



## MEETING NOTES: September 23, 2020

**Call to Order:** Jim Olson called the meeting to order

**Sunshine:** Pat Z. is doing okay. Fiona R.'s surgery was successful

**Thought for the Day:** Jim Olson quoted Ruth Bader Ginsburg as saying: "In every good marriage it helps sometimes to be a little deaf."

**Happy Dollars:** none noted

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Donnelly from the district is promoting passing on contact leads to close clubs. If anyone gets a membership lead they should pass them on to the closest club to the lead. [JOHNDONNELLY@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:JOHNDONNELLY@HOTMAIL.COM)

Hope Solutions from Lamorinda Sunrise club (Tom Guyette and Jim Davis) are providing service and tutoring for needy children. They've spent \$8600 and are offering a homework club via Zoom. Anyone interested in volunteering see [hopesolutions.org](http://hopesolutions.org).

**Rotary Community Service Day Food Drive is still on!**

Walnut Creek has decided to host on **October 10** a city-wide food drive – an event that serves an essential need and can be done safely by volunteers. Including:  
**A Rossmoor Food Drive, organized by Rossmoor Rotary**, where Rossmoor residents can drop off food donations in Rossmoor.  
 Sign up with **Sue Adams TODAY**  
 WC is cancelling all other CSD projects.

A food drive is taking place on October 10 as part Community Service Day. To sign up contact Sue Adams.

See's Candy drive is still not formalized.

Bill Brox announced that the Alzheimer's Walk is on Sat. Oct. 24. He suggests we contribute to the Alzheimer's Assoc. [ALZ.ORG/WALK](http://ALZ.ORG/WALK)

## PROGRAM

The speakers were Jeff Stark, a financial planner and Rebecca Burke, national VP and specialist in special technologies, from Ark Investment. Jim talked about what an exciting time we are in because of the rapid advance in technology. He spoke about Covid forcing adoption and advancement of technology; for example, online grocery ordering, people abandoning cable TV service in favor of streaming channels, electric cars and self-driving technology. Rebecca compared the changes we are experiencing today to those that occurred at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Ark Investments is only interested in disruptive technologies. Some of their areas of interest are artificial intelligence, blockchain, robotics, energy storage, and data storage in the cloud. They have seen a rapid advance in technology to produce new drugs using genome sequencing. Cancer treatments are undergoing radical changes since drugs can target specific genetic profiles. Genetic sequencing is also being used to predict a person's risk factor for certain kinds of cancer. Self-driving cars are starting to come of age and it is predicted that electric vehicles may bring the price of operating a car down to 25 cents per mile. It was noted that these areas are volatile, and that their firm hires people to understand them. They also have to wait for technology to advance to a certain level so that costs will come down and make the developments affordable and adoptable. Their website is [ARK-FUNDS.COM](http://ARK-FUNDS.COM)

## CALENDAR

Sep 30	Lonnie Bristow - Social justice in Contra Costa County
Sep 30	5pm PE Social – DV8s
Oct 3	9am Fall Training Zoom
Oct 7	Andy Schectman - Precious metals