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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East

The Crown Jewel of District 5130

July 7, 2020 Zoom Meeting

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2020-21 President
KIM McDONALD

Openings and Guests

Welcome back as **President KIM McDONALD (PKM)** her 2nd stint as Santa Rosa East Rotary President! And her first of likely many **Zoom Meetings**. **PKM** welcomed those virtually present to the Meeting for the Club that is the Crown Jewel of District 5130. **JEFF SchUTT** opened with an astute thought about these times during the pandemic: "Now is not the right time to be surrounded with **POSITIVE** people". (for those of you who are slow, he means testing **POSITIVE** for C-19). **LARRY LIRA** is optimistic about the "scheduled" return of Major League Baseball, even with cut-outs of fans in otherwise empty stadiums, as he sang: *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*. Our virtual guests today included immediate past 5130 District Governor Kathy Flamson; **PKM's** hubby David McDonald; **MARIA ROBINSON's** guest, Roberta Romberg; and our guest speaker, the past World President of Rotary International: Barry Rassin. **WELCOME!**



PKM and a relic from former Club Member, the late **TOM CHAUNCY** and others join our **Zoom Meeting**

Announcements:

Contact **BRIAN REED** if you are interested in a Happy Hour Brewfest with Rotarians from around the country and world. This will be a **Zoom Meeting** to be held Saturday, July 25 at 2 PM and is limited to the first 500 people. It goes without saying **BYOBeer....** **JOAN GERMESHAUSEN** presented a SR East Rotary Club recap for Rotary International participation and donations for the Rotary year from July 2019-June 2020: In total 50 Members contributed **\$30,183.61** for the entire year and this amount is broken out as follows: **\$25,399.11** was used towards the following (6) Annual Fund Causes: 1) Promoting Peace; 2) Fighting Disease; 3) Providing Clean Water; 4) Supporting Education; 5) Saving Mothers & Children and 6) Growing Local Economies. **\$600.00** was used for Polio Plus and **\$4,184.50** was used for Endowment. Congratulations to our very giving & generous Rotarians! **MARILYN LIRA** provided **PKM's** address where it is best in these "no meeting" times to mail donations, fines, etc. Please mail \$ to **KIM McDONALD** at 2017 Cooper Drive, Santa Rosa CA 95404.

Notes from the President:

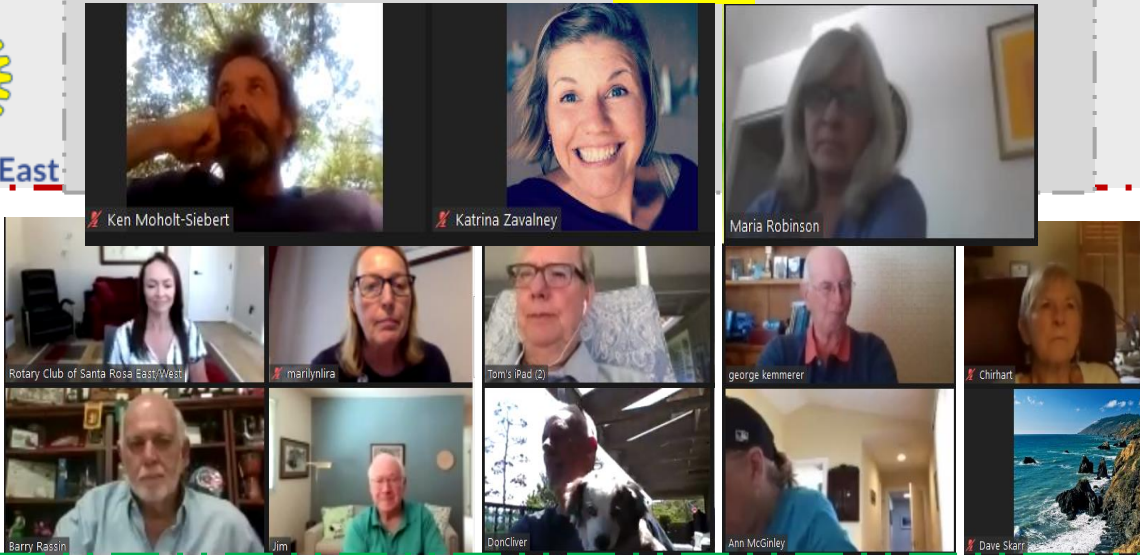
PKM hopes that we can meet remotely with social distancing for the Club's July 21 Tuesday meeting. She is inquiring to perhaps meet at Hap Culp's home (nothing definite) & perhaps bring in sandwiches. **TOM CROFT** has been a Club Member for 26 years. The SRE Rotary Board will meet at **PKM's** home (address above) on Monday July 13th @ 5:30 PM. For those who are unable to be there this will also be a **Zoom Meeting**. We are looking into Fundraiser Guru program to perform online auction later this month (7/31). Details, when finalized.

