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MEETING NOTES: November 3, 2021

Call to Order: President Bill Broxham led the pledge of allegiance and the patriotic song was sung by Laruen Alaina from the 2021 World Series game 5 in Atlanta.

Thought for the Day: President Bill brought us thoughts for the day.

SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

- (1). Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
- (2). When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
- (3). Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
- (4). We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
- (5). We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
- (6). On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories.
Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life,
difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

Happy Dollars: Joy, Tillie, David Brown, Chuck Lamb, and Bill. If I have forgotten anyone, sorry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dick Ford was celebrating a birthday this week.

District 5160 Back to the Future Conference- The Palisades, Tahoe. “Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.” Snow greeted Bill Broxham, Jim Olson, Joy Alaidarous, David Brown, Patrice Jensen, Merilee Hoffman, Steve Elefant and Juli Maxworthy. The Inn at Squaw Creek was a great venue for the 300 plus attendees. All the “breakout” sessions were informative, worthwhile, and energizing. What was especially fun was the “beer tasting” event. The food was good convention food. Everything was well organized and on time. Of special note was the emphasis on the success of “Ending Polio Now.” Ijeoma “Pearl” Okoro, official conference representative of RI President Shekhar Mehta, was an impassioned keynote speaker. Pearl, more than any other in her home country of Nigeria, is responsible for the success of eradicating polio in that country. She says that “eradicating polio from the face of the earth is Rotary’s promise to the children of the world.”

See’s Candies Holiday Sale now available to members and residents via “online” purchases through December 3. Plans are also underway for sales at outside venues such as Rossmoor Safeway, Rossmoor Gateway, and the golf pro shop. Stay tuned.

Rotary “Social” Dollar, Friday, November 5, HAS BEEN CANCELLED

The November 10th club meeting will recognize Veterans. We are looking for members to share their experiences and anecdotes about their service.

December 10 HOLIDAY PARTY, 5-9PM FIRESIDE ROOM. Details to follow.

PROGRAM

ANGELA LAWS, PH.D., Endangered Species Conservation Biologist and Climate Change Lead, **XERCES SOCIETY, Sacramento.**

In keeping with Rotary’s new initiative in “protecting the environment,” we asked Angela to speak about programs she and Xerces are working on to restore habitats for pollinators such as the Western Monarch Butterfly which are being seriously affected by draught, fires, pesticides, and parasites. She presented a full picture on how climate change is affecting species interactions. Angela has over 20 years of experience in studying arthropods in grassland habitats. She is a strong advocate in believing that it is worth investing time, effort, and money in the conservation of other species.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 10	10:30 Club Board of Directors Meeting
Nov 10	Jennifer Bushman – Sustainable Aquaculture
Nov 17	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting
Nov 17	Meredith McPherson UC Santa Cruz – Kelp Forest

PHOTOS



Protecting Monarchs and other Pollinators in Your Community

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