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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East

The Crown Jewel of District 5130

August 11, 2020 Zoom Meeting

Edited by: Home Nester...reluctantly



2020-21 President
KIM McDONALD

Openings and Guest

After some pre-meeting visitations and a fish story or 2 from **HAP CULP**, President **KIM McDONALD (PKM)** opened our **Zoom Meeting**. **JULIE MONTGOMERY** played a circa 1967 song from The Youngbloods: *Get Together*, with the famous chorus: "C'mon people now, Smile on your brother, Everybody get together, Try to love one another right now". **JEFF SchUTT** inspired with a reflection on the here and now "Going backwards is necessary to go forward". **LARRY LIRA** solo'd (with help from **MARILYN LIRA**) another welcoming tune: *We are glad you're here*. Our virtual guest today was our guest speaker, George Lewis, welcome!

Some featured SR East Rotarians faces at our ZOOM Meeting



Please mark the **9/11/20** date & register on-line from the 8/5/20 e-mail sent to you

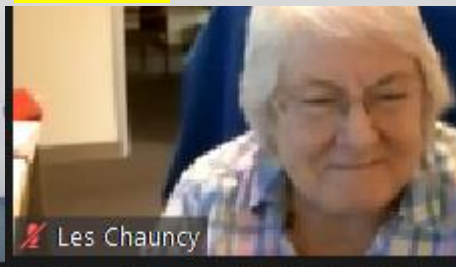
Notes from the President:

PKM addressed our Virtual Hawaiian Fundraiser which the kickoff is Friday 9/11 at 7PM. The program on 9/11 will be 1.5 hours with Fund a Need, but the on-line bidding auction is open until Monday 9/14 at 7PM. Please register and send your 8/5/20 e-mail to others to register & help make our Fundraiser a success. If anyone has anything further for the Fundraiser, please contact **PKM** to finalize the items for this 9/11 event. **PKM** stated Club Member **RODGERS BROOMHEAD** is back home at Spring Lake Village. His goal is to return to Club Meeting next year with joke a or 2 😊.

Announcements

MARILYN LIRA has Gravenstein Apples to give away. Contact **MARILYN** at mlira4350@comcast.net if you'd like to travel to Windy Knoll (her home north of Sebastopol) to get apples. Some sad news as **BRIAN REED** relayed that former S.R. East Rotarian Dr. **GEORGE PAYNE's** wife Marilyn is near death. On a happier note, **MIKE HOGAN** is looking to go on the holiday road with Rotarians in RVs (recreational vehicles) in the future. The thought of hitting the road, campfires, marsh mellows, telling ghost stories is an offer/idea that **MIKE** is conveying to Club Members. 😊

More featured member faces at our ZOOM Meeting



Birthdays, Anniversaries, Happy Dollars

TOM CROFT (above right) was visiting our Zoom Meeting from child's home in Oregon. **TOM** and his bride **Andrea** were in a very giving mood as (3) **\$BELLRINGERS\$** were heard! 1) to the Foundation, 2) to the scholarship fund and 3) to the Lunch Is On Us! program as **Andrea** is on a restricted diet and wanted other to eat properly. **JOE MAURER** and his bride **Janet** celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on August 2nd. Their ideal trip to Great Britain and Ireland was canceled, so they did (2) 2 night trips one to Monte Rio and another to Scotts Valley to see family. **JOE** endorsed for others to follow the 2 day getaway trip plan during the pandemic, as rooms are sterilized prior to your visit and you don't have housekeeping make up your room until you depart, less chances of exposure to C19. **JOE** celebrated with a **\$BELLRINGERS\$** proceeds going to the Lunch Is On Us! program **BARRY COGBILL** was happy **KATRINA ZALALNEY's** Nepal Rotary International Grant is finally complete. **BARRY** was also happy that another Rotary International Grant is going for Uganda.

Today's Speaker: *The Water Man*



Rotarian George Lewis

PKM introduced Rotarian **George Lewis** from his home in Lakewood Ranch Florida. **George** has earned a Rotarian Global Fellowship and for his work in providing clean drinking in Guatemala, by providing in house water filters. His legacy in Guatemala and in Rotary stems from gathering momentum around the concept of **Taking Action On The Things You Want To Do**. **George Lewis** grew up wanting to be a professional baseball player and his dreams to make the major leagues were nearly realized as he progressed in the Boston Red Sox organization. He played alongside the famous Carl Yaztrzemski in the minor leagues. At the time **George** did not discipline himself like **Yaztrzemski** and did not make the major leagues. After baseball and then joining Rotary, he went on a philanthropic trip to Guatemala and was moved when a young Guatemalan girl told him 'Thank you Rotary for the work you've done'. **George** was inspired to do more and began to coordinate a Global Grant for an in house water filter project again for Guatemala. He was inspired on how easy it was to get a Rotary International match to cultivate his dreams to help the less fortunate in Guatemala. **George** is now 86 & since his success on multiple water projects, he's tried to steer Rotarians with the same enthusiasm. **George** has survived colon cancer and is an artist, showcasing his work of drawing and painting primarily pets from his 5,000 Facebook friends.

Programs coming up at our SR East Rotary Tuesday Zoom Meetings <https://zoom.us/j/880106692> @ 12 Noon

August 18th **Ernesto Oliveras**; California Violence Protection Network

August 25th **TBD**; Mercado Global

September 1st **Doug Johnson**; District 5130 District Governor