



## MEETING NOTES: June 9, 2021

**Welcome:** Co-President Steve Elefant. Steve created our first “hybrid” meeting with setup at Stanley Dollar Park for 11 in-person members and guests, and 17 “online” members and guests. The first attempt was a success. And we expect this to be a common thing when we again meet regularly in person. Co-President Joy introduced Claire Castle who is planning on becoming a new member. We welcome Claire. It was also good to see once again Evie Michon past-president of Moraga Rotary Club, and some new faces who joined to hear our guest speaker. Pledge/Patriotic Song-Hogje

**Sunshine:** No news

**Thought for the Day: Chuck Lamb.** Chuck talked about a song he heard on “America’s Got Talent” that resonated with his own personal experience in overcoming esophageal cancer. Called “I’m O.K.,” it spoke to how the individual is much more than the bad things that happen to them. And that you have to decide to “be happy” to better overcome adversity.



### **Happy Dollars:**

**David Brown** for sitting in the park with Tillie.  
**Tillie**-just happy being there.  
**Merilee**-Back from San Diego happy to see her daughter for the first time in several months.  
**Patrice**- Happy to have gone with her husband to the **Gold Country** (did she find any?).  
**Dale Martin**- Just happy to learn about bees (what about birds too?).

Thank you all for your contributions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**India’s Covid-19 Crisis/End Polio Now Campaign-** Please contribute. Moraga Rotary is sponsoring fund raising to help India in it’s battle to control the overwhelming impact of the corona virus. And for every \$100 donated to **End Polio Now** will be matched by the District, RI and the Gates Foundation.

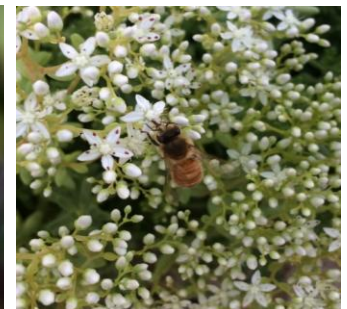
**Interact-** Patrice announced meeting the new president of Las Lomas Interact, Nadine, and plans for follow up with Dale Martin and the school advisor.

**July 3, 2021, Saturday- Pizza party at Il Pavone.** The Party is in conjunction with our Annual Awards and Presidential Demotion ceremonies. Please check for details. The party is open to members, their spouses and guests.

**Rotary Foundation Annual Meeting- John King, Chair.** The full slate of 12 nominated trustees for the Foundation Board was accepted by acclimation.

## PROGRAM

**Jan Pinkerton-Spieth** is the President of the Mt. Diablo Beekeepers Association (MDBA), one of the largest hobbyist beekeeping associations in California. Jan was hooked on honeybees starting in 2006, when a swarm of bees flew into a wine barrel in her backyard. Prior to becoming president, she served as VP, Community Education and was responsible for planning and implementing honeybee education programs and community outreach in MDBA’s three-county service area. Jan still finds time to teach honeybee classes in the schools and presents educational programs to community groups, garden clubs, etc. Jan grew up in Berkeley, received her degrees (AB, MPH) from UC Berkeley and has been a Lafayette resident since 1990.



Jan gave a wonderful presentation that was chock full of the history of beekeeping, the influence of

honeybees on the almond industry here in California- the U.S. produces 80% of the world almond consumption; it's the 7<sup>th</sup> largest food export; over 1.3 million acres of almonds are grown in California over 500 plus miles; and all of the U.S. crop is grown in California. 10% of all water use in California is for almonds.

This presentation touched on the history of beekeeping, including types of hives, ancient and modern. The seasonal life inside the hive is explored, including the role and lifecycle of the queen, her workers and drones; foraging for pollen, nectar and water; environmental and parasitic pressures that are making honeybees sick and the impact on California's almond agribusiness that produces 3 billion pounds of almonds on 1.26 million acres and contributes 7 billion dollars annually to the economy.

### **CALENDAR**

June 16	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting zoom
June 16	Nancy Richardson Intellectual Property Law
June 30	Jennifer Hansen – Hope Hospica
July 3	12 pm Il Pavone Awards Party/Demotion