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Notes: Jim Olson **Photos**: John Rice July 20, 2022

MEETING NOTES: July 13, 2022

Call to Order: Bill B called the meeting to order, Hogie led the Pledge and the patriotic song was our national anthem performed by the US Army.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Julia Petrini, Pamela Hale Mitchell the guest speaker

Sunshine: Dick H.'s (a past Rotary member) spouse Lois died from Alzheimer complications, July 4. Condolences have been sent to Dick who is also recovering from a severe fall. Dick will be transferred from John Muir to Reutlinger continuing care residence in Danville.

Thought for the Day: Connie Palladino read 2 poems given her by her dad about "youth" (how to stay young while getting older, and one about keeping our lives "simple."

Happy Dollars: David Brown and Eddie Fisher for their appreciation of the work done by B Walker Ranch. Tillie as she always does. Julia Petrini on her excitement in joining our club. Bill Broxham because he wants to.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership- Teddi Swanson received unanimous acceptance as a new member at today's board of directors meeting. Julia Petrini has also submitted her application for membership.

Raffle- Tom Goedewaagen-red wine. Irv Ford-lunch

- 1. July 4th picnic- Jim Olson, Sharon Long. We had a successful 4th of July picnic although our sales were impacted by competition from food trucks accepted by the recreation department. We sold over 600 "dogs" and goodies netting over \$3500. Thanks to all 31 members, their friends and spouses who participated. Complimets also to recreation staff who helped with the work.
- 2. a/p gala- silent and live auction plans are well underway. The next gala committee meeting will be Monday, July 25, 10 am in the multi-purpose room 1 or 2.

Guest speaker Pamela Hale Mitchell, talked eloquently about her work with B Walker Ranch. A day program for adults with autism. She described her own life experience with a family member with autism that led her to co-founding with Jeanine Stanley B Walker Ranch. The goal of B Walker Ranch is to "create a working ranch that provides individual motivation, growth opportunities, attainable goals and partnership.

Their work has led to the purchase of a 10-acre parcel in Suisun Valley which will soon inaugurate day programs in planting and farming, tool and equipment use, nutrition and meal planning, animal care, and food harvesting and delