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The Speaker for October 30: Quentin Kopp



Life of the Independent

Retired California Superior Court Judge Quentin L. Kopp was born in Syracuse, New York and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1949 and Harvard Law School in 1952. From August 1952 until August 1954, he served in the United States Air Force, first in the Office of Special Investigation as a Second Lieutenant and thereafter as a First Lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General Corps, prosecuting and defending those accused of court-martial offenses. Upon discharge from the Air Force, Kopp became an Assistant Counsel to the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor, responsible for elimination of racketeering on Manhattan, Brooklyn, Staten Island, and New Jersey piers.

Admitted to the District of Columbia Bar in November 1952, the State Bar of California in January 1954, and New York State Bar in May 1955, Kopp was employed as an associate in a San Francisco's then largest law firm in December 1955, and opened his own office in San Francisco for the general practice of civil and criminal law on April 1, 1959. In November 1971, he was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and reelected in 1975, 1977, 1980, and 1984. In 1986, he was elected to the California State Senate as the first non-incumbent Independent since 1876, representing the western part of San Francisco and northern San Mateo County. Reelected in 1990 with 70% of the vote and again in 1994, Kopp became the first Independent reelected to the State Senate as an Independent in California's history.

[Click here to read more.](#)

Rotary History Book

"*Inspired by Service – Fulfilled by Friendship*" is a 9"x12" History Book with 160 color pages, 600+ photos and 30+ lists that tells the story of San Jose Rotary 1914-2014.

Every Member of the Rotary Club of San Jose will receive a copy of this book at no cost. Additional copies of this book can be pre-ordered for \$40.00 each (includes tax and shipping). The deadline to order is Monday October 28.

Display this book in your home or office. Makes a terrific present for your family and friends who ask "What is San Jose Rotary?" Give a copy to community organizations or that special friend you hope will become a Rotarian in the future.

Order your extra books at the October 16 and October 23 Rotary meetings. Or call the Rotary Office at 1-408-297-6100 with your order and Credit Card Information.

Service to Seniors

The **Service to Seniors Committee** is seeking volunteers for our Fall event.

When: Friday, October 25th from 1pm-2:30pm

Where: Lincoln Glen Manor for Senior Citizens 2671 Plummer Ave., San Jose, CA 95125 - Check in for assignments at the Activity Office in the Senior Nursing Facility

What: Asking for minimum of 15 volunteers to help with the haunted house and games - please invite another Rotary Member to join you and possibly join our committee

Main Contact: Chelsea Chanduloy, Activities Director at LGM and Judy Deaton will be at the event as your Rotary contact

Hope you can join us - please RSVP to [Judy Deaton](#) by 10/18.



Rotary Club of San Jose Down Under Project

Please consider participating in the Down Under Project, a drive undertaken in partnership with HomeFirst. HomeFirst™ is a leading provider of services, shelter, and housing opportunities to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness in Santa Clara County.

Santa Clara County has a homeless population of over 9,700 people with over 82% being unsheltered; 36% are homeless women sleeping on our streets. It difficult for these women to get undergarments and incontinence products.

Here are two ways we can help:

1. Either shop for these products and bring them to a Rotary luncheon on October 23 or October 30. Jim Towery will deliver them to HomeFirst for you;
2. Or go select an item from the Down Under Project list at www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2J4JMC4ADI6ZC?ref=wl_share. For your convenience, please remember at Amazon checkout to select the delivery address: HomeFirst, 507 Valley Way, Milpitas, CA 95035.

Thank you all for your consideration of the women in need in our community.

Karyn Sinunu-Towery, President

[Click here](#) to watch the video of the project.



Advertise in the 2020 Rotary Directory

As a member of our Club, your company has the opportunity to place an advertisement in the 2020 Membership Directory! This directory gets into the homes and businesses of our 450+ members every year. Purchasing an advert allows us to provide the directories to our members free of charge.

You have a choice of placing a full page or a business card size advertisement at the reasonable rates below. The cut off for advertising is October 28.

Full Page	\$400	4.5 x 7.50 inches
Business Card	\$200	4.5 x 2.25 inches

[Please click here](#) for more details or contact Teresa McCarthy.

Military Care Committee: Prescreening Documentary of Surviving Home

When a soldier makes it home, there are unique challenges and solutions. SURVIVING HOME is an intimate documentary that follows four U.S. military veterans from different generations over an eight year period as they rebuild their lives after war. Interwoven with veterans' voices from across the country, their unique paths of healing and transformation shed light on the long term consequences of war and raise questions about the roots of war and societal cycles of violence. The SJSU Veteran Student Organization in partnership with the Rotary Club of San Jose, is proud to present the film and facilitate a transformative dialogue with Director, Mathew Moul and Cast member, Bobby Henline. This event is co-sponsored by VET Connect and the SJSU Veteran Resource Center.

Join us for a special screening with the producer and director Matthew Moul, and one of the featured veterans in the film, Bobby Henline. Our Rotary club is being given priority seating.

Click here to [register](#) or RSVP to [Pat Fox](#) or [Dave Sylva](#).

Use QR Code to
register!



SURVIVING HOME

Monday, October 28, 2019

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, Room 255

SURVIVING HOME: **PRE-SCREENING +** **Q&A RECEPTION**

SURVIVING HOME is a documentary of veterans' voices. Their unique paths to healing shed light on the long term consequences of war and the roots of violence itself.

Register: [Eventbrite Surviving Home](#)



Veteran's Day Parade



**Veteran's Day Parade
Monday, November 11, 2019**



The Military Care committee has secured a motorized cable car as the Rotary Club's entry. Veteran Rotarians and their guests are welcome. Space is limited to 32 passengers.

We will have a hospitality tent on Arena Green where we will assemble before the parade begins.



