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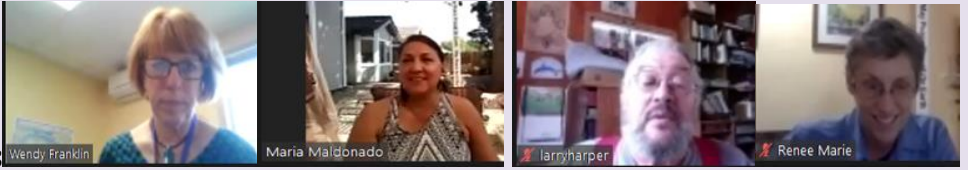
October 6, 2020 Zoom Meeting

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2020-21 President
KIM McDONALD

Openings & Guests



President **KIM McDONALD (PKM)** opened our post Glass Fire **Zoom Meeting** **JULIE MONTGOMERY** featured video of Whitney Houston singing national anthem at Super Bowl XXV/outset of Gulf War. Questions: 1) When? 2) Where? Who played? & 4) Who won? See Answers next page. **JEFF SCHUTT** shared a thought from U.S. Olympic swimmer Dara Torres, "I am also aware that setbacks have an upside; they fuel new dreams" **DENNIS SEPP** followed with a quote from former Vice President Dan Quayle: "The future will be much better tomorrow". **LARRY LIRA** sang *America the Beautiful* Our virtual guests today included friend of **NANCY HILL** from the Newport Vermont Rotary Club and a director at North County Hospital: Wendy Franklin, (above left); Marie Maldonado, (above left center); Larry Harper, (above right center); and our guest speaker, Major Renee' Marie, Founder of Peace Poles for Schools, (above right).

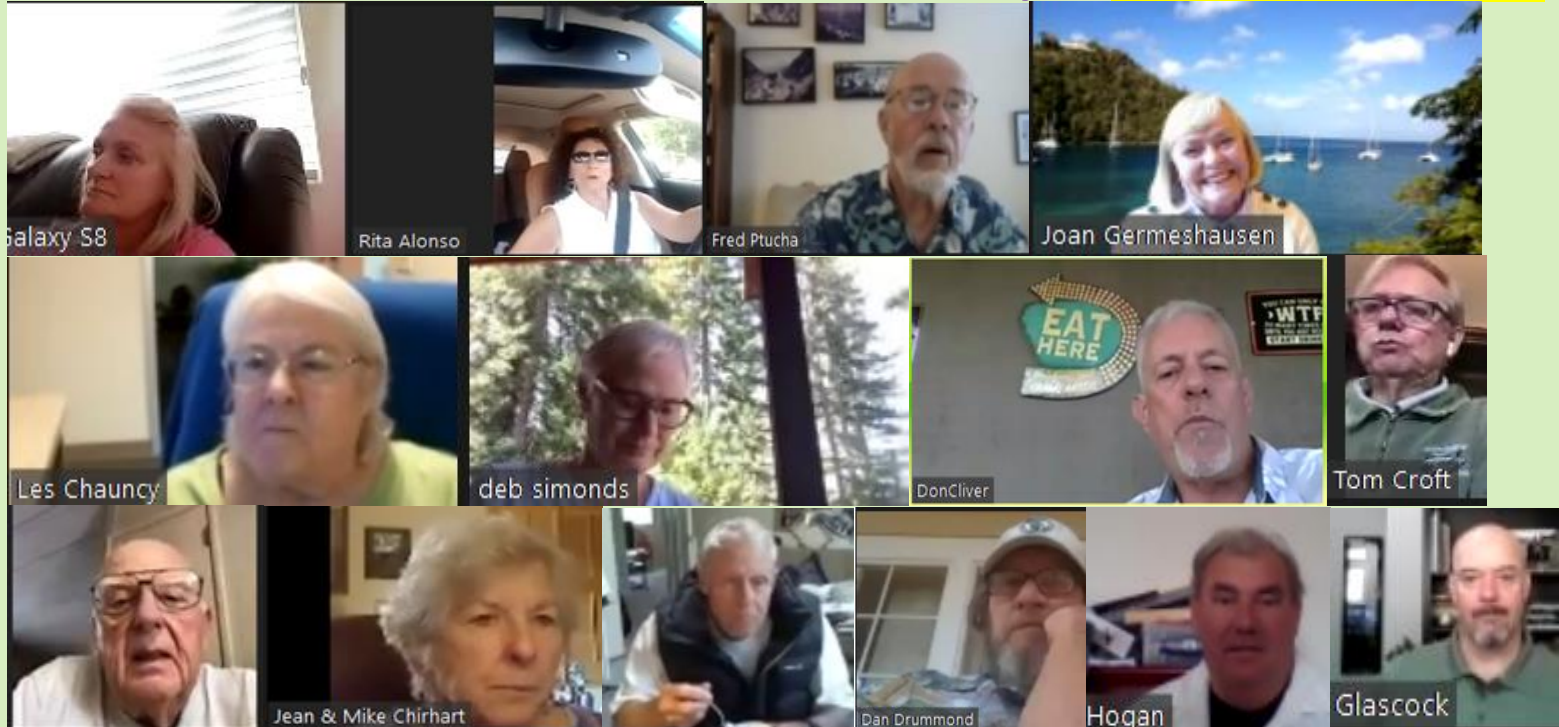


In Memory of Club Member:

GEORGE BATCHELDER

who passed 10/7/20. Thoughts to Laurie and family..

