

# Eastwind

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**And the moveable holidays continue** – it used to be Decoration Day, then it became Memorial Day celebrated on May 30 and now it's the most convenient Monday near May 30<sup>th</sup> to allow for excessive retail activity and a three day weekend for most non-retailers. We were able to Zoom together for a meeting on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> – **KimMcD** did the warm up and just in time **RPTJ** appeared on the screen having solved the mystery of the online password.

**Moving forward** we went right to **JSchutt** to get us thinking for the day – “I was brought up to always have a cup of tea half way up a rock face.” That certainly got us thinking – mostly what the heck does that mean?! Moving right into the musical portion of today's meeting, **LLira** reminded us of the beautiful, for spacious skies of “America” – **KimMcD** at the controls was wise to keep all microphones muted except for Larry's.

**We had two guests today** – *Dr. Frank Chong* President of Santa Rosa Junior College and *Sarah Laggos* from the SRJC Foundation. First up today was *Dr. Chong*, fifth president of SRJC, who gave us a comprehensive overview of how things are going at the JC. The major theme of his presentation was the resiliency of the school to adapt to that

overused phrase “the new normal”. Dr. Frank began his presentation with a belated kudo to **RPTJ** who during the Kincade Fire changed the billboard in RP to let students know that all classes were canceled saving them the trip to the campus. The virus has had a substantial effect on the Spring semester causing everything to go virtual. He did announce that they will be reopening the training for police/fire/emt’s in June as they are judged to be essential programs. Looking ahead the Fall Semester has been determined to be ‘virtual’ only and the school continues to provide assistance as students struggle with the challenges of online learning as their teaches struggle with the challenges of online teaching. Looking further ahead – plans remain in place for a groundbreaking in January 2021 for a new five floor dormitory on Armory Drive.

**We are fortunate** to have the JC here as a community resource but it still needs everyone’s support which led Dr. Chong to introduce *Sarah Laggos* from the SRJC Foundation – her presentation was summarized by our SRJC “Beat Reporter” **JWiesch** who filed this report:

**On March 23rd**, the [SRJC Foundation](#) launched the **SRJC Crisis Response Fund**, and with your help, to date they have generated nearly \$370,000 to assist students in need. As faculty and administration worked to bring classes and support services online, access to computers became critical, and \$225,000 was immediately allocated to help purchase loaner laptops for students to enable distance learning.

**Though the College** will be receiving some government stimulus funds to help with immediate emergency needs of students, unfortunately not all students will be eligible to apply. And, we know all too well from consecutive years of fires and floods that the recovery needs after a disaster are not only immediate, but mid to long-term as well. The Foundation is working to grow the SRJC Crisis Response Fund as a resource to support ALL students in need today, to aid in long-term recovery, with a focus on basic needs, food insecurity, and mental health needs. Want to help? Here’s the link: [santarosajc.ejoinme.org/crisisfund](http://santarosajc.ejoinme.org/crisisfund). It’s all about paying it forward.

**Hey, is that money** you are not spending on lunch each week burning a hole in your pocket? Consider donating it to the club so we can continue to serve free lunches on Saturdays as a community service. **JeanC** gave us a dues update which was basically to say – “Hey pay up!” And if you have

noticed the lack of humor at recent meetings send a card to **RodgersB** to wish him a speedy recovery – he's in the skilled nursing area at Spring Lake – just listen for the laughing nurses!

**This and that and the other** a little fundraising today, **KimMcD** and *David* celebrating his birthday by driving to San Diego, helping Kim's son get moved in down there – the check is in the mail and thanks to **JulieM** for letting Kim use her condo there (be sure to check carefully before returning the deposit check). **NHill** happy to contribute because he last grandchild graduated from college, so no more tuition checks to send! Congrats to Nancy and her grandchild. Other happy donations – **RPTJ** saw Hap playing golf (and didn't reveal his score); **MRobinson** complimented JulieM on the presentation she did for the Ukiah Rotary Club (virtually) and the good news is she's going to do that presentation for our club in the next couple of weeks.

. . . .and now mark your calendar we are one week closer to debunking!

QUARANTINE OBSERVATION: You know you've been sheltering in place too long when you find yourself deciding what to wear to take out the garbage!