

Eastwind

Tuesday, May 19, 2020



Welcome

Club President TomJ started the Zoom meeting by reminding us that we are the “Crown Jewel of District 5130.”

Thought of the Day

JeffS provided the Thought of the Day, a musing by Seth Rogan. During these days of Zoom meetings, everyone is “laced up from the waist up.”

Song

Songmeister LarryL did a solo performance of “We’re Glad You’re Here.”

Visitors

Visiting Rotarians included Guenter Riegler, Linda Bonar and Joe Apfel. Our visitors were speaker, Mark Randol, and the six Montgomery High School (MHS) recipients of the Elinor Vallergera scholarship awards (along with some of their parents): Rima Makaryan, Ben Faustino, Anna Schultz, Johanna Blackmore, Amy Iroz and Kiana Thomason. Welcome everyone!



Club Announcements

RonT spoke about the annual distribution of scholarship funds. He first thanked the individuals who assisted him in interviewing the candidates: DennisS, HapC, GeorgeK and TomC. He also acknowledged the help of the MHS counselor, Rick Palo. There were six candidates for the scholarships, and each applicant received funds. Each student has been extremely involved in sports, volunteerism and leadership roles in their activities, and all are going on to pursue a variety of studies, such as chemical engineering, speech pathology, computer science and biotechnology. Congratulations to all the scholarship winners!

President TomJ generously offered to put the six MHS scholarship recipients on his electronic billboard for free. Let him know if you know of any other graduating seniors who would like to be showcased on the billboard too.

President-Elect KimMcD updated the Club on the Lunch Is On Us project. Funds continue to trickle in, and there is enough money for at least two more weekends of boxed lunch distribution. JulieM secured the corporate sponsorship of Community First Credit Union, who

will be donating \$2,500 to purchase 300 boxed lunches from two local restaurants: 4th Street Deli and KC's Bar & Grill. EmilyR is in communication with our Interact Club to see if they would like to contribute funds to the effort.

JeanC is accepting checks for annual dues. She is also willing to take credit card information over the phone, so call her if you would like to pay by credit card. If you would like to pay by check, send it to KimMcD's home address: 2007 Cooper Drive in Santa Rosa, 95404.

DanL announced preliminary plans for food distribution at Brook Hill Elementary School. It's a project JoeM has passed along. The Redwood Empire Food Bank is providing food to the school and volunteers are needed on Thursdays from 10am to 1pm. More details will follow, but if you have questions or want to help, contact DanL.

Sunshine

GeorgeB reminded the Club that RodgersB fell and fractured his pelvis. He is back at Spring Lake Village and will need an electric cart to get around for the foreseeable future. If you would like to send him a get-well card, send it to 5555 Montgomery Drive, Apt 67 in Santa Rosa, 95409.

Happy Dollars, Birthdays & Anniversaries

JulieM gave two happy dollars for a successful FB Live event with KenM-S. FredP complimented JulieM on a nice presentation at the Mendocino Rotary Club the prior week. AnnMcG was \$2 happy for her sister's visit.

Today is Joan's birthday! The group opted not to serenade her with a Zoom birthday song, but she did have plans for dinner and a trip to the coast the next day. President TomJ gave \$2 for missing Joan's birthday.

DonC celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary with his beautiful bride, Tracy, with a trip along the coast with many illegal activities along the way. Shhhh...don't tell the COVID police.

Presentation

President-Elect KimMcD introduced our speaker, Mark Randol. Mark gave a presentation on the various pandemics throughout history, from the earliest plagues to modern day viruses.

COVID-19 is a novel corona virus that is a zoonotic disease, meaning it transmits from animals to humans. It is thought to have originated in Wuhan, China, possibly from human interaction with bats and pangolins.

Professor Frank Snowden has written that pandemics hold a mirror up to humanity to show us who we really are. This is reflected in our politics, morality, social structures and relationship to nature.