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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East

The Crown Jewel of District 5130

September 15, 2020 Zoom Meeting

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2020-21 President  
KIM McDONALD

## Openings and Guests

President **KIM McDONALD (PKM)** opened our Zoom Meeting from her Hobbit Home in The Shire. **JULIE MONTGOMERY** played a music video of the song: *Lift Every Voice*. **JEFF SCHUTT** proclaimed that there is no key to the door of happiness, as the door is always open! **LARRY LIRA** sang the welcoming tune: *We are glad you're here*. Our virtual guests today included our guest speaker, Kevin Klockenga from St. Joseph's Health. Also, online guests from St. Joseph's health were Jeanie Calverley, David Pierce and Teresa Scott, welcome all!

## We got the HAWAIIAN spirit for our Fund-A-Need and Fundraiser



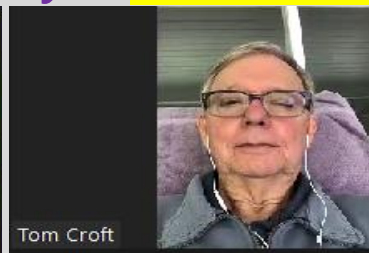
### Notes from the President:

**PKM** was SO HAPPY with the Fundraiser turn-out & work performed by Santa Rosa East Rotarians making the Friday 9/11 Fund-A-Need and the Online Auction a success! Our Club ventured into uncharted waters & put \$11K towards Greater Giving and visual accompaniments. **PKM** said she was in a tizzy wondering if we'd earn the \$11K back. It is estimated that Fund-A-Need raised over \$32K, to help with ADA improvements at the Children's Museum of Sonoma County! The remainder of the monies raised with the Online Auction Fundraiser will exceed the \$11K, face value from the Online Auction high bids showed over \$15K. Final numbers less \$13K in expenses (including \$11K) to be verified with many lessons learned from this experience. Thanks go out to many Rotarians that coordinated, got outside participants & sponsors & donations. Honorable mentions: to **JULIE MONTGOMERY, RON TAYLOR, PKM, TOM JACKSON, KENN CUNNINGHAM, MARILYN LIRA, NANCY HILL, BRIAN REED** and **JIM WIESCHENDORFF**. 😊

### Announcements:

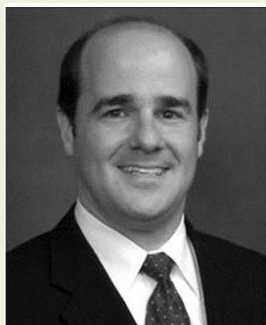
**MIKE ROBERTSON** shared that former Santa Rosa East Club member Leonard Johnson abruptly passed away recently due to an aneurism. He had moved to Arizona with his wife Mary. **JOE MAURER** was recognized for 14 years with the S.R. East Rotary Club.

# Some familiar faces from today's **Zoom Meeting**



## **Birthdays, Anniversaries, Happy Dollars**

**MIKE ROBERTSON** and wife **Kay** recently went on a 3+ week tour of the western U.S. and during that time (or since he has been with us), **MIKE & Kay** had an anniversary and **MIKE** a birthday. **MIKE** had nice trip and they came home to new electric bicycles. **MIKE** make it a **\$BELLRINGER\$ JULIE MONTGOMERY** and **Todd** recently celebrated their 17th anniversary with a getaway to their San Diego's condo (Yes, the same one in our Online Auction, which the **CHIRHARTs** and the **CARRs** will enjoy!). **JULIE** and **Todd** headed inland to do some wine tasting amid 108 degree temperatures!! 😞 **PKM** mentioned an encounter with Peter Lamonica a former Club member. **RON TAYLOR** was happy for the arrival of a new grandson and celebrated **PKM's** coordination of the Fundraiser! **FRED PTUCHA** was happy to join **JULIE MONTGOMERY** in the Peace Pole project. **FRED** also happy to get speaker for 12/15 Meeting.



### **Today's Speaker:**

**Kevin Klockenga**; Chief Executive Officer, St. Joseph's Health System, Northern California Region, Santa Rosa

**PKM** introduced **Kevin Klockenga** who earned his bachelor's degree at Illinois Wesleyan University and his master's degree at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. **Mr. Klockenga** joined St. Joseph Health after three years as chief operating officer for the Catholic Healthcare West system at its two Mercy hospitals in Bakersfield, California. **Kevin** also served as assistant vice president of operations at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, vice president of operations at the University of Chicago's Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital in Chicago, and in leadership roles at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore. Memorial Hospital is now 70 years old. The hospital is operated by the St Joseph's/Providence Group which oversees 52 hospitals in 7 western states. Memorial Hospital has faced some challenges in the last few years with fires, COVID, union issues & strikes, doctors departing and sustained write-offs due in part to Medicare insufficiencies as well as underfunding. During the COVID pandemic, the hospital recently has dealt with 26 employees contracting the virus, and it was difficult to accurately trace the source. The hospital has taken all the necessary precautions for patients yet has seen a decline in occupancy. Now with the increasing price of Sonoma County real estate and fewer graduates of medical schools, it may make it difficult filling doctor positions in the future. Still the hospital has made great strides, with recent renovations including the newly opened Medical Arts Plaza. Memorial Hospital remains one of the largest hospitals in the north bay for trauma treatment & emergency treatment with service by Reach Helicopters. It is the only neurosurgery provider in the area. The hospital has mobile medical & dental vans to serve underserved areas of the north bay. Forward inquiries on St. Joseph's Health to **Kevin Klockenga's** associate at [david.pierce@stjoe.org](mailto:david.pierce@stjoe.org).

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

September 22<sup>nd</sup> **Maya Bisbiglia**; Exchange Student to France

September 29<sup>th</sup> **Barb Spangler**; Navajo Nation Water Project

October 6<sup>th</sup> **Major Renee' Marie**; Peace Poles