



East Wind

News from the Santa Rosa East Rotary Club

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Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Zoom as well.

The details . . .

Santa Rosa East Rotary

October 20, 12:00 PM

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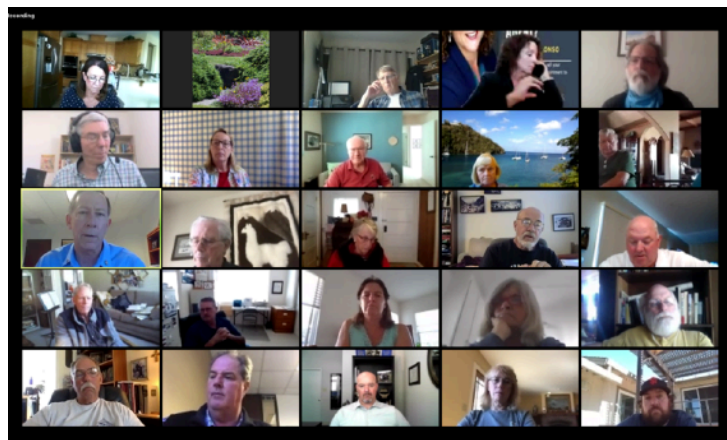
Rain Dance Edition

President Kim McD got the meeting rolling.

We had one visiting Rotarian, First Dude, David McDonald, from Santa Rosa West. Visitors included Ed Tan, Ron Herrerias, and our speaker, James Alexander.

Larry L sang "Hail, Hail" opulently.

JeffS said "I don't mind getting older, but my body is not taking it well."





Program



James Alexander served in the United States Marine Corp. He was released from prison in April of 2011 after 28 years in the California prison system. After his release, James Alexander received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in psychology. He sat on the board of the California Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors. He currently sits on the board of the Friends Committee on Legislation in California. James is also very involved in the charitable nonprofit, The Courage of HOPE Foundation that seeks to

bring clean water and sanitation to the Bhika/Chidembo village in Zimbabwe, Africa.

In 2014, James Alexander was honored as an Unsung Hero of Compassion by His Holiness, the Dalai Lama. He currently works for the Sonoma County Department of Health Services as a Case Manager connecting the homeless to county services. He was featured in a nationally televised commercial by IBM highlighting his work with the homeless population. James is still very active in advocating for Criminal Justice

Next Meeting



Daily Acts

Liz Platte-Bermeo,
Senior Programs Coordinator
Tuesday, October 20, 2020
12:00 p.m. via Zoom

Learn more ... <https://dailyacts.org>



October Birthdays

Bruce R - Oct. 8
Dick W. - Oct. 10
Nate G. - Oct. 18
Deb S. - Oct. 22
Bill G. - Oct 26

Member Anniversaries for October

Bill G. - 1 year
Don C. - 2 years
Joan G. - 19 years



Club News

John T. celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary.

Ken M-S has resigned from the President-Elect position.

The big news was the possible merging of the Santa Rosa West and East Rotary Clubs.



Brian R explained the reasons for exploring the merger. Reasons such as . . .

- ◆ A better labor pool
- ◆ Rebound from Covid-related problems
- ◆ Become Santa Rosa's biggest club

The West club is already exploring the possibility.

After some discussion, we took a straw vote and a majority of the club members at the meeting decided to give the Board approval to further explore the merger.

A formal vote of the Club members will happen after the Board presents their findings and recommendations.



Rotary International News



Here's why organizations and their Rotary club partners are supporting local women's entrepreneurship with financial literacy, small business loans, and one-on-one advisors.

Women's economic empowerment contributes to a nation's growth and to the world's economic health overall. Studies have shown that it boosts productivity, increases economic diversification and income equality, and supports economic resilience. And income loss associated with gender discrimination costs the world economy an estimated \$12 trillion and well as a reduction of 16 percent of cost to the global GDP.

Read the Ann Stein's entire article here . . .

<https://www.rotary.org/en/for-true-economic-development-women-are-essential>



The Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West has invited our members to join their next Zoom meeting featuring Senator McGuire. The meeting will start Monday 10/19 at 12:30pm PST via Zoom.

Senator McGuire will discussing many of the issues that are of the most importance currently affecting his District.

Please consider joining this informative event.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/526837754>



Come join District 5130 in celebrating a most unusual year of Close-Knit collaboration, creativity, accomplishment and do-goodery! We will be celebrating the Rotary year 2019-2020 in virtual style. We will honor our fine Rotary clubs and announce the winners of many awards. Our RI Vice President Johrita Solari will have a few words for us. Don't miss this unique opportunity to celebrate with the District in the comfort of your own home. It will be held on Saturday, October 24 (World Polio Day!!!).

The District Conference celebration will be from 4-5 PM and the Foundation Celebration will be from 5-6 PM.

The Zoom Link will be sent to you a few days before the conference. See you there!

[Register NOW](#) for Virtual District Conference

(The Register NOW link above can only be used by you to register yourself and your partner/guest.)

— From Kathy Flamson - District Governor 2019 - 2020