Please click [here](#) to sign up with Dave Sylva.

The Meeting Summary for October 23, 2019



Rotarians and guests were greeted by the Military Care Committee.

KARYN SINUNU-TOWERY rang the bell at 12:10 p.m. calling to order this meeting of the Rotary Club of San Jose. She thanked the International Committee and the Culinary and Hospitality Committee for their good work on the recent International Feast held at Gordon House.

We were treated to the talents of maestro JEREMY HARRIS on piano with the appropriate instrumental sounds of *Autumn Leaves*.

President Karyn thanked the Military Care Committee





for greeting all, then fined Red Badger CARL COOKSON for allowing himself last week to be introduced as a guest, despite his being a new member.

Speaking of Red Badgers, GINGER SOTELO and DOUG JAMES handled the traveling microphones so we could meet visiting Rotarians and guests. One such guest was visiting from Afghanistan,

and another special guest was former Rotary District Governor Tim Lundell.

SANDRA JEWETT informed us about *Rotario Alianza*, our Club's two-year partnership, launching this year, with the Rotary Club from Hidalgo and the Rotary Club of Ciudad de Mexico. We will be involved in service missions with an entrepreneurial and medical focus. The purpose is for our Clubs to have a type of Sister-City relationship to form stronger bonds with Mexico. You are encouraged to contact Sandra for more information and learn how you can be a participant.



President Karyn praised CLARENCE STONE, our "Fair Fining" coordinator, for the work he has been doing in lining-up folks willing to be fined. She then turned the tables by leveling a fine for his dining with past-president GARY SHARA and the aforementioned Tim Lundell, ensuring they all were wearing Rotary pins when photographed while holding a sign reading "No Fine Here."

MARY CURTIS was then fined, and gave a voluntary contribution, in honor of the recent birth of her grandchild, Kai Aiden Rad. Indeed, this turned out to be a "fine" Wednesday.

Past president CINDY FAULKNER awarded HEATHER LERNER a bottle of wine for having won the contest related to writing the best compliment for the box lunches served at last week's offsite program held at the Hammer Theatre.

President Karyn reminded all about the Down Under Project (providing hygiene products/adult diapers/sanitary products for homeless) and thanked those who have already contributed toward this initiative, including Catherine Cook, Mauricio Cordova, and Catherine Tompkinson. She also mentioned that MORRIS CHUBB next Wednesday will have parked outside the Rotary Summit Center the dignity van that allows homeless to cleanse themselves.



Past president BOB KIEVE made a pitch for the annual Thanksgiving Program, seeking 10 to 12 volunteers who would be willing to speak briefly about what they are thankful for this year. Contact Mr. Kieve for details, if you are interested.

PAT FOX spoke about upcoming Military Care Committee events and projects, including a screening of the film "Surviving Home" to be held next Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the MLK Library; and the seeking of members of our Club who are U.S. Military veterans to participate in the November 11 Veterans' Day Parade in downtown San Jose, riding aboard a Rotary trolley.



President Karyn promoted the return of the Rotameter at next week's meeting, mentioned that today is the final day to order additional copies of the Rotary Club of San Jose history book, let us know that next week's speaker will be Quentin Kopp addressing the topic, "Life of the Independent," and reminded us that a contribution is made to San Jose Jazz in honor of our speakers each week.

Past president BRIAN ADAMS then introduced our speaker, Craig Needham, a founding partner with the firm Needham Kepner and Fish, LLP. Born in Palo Alto, Craig graduated from Bellarmine College Prep, Santa Clara University, and Hastings College of the Law. A cycling enthusiast, Craig was training in San Francisco when, on July 6, he took a spill on his bike and suffered a severe concussion. He is recovering well and is thankful there were no further injuries.



As October 24 is World Polio Day, the timing of Craig's address was appropriate as he discussed polio from a very personal perspective. His mother, Jane Boyle Needham, was diagnosed with polio in 1949 at the age of 29 and she lived in an iron lung for 13 years, dying in 1962. In 1959, a book about her journey, which she dictated to Rosemary Taylor, was published under the title, *Looking Up*. For our meeting, Craig provided handout booklets about his mother's story so that Rotarians could follow along as he spoke and could also have as a take-away for reading at their leisure.

Despite being confined to an iron lung, Jane tried to provide as "normal" a home for Craig and his two sisters, who were on hand at today's program from Arizona, as they had never previously heard Craig's remarks, despite his having delivered them to about a

dozen Rotary Clubs over the past few years. He referred to his mom as "the ultimate 'Mama Bear.'"



Craig's compelling and emotional remarks concluded with his heartfelt gratitude to Rotarians for the incredible success of the Polio Plus program that has resulted in the near complete eradication of polio worldwide. He said that he was here "to honor, salute, and thank Rotary."

Craig received a standing ovation from our Club, a rare experience for our speakers. As President Karyn had to depart prior to the conclusion of today's program, Brian Adams thanked Craig, presented him with our Club's challenge coin, pledged to make a gift to Polio Plus in honor of Craig, and at 12:15 p.m. rang the bell, adjourning the meeting in memory of Jane Boyle Needham and her family.



Rotarians exited while the song, *Land Down Under*; a subliminal message encouraging contributions to President Karyn's Down Under project.

Respectfully submitted by Brian Adams, Meeting Summaries Committee.

Photos taken by Bill Alston, Photography Committee. [Click here](#) to see the full set.

Youth Protection Bit-O-Info

What should you do if a young person reports an incident of abuse or harassment or if you suspect that abuse or harassment has occurred? Talk to the adults directly responsible for the young person's supervision, unless you suspect that this may place the young person at greater risk.

Membership Application

[Click Here](#) for the Rotary Club of San Jose's Fillable Membership Application.