debunking but we will see. The SR East Board will have a **Zoom Meeting** Monday April 6th @ 5:30 PM. **PTJ/family** are donating jigsaw puzzles for families to use during this pandemic. If you are interested in picking up a puzzle drop by PTJ's home at 1948 Gardenview Ct. Santa Rosa, CA; they'll be out front of the house!



The month of April will be our adjustment to our new normal

We are in this together and thankfully California and Sonoma County took early action to keep us peripheral edge of this pandemic. It is our actions and our attitudes which we can control, will carry us through this. We as Rotarians continue to do what we can for others less fortunate and there are many ways we can volunteer with some that are included in this *EASTWIND*. We have endured our own obstacles locally recently: The fires, floods & power outages and we as Rotarians have survived and prospered to make a difference to those less fortunate. Let's all collaborate during the April month of adjustment, do what we can & salute the front-line medical workers, police, firefighters, grocers etc.

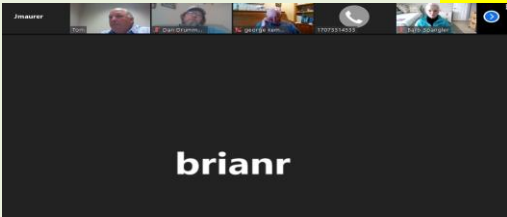


True heroes that are working incredibly hard to take care of all patients not just COVID-19

Around the Horn at our Zoom Meeting

PTJ went around the room to touch base with everyone and to see where possible people are doing things for others. **KIM McDONALD** stated our foreign exchange student from France is trying to get back to U.S. **RITA ALONZO** is working as much as possible and endorses using **Zoom** to touch base with seniors. **MARILYN** and **LARRY LIRA** are sheltering at their Windy Knoll compound in northern Sebastopol. **MARILYN** is working on quilts to donate and now is working on masks and has donated 100's to those in need. **RON TAYLOR** is sheltering with family and able to see local grandchildren. **KATRINA ZAVALNEY** is doing creative **Zoom** chats with artist & others. **JOAN GERMESHAUSEN** stressed for us to calm down & touch base with others especially seniors in need for someone to talk to. **JOAN** and hubby **Joe** are walking neighborhoods with parks closed. **JULIE MONTGOMERY** stated her Kindred Fairtrade Store was open for online business. **JULIE** will donate 15% of online orders to charity. **KEN CARR** is staying in touch with his employer Hogan Land Services (HLS) online. Due to recent surgeries **KEN** and specifically his wife **Judy** are taking precautions to keep **KEN** sheltered. **MIKE HOGAN** was en-route to the HLS office in Livermore to work with staff and pick-up survey equipment. **GEORGE BATCHELDER** patched in from Spring Lake Village (SLV). Meals are being delivered as residents are confined to their homes. **GEORGE** has corresponded with **RODGERS BROOMHEAD** and **RODGERS** hopes to join a SRE **Zoom Meeting** in the future. **NANCY HILL** also a SLV resident complained that getting the mail is sketchy as the mail person must have their temperature taken every visit and they do not always comply. **JEAN CHIRHART** has also made masks for those in need. Hubby **Mike** is busy with projects around the house. **DAN LAMBERT** has a daughter and family concerned about him. **DAN** would like to do more for those in need. **JEFF SCHUTT** is able to work on a work project for a food service company. **JIM ALLEN** is working as he can from home and has made a donation to the Redwood Empire Food Bank. **BILL GLASSCOCK** is very busy with clients as he shelters at home. **DAN DRUMMOND** stocked up on Mexican food for he and wife **Debbie** at their rural abode. **GEORGE KEMMERER** reported his wife **Jeannette** is unfortunately struggling with compromised lungs. He has family close and is taking walks. **BARRY COGBILL** will head to Lakeport with **Jennifer Strong** to assist with Meals on Wheels. **HAP CULP** is ready to help others while catching up on papers from his deceased father. **FRED PTUCHA** reported his contacts in the Ukraine are surviving COVID-19 thus far. **FRED** also gave a walking suggestion, that is not in a closed park. **FRED** mentioned west Santa Rosa, The Prince Greenway connecting Fulton Ave. and Willowside Rd. **JOE MAURER** reported he has been very busy at his Bank primarily providing loan deferrals to customers. **JOE** was happy to report that those Brook Hill School families in need are being served warm lunches to pick up Monday through Friday. Our Club's Brook Hill School Food Pantry program will be curtailed for the remainder of the school year, as the school is closed. **JOE** has reached out to the principal to see if we can be of any help. **JOE** also mentioned The Redwood Empire Food Bank needs volunteers and donations. To volunteer or donate please: [CLICK HERE](#)

Today's Brief Speaker & also a Thursday April 2nd Zoom Meeting Speaker



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BRIAN REED reported by briefly by his phone connection on the CARES Act, recently passed by Congress. There are many facets of this Act. **BRIAN** commented on the \$350,000 Billion portion that will provides loan relief to small businesses including non-profits. Also, there are provisions to paycheck protection for 2.5 months for documented payroll. **BRIAN** did a great job in providing more updated info at April 2th **Zoom Meeting!**

Programs coming up at our Santa Rosa East Rotary Tuesday Zoom Meetings beginning @ 2 Noon :

April 7th TBD You can join by pressing [Launch Meeting - Zoom](#) or call (669) 900-6833 Meeting ID# 800 106 692