Some more familiar faces from today's Zoom Meeting



Announcements: JULIE MONTGOMERY had 2 announcements pertaining to her role as Peace Coordinator for our Club.

- 1) Our application to become a Peacebuilders Club has been approved. Peacebuilder Clubs were created to support one of RI's area of focus, which is peace. To be a Peacebuilder Club, we must educate ourselves and our communities about peace building, as well as undertake at least one peace project a year. The focus will be towards educating young people on coping mechanisms for non-violence.
- 2) Earlier this Rotary year, our Club submitted a District Grant proposal to install Peace Poles in local high schools. That application was approved a few days ago, so we can now officially embark on the project. We requested funds for three high schools: Montgomery High School (through our Interact Club), a high school in Calistoga (the Rotary Club of Calistoga contributed to our district grant project), and possibly Roseland University Prep as the third school. Additionally, **FRED PTUCHA's** Veterans for Peace group has generously donated \$1,000 to the project. 😊

Birthdays\$, Anniver\$arie\$, Fire E\$cape\$, Happy Dollar\$ & U\$eful Rat\$

DAN DRUMMOND had Maine lobster delivered to the West Coast, as his trip back east was cancelled. We had not seen **DAN** for a while, **DAN** commented on wife **Debbie's** summer birthday. Remember **Cheech & Chong's** bit on "Dave's not here!" **PKM** tried to get our **DAVE SKARR** to discuss his wedding anniversary and his wife **Teresa's** birthday. Well **DAVE's** not here! A **Zoom** malfunction? **JOAN GERMESHAUSEN**, evacuated and cleverly used aluminum foil over open sky light to prevent ash from getting in. **FRED PTUCHA** was happy the fire did not get closer than 50 feet to his home. **BRIAN REED** got a 6:30 AM evacuation order and had to find a place to go and make an 8:00 AM Bank Board meeting Monday. Wife **Alison** got a room at the downtown Marriot and had beer on ice waiting for **BRIAN** after work. **JEFF SCHUTT** who lives in the Skyhawk area was grateful his home was undamaged and for the outpouring of support from fellow Rotarians, it meant a lot!! **PKM** found an article and photo on **BRIAN REED**, with a golf club in the recent *NorthBay biz* magazine. Also **PKM** mentioned running into former Rotary District Governor Warren Owens and his wife **Bev** & unfortunately lost their home in fire. 😞 **TOM CROFT** commented that African rats are now used in Cambodia to find land mines still around countryside. **DEB SIMONDS** & her husband **John** celebrated quietly their 21st wedding anniversary at their home.

Answers: 1) January 27, 1991; 2) Tampa, Florida; 3) Buffalo Bills & New York Giants 4) **NY 20-Buf. 19**, aka Buf. Kicker Scott Norwood's WideRight!

My path
to
activating
Peace Poles



Peace Poles Speak

I stand tall
I never sleep
I am the hope
all people keep
in every land
in every tongue
I am the peace
your heart
has sung
May Peace Prevail On Earth.

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May 2020

Today's Speaker: Major Renee' Marie



Founder of Peace Poles For Schools

Major Renee' Marie U.S. Army Retired Reserve 2017, is the Founder of Peace Poles For Schools. Photo (above left) was Marie's path to be inspired by the power of Peace Poles where she walked at a peace festival in upstate New York in 1999. Renee' was also inspired by a 4th grader who stood up in a school assembly promising never to bully again. Her vision then became installing a Peace Pole on every school campus in the USA. By placing Peace Poles at schools there is an opportunity to influence millions. How could Renee' a former member of the military, be one to champion for Peace? Renee' has seen conflict in Afghanistan and is inspired that our population should know and share about Peace as a mechanism to avoid conflict. The best way is to reach young people and to reach them at their schools. There are over 130,000 secondary & middle schools in the USA. Renee's goal is to install a Peace Pole at every school. The poles are built on the east coast & cost \$160 for 8 sided pole, \$100 for 4 sided pole & \$45 for shipping. Renee's mission is to get organizations like Rotary involved. **JULIE MONTGOMERY & FRED PTUCHA** are carrying the torch for our Club. 😊

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

October 13th James Alexander; California Prison System

October 20th Liz Platte-Bermo; Daly Acts

October 27th Dr. Assal Rad; Making Peace with Iran