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Some more faces at our ZOOM Meeting



Birthday\$, Trip\$ and Happy Dollar\$

ANN MCGINLEY \$BELLRINGER\$ celebrated her birthday recently and visited with her daughter. Her daughter came up with a unique party idea to use during the pandemic. It's a mobile treasure hunt where you're driving in your car and you look for 20 items of interest: a tree, a monument (if still standing) or another place of interest. **TOM CROFT's** wife **Andrea** celebrated her July 4th birthday **\$BELLRINGER\$**. **Andrea** spent many hours on the phone talking to relatives including a four hour phone call with her granddaughter and they visited Tahoe. **JOE MAURER \$BELLRINGER\$** celebrated his 60th birthday on June 24th. **JOE** had some time off and enjoyed outdoor activities. His birthday was spent with his three boys and son's girlfriend at the Trident restaurant in Sausalito. **JOE's** wife **Janet** created a memory book from people of his past. **NANCY HILL** was happy to sit on the porch with six others and have a meal outdoors in Vermont. **FRED PTUCHA's** 77th birthday was celebrated with a 10 mile walk in Pt. Reyes National Seashore to Tomales Point, where they saw Gray Whales, Tule Elk and a well-fed coyote. **FRED** was also energized with a quote from his daughter which references flowers being kindness of the earth, leading to kindness of the soul. **BRIAN REED** was happy for the work of our club to exceed foundation donation goals for the 2019-20 year and made a **\$BELLRINGER\$** contribution. **MARILYN LIRA** was also happy with the Club's donation to the Foundation, mentioned that new 5130 District Governor Doug Johnson looks to make it easier to donate monthly to the Rotary International Foundation. **JOAN GERMESHAUSEN** was happy to see 2 of 4 grandchildren recently. Another grandson, a 12 year old had surgery on the Fourth of July in Colorado and is doing OK and was able to look out his window and see fireworks. **GEORGE KEMMERER** was happy that his grandson who recently graduated from Cal Poly SLO was able to have his graduation ceremony on deck at **GEORGE's** home. **JEAN CHIRHART** was happy to host the recent debunking for **TOM JACKSON**. The same **TOM JACKSON** was happy for **JEAN** hosting the debunking and also for his grandson's fifth birthday, which they celebrated out at Casini Ranch on the Russian River. **TOM** was also thankful for everyone that helped during his year of presidency. **JIM WIESCHENDORFF** was looking forward to a great day of fishing with his five-year-old grandson. **MARIE ROBINSON** wished she could have made the debunking but hopes we can all see each other if we meet remotely for the 7/21 Club Meeting. 😊

Today's Speaker Barry Rassin



Past World President of Rotary International (RI)

Barry Rassin was the world president of RI in 2018-2019. He spearheaded a water sanitation project in Haiti, and he has received numerous philanthropic awards in his home country of the Bahamas. Today Barry spoke of the new way of communication and status of RI due to the C-19 pandemic. Barry sees **Zoom Meetings** as the link going forward. Since the pandemic, 75% of Rotarians have participated online and the fear is what about the other 25%? Please pick up the phone and call the other 25%, keep those who have an interest engaged. Since C-19, \$20 million have been set up for set up for Disaster Grants which would otherwise be used for World Grants. There're over 800 holding requests for World Grants. RI can use your donations if you are able to do so, as the fear is giving will soften and matching \$ may not be available in the future. Polio eradication remains RI's number one priority. Rotary looks to make Rotaract just like Rotary with the same conditions, with Rotaract members paying dues which will help assist Rotaract sustainability in the long run. Rotary is working with Toastmasters on leadership language. RI continues to address issues on environmental sustainability around the world. Barry is optimistic that we together as Rotarians will withstand continue to help.

Programs coming up at our Santa Rosa East Rotary Tuesday Zoom Meetings beginning @ 12 Noon :

July 14th **BARRY COGBILL**, Update on Africa Projects plus special guests

July 21st TBD, hoping to have a live outdoors meeting with social distancing

July 28th **Cindy Pasko** Update on The Living Room Center, Santa Rosa daytime shelter for women & children