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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East

The Crown Jewel of District 5130

October 27, 2020 **Zoom Meeting**

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2020-21 President
KIM McDONALD

Openings and a Visitor and Guests

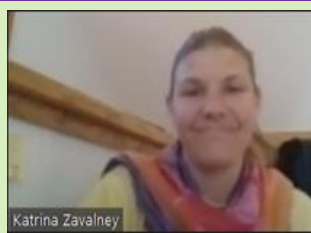
KIM McDONALD (PKM) opened our **Zoom Meeting**. Our Rotarian Visitor and our **Zoom Meeting** technical assistant was **David McDonald** aka First Dude, from the Santa Rosa West Rotary Club. **JEFF SchUTT** provided some thought with his quote from Jack Welch, the former Chairman and CEO of General Electric: "Face reality as it is, not as it was or as you wish it to be". **LARRY LIRA** sang the Club's traditional Halloween theme from the 60's TV show: *The Addams Family*. Do you remember: Gomez..Lurch..Pugsley..Morticia..Wednesday Uncle Fester..Cousin Itt & Thing? Our guests today were a friend of **BARRY COGBILL**: **Ron Herrerias** and **FRED PTUCHA** invited our guest speaker today: **Dr.Assal Rad**, **WELCOME!**

Every Thursday, S.R. East Rotary Club **HELPS \$UPPORT** feeding Brook Hill School families



We may not be "hands on" at Brook Hill School this school year, however the Club is **\$upporting** the grocery portion for families in need. Groceries are delivered by the Redwood Empire Food Bank & its volunteers serve food in conjunction with the Santa Rosa City School District which provides prepared meals in the green storage carts. We hope to some day return to our indoor bag filling gig...

Some featured Visitor/Member images at our **ZOOM Meeting**



*****Do you have lightly used men's or women's coats , jackets and sweaters to donate to those in need during the cold winter season?** RITA ALONSO's real estate firm Keller Williams Reality will once again be collecting these items for those in need in the next few weeks. These items can be dropped off at the Keller Williams Reality office located at 3652 Round Barn Blvd, S.R. or contact RITA at rita@agentrita.com for more information.

More Guest/Member images from ZOOM Meeting today



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON OR BY NOVEMBER 3rd

Anniver\$arie\$, Birthday\$, Happy Dollar\$, Future Los Angele\$ Dodger\$ Dollar\$

RITA ALONSO and her husband **Jay** celebrated their wedding anniversary recently. While they celebrated quietly, both have been busy **RITA** with her real estate work and **Jay**, not yet retired, doing home inspections. **BILL GLASCOCK** celebrated a birthday, but unfortunately not fishing in Mexico, maybe next year. Instead some custom fitted golf clubs! (irons) **TOM JACKSON** and his wife **Leanna** celebrated their 3rd wedding anniversary and recently **TOM** celebrated his 60th birthday! A **\$BELLRINGER\$** for his Paul Harris. **TOM** had the Brazilian feast at Starks, then had a bubble family birthday party at his house Saturday night. **TOM's** celebratory head was finally clearing today. **TOM** also happy for his alma mater Indiana University's upset college football win over Penn State. Another Big Birthday, **DEB SIMMONDS** turned 70! **DEB** had neighbors and friends over for a social distancing celebration. **FRED PTUCHA** and wife **Jeanette** celebrated their anniversary with trip up the coast with nice dinners out (Beachcomber) and hiking in Van Danme and Russian Gulch State Parks **FRED** was also happy small fires put out near his home Monday morning. **PKM** was happy for recent trip to San Diego to see grandson, with next grandchild due in January. **PKM** babysat with hubby **David** overnight and now knows why young parents must have more energy. **DON CLIVER** was happy Oakmont power outage lasted only 24 hours & not 72 hours as predicted. **NANCY HILL** was happy to be back at Spring Lake Village 😊, now must wait for 14 days of isolation. 😞 L.A. Dodgers won their first World Series in 32 years. **PKM** make note to a\$**BRIAN REED & JOHN TEAGUE** how happy they are\$!



Today's Speaker:

Assal Rad, PhD



on U.S.-Iran relations

FRED PTUCHA introduced **Dr. Assal Rad** a Senior Research Fellow with the National Iran American Council, (NIAC). **FRED**, a member of Veterans For Peace (VFP) met **Dr. Rad** in February 2019 and described to her his VFP trip to Iran where he met many Iranian citizens, visited five cities and became aware how nice the Iranian people were and noted their lack of animosity toward the U.S. The hostilities between the two countries is sometimes overmagnified by the media. **Dr. Rad** is an active member of NIAC, an organization that tries to educate for peaceful diplomacy between the 2 countries. She who was born in the U.S. by Iranian parents and now resides in Irvine, CA. She described the current status of U.S.-Iran relations and how we got here. **Dr. Rad** stated that since the U.S. has pulled out of the 2015 Nuclear Arms agreement, that the people of Iran continue to be plagued by sanctions with many middle and lower class people unable to obtain the goods and services they were once accustomed to. The COVID pandemic has also exasperated the need of Iranians for support. The sanctions prevent Iranians from visiting their families in the U.S. and vice versa. NIAC as the largest grassroots U.S.-Iranian organization is trying to expound the importance of our relations and how the nations can become less adversarial through diplomacy. **Dr. Rad** explained how economic, political, educational and scientific channels of communication between us are now stifled. The Iranian people have proven to be overly compliant with the sanctions to their detriment. The pandemic has proven that it is a threat to all citizens of the world, much like climate change and the threat of nuclear weapons are. Therefore, it is her hope that the 2 countries leaders can work together with Iran abiding to an agreement with sanctions reduced/eliminated. **Dr. Rad** would welcome any feedback or questions and can be reached at arad@niacouncil.org. For more on the National Iran American Council [CLICK HERE](#)

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

November 3rd Election Day: **Rebecca Kendall; Catholic Charities**

November 10th : **Letitia Hanke; LIME Foundation**

November 17th : **David Woltering; City Planning-Making Cities Livable and update on Healdsburg**