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THE ROTARY CLUB OF MONTEREY, RI DISTRICT 5230

President Matt's Kick-Out – *Oh The Memories!*



After a hasty, and in retrospect, dubious decision by the Rotary Board of Directors, Matt Nelson was offered, and in a moment of ill-placed self-assurance, accepted the opportunity to serve as the Club's President when very short-term President Dino Pick left us to take on an important assignment (as they described it) at the Pentagon last October.

Matt has a deep connection with Rotary; both his parents were Rotarians, and he was also influenced by his grandfather, who was an ardent Rotarian well into his 90s. It is unclear to any of us,

however, if any of these parental examples rubbed off on Matt, based on his mediocre, so-so performance these past 8 months.

Assuming office with no District or RI training, (or training of any kind as far as we know), barely knowing how to spell "Rotary," raw recruit Matt established his own loose rules of conduct, such as they were. Protocols and handshakes were abandoned; members no longer had to show their faces; they could wear masks, or appear as cardboard cutouts. Members did not need business attire to attend Zoom meetings; pajamas, slippers and sweats were de rigueur, and one could consume food and beverages of their choosing.





Matt was not a deep thinker, but he was a man of contrasts. His goal was to keep us connected and involved during the pandemic, but he eschewed holding in-person board of director meetings. He had none! And he only held 6 in-person luncheon meetings. You call that a presidency? You might call it a Zoom-ocracy!

Just how did President Matt attempt to motivate and inspire members? Well let's begin with the ad hoc Rotary exchange in Sheridan, WY, where Matt earned the prestigious World's Biggest BS'er Award. It's just one example of the unorthodox methods he stooped to employ. There were many other examples too cringe-worthy or twisted to list. But the most egregious and appalling thing Matt did was to put the presiding of the club on autopilot a full month before his already foreshortened term was set to expire, and take a hiatus to beautiful downtown Mojave to run some cockamamie spaceport thingy. Shades of Area 51 and little green people! Well, in retrospect, we might say that's probably the best thing he did for the club all year!!

So, today at Matt's final "Kick-Out" meeting we will pursue the question of "Who is Matt Nelson." No matter how bizarre, odd, or peculiar you think Matt is – or what people say, or don't say, about him – he is most definitely a slightly above average person. We were all surprised when he turned out to be a GREAT President for The Rotary Club of Monterey during a very difficult year. So reluctantly we have to say, "THANK YOU, PRESIDENT MATT NELSON! You done good! Gooder than any of us expected!





JUNE – JULY

Friday – 06/25 Special Board Meeting – 8:00 AM (Via Zoom)

Thursday – 07/01 President Dennis McCarthy – Dennis' Bio

Thursday – 07/08 Board Meeting – 8:00 AM (Via Zoom)

Thursday – 07/08 Doug Thurston – Big Sur Marathon Return to Racing

Tuesday – 07/13 COG Meeting – 5:30 PM – In-Person – Hilton Garden Inn

Thursday – 07/15 “Dark Noon Meeting”

Thursday – 07/15 SUMMER SOIRÉE – 5:30 PM – Ferrantes Bay View Room

Thursday – 07/22 Mike Clancy – Climate Change

Thursday – 07/29 DG Bruce Mackey – District Governor

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Matt Morgan – June 26
Leon Panetta – June 28

Here is a note from our speaker
from last week, Dr. Peter Denning,
for those of you interested in
learning more about Artificial In-
telligence and it's applications:
*"I very much enjoyed my lunch with
you today and meeting some of the peo-
ple in your chapter."*

Here is the link to an article that
interested members can look at
for a deeper look at AI and ML.
[http://denninginstitute.com/pjd/
PUBS/amsci-2019-ai-hierachy.pdf](http://denninginstitute.com/pjd/PUBS/amsci-2019-ai-hierachy.pdf)

Best regards, Peter
Professor of Computer Science, NPS

BOOK CLUB



August 4th

Hamnet, by Maggi O'Farrell
Discussion led by Molly Bozzo
and a "special guest"



Join us anytime by contact-
ing
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We meet via Zoom, on the first Wednesday
of each month at 5:00 PM.