



Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East  
**The Crown Jewel of District 5130**

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**Openings**

President KIM McDONALD (PKM), clanged the opening bell, after a short period of socialization, at precisely 12:07pm. Jeff Schutt, wanting to get away from the making the thought of the day relevant to current events, shared an oldie but a goodie from Abraham Lincoln, "Whatever you are, be a good one". Larry Lira serenaded us with the Original, True version of "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" but on a side note, I think I prefer his COVID version!

**Guests & Visiting Rotarians**

Our only visiting Rotarian today was First Gentleman, David McDonald, of the Santa Rosa West Rotary Club.

Barry Cogbill introduced today's speaker, Liz Platte-Bermeo, with glowing words and finished his introduction with "and she will gladly speak with anyone about Lagunitas"!

**Presentation**

Liz is the Senior Programs Coordinator of Daily Acts. Daily Acts has many facets, some of which include a 10-month Personal Leadership program. Some areas of their concern are Civic Engagement showcasing Inquiry, Perverserance, Voice and Process and Collective Power showcasing Wholeness, Co-Creation and Emergence. Their most expensive program is the North Bay Environmental Health Network providing health care to lower income clients. They sponsor the Eco 2 School program which is a Youth Program and the Be The Change Campaign. The Be The Change Campaign has different areas of awareness: Grow A Garden; Build Civic Engagement; Save Resources and Practice Self Care.

The Grow A Garden program offers several demonstration gardens in various spots around Sonoma County, providing seasonal, volunteer maintenance and makes fruits and vegetables, grown within the gardens, available to anyone with a need for these items because they can be difficult to obtain with lower incomes in our communities.

Some of The Skill Building Presentations they offer are Grey Water Concepts & Considerations with Laura Allen of Greywater Action and Rainwater Harvesting. Liz is hoping that our Club will perhaps be open to possibilities for Collaboration in the future.

She finished her informative presentation with a thoughtful quote by Margaret Mead, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

After a period of Q & A, we all learned that PP Tom Jackson, doesn't like Lagunitas!

### Birthdays, Anniversaries and Happy Dollars

PKM announced that Bill Glascock celebrated his one-year anniversary with our Club. He gave \$1 Happy Dollar to honor his year!

On a sad note: Members shared fond memories of George Batchelder. If you missed it, here is the link to the obituary for George. He was a lovely man and will be greatly missed!

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pressdemocrat/obituary.aspx?n=george-h-batchelder&pid=196939869>

Because there were no additional celebrations or Happy Dollars, PKM rang the closing-bell at 1:03pm.

### Upcoming Meetings

November 03 Club Talk: Catholic Charities by Rebecca Kendall, Chief Development Officer.

November 10 Club Talk: The LIME Foundation by Letitia Hanke.

November 17 Club Talk: How to Make Livable Cities by David Woltering, Community Planner.

November 24 Club Talk: Preventing Nuclear War by Elizabeth Warner.

December 01 Club Talk: Community Health in Santa Rosa by Annemarie Brown.

December 08 Club Talk: Living Peace Wall by Michael Gillotti.

December 15 Club Talk: Juvenile Justice and Vocational Rehabilitation of High-Risk Youth by Algeo “Che” Casul.

December 22 Club Talk: Voting 2020 by Deva Marie Proto, Sonoma County's Clerk-Recorder-Assessor-Registrar of Voters.

**December 29 Club Talk by the October winner of the North Bay Spirit Award, Maite Iturri, of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District**

**The Link to Zoom Meetings is: <https://zoom.us/j/880106692>**

**Please note: There is a copy of last week's presentation, by Liz Platte-Bermeo, provided by Barry Cogbill, in case anyone would like to re-visit her visit with our Club.**

**See you on Tuesday!!**