



## MEETING NOTES: April 10, 2019

**John King** called the meeting to order.

**Guests and Visitors:** Claire Weenig visited and our speaker, Megan Brown was our guest.

**Video:** An inspirational video from Rotary International stated that we have 1.2 million members and 34,000 clubs. Rotary is calling everyone to service above self and to inspire hope and love.



**Sunshine: Bob Selinger** has now been declared legally blind but has recovered from a major cardiac failure possibly related to mitral valve dysfunction. He was in dire straits with heart failure and major fluid retention, which has been conquered and he is now fully functional.



### Thought of the Day:

**Ruth** had much to say about social media, intelligence, sex and women.



**Happy Dollars:** **Nancy** gave to celebrate her membership. **Jann** was inspired by the district conference. **Bea** was happy about her trip to Mexico. **Don** gave positive vibes for the Warriors playoff. **Patrice** was pleased about taking secretary training at the district conference. **Jim O.** was looking forward to becoming the next club president. **John King** announced that his child got her first tooth.



**Raffle:** Claire won a bottle of wine.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Alamo Rotary Club** has completed a serenity room for memory patients at the Choice in Aging program in Antioch.

**Polio Eradication:** There are only twenty cases of polio this year in just three countries. The Rotary International program is a great success!

**Climate Change:** Rotary International is now targeting climate change due to the melting polar ice, claiming that water levels will climb significantly by 2054. We are also very focused on improving sanitation and hygiene conditions in various parts of the world.

## PROGRAM



Contra Costa Library Senior Adult Literary Assistant, Megan Brown, was the speaker of the day. She works with Project Second Chance at the library.

She shared some U.S. literacy statistics with us. Thirty-six million adults have trouble reading and/or writing. Twelve percent of Contra Costa adults are below a basic literacy level. Project Second Chance has helped 550 people in Contra Costa County and now has one hundred seventy-five students in the program. They offer free tutoring to aid in reading, writing and spelling. Free tutoring consists of two 90-minute sessions per week. Most students are 30-60 years old. Of those served, sixty-six percent English is not their first language. Of their one hundred seventy-five clients, thirty-nine are able to read newspapers and magazines, thirty-six are able to read a little and twenty are achieving work related goals. There are also some who graduate from local schools without literacy. One big barrier to success previously unidentified are learning disabilities for which a special program use used.

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## CALENDAR

Today	Theresa Hurley – Contra Costa County Bar Association
Next Week	Patrice Jensen – Four Way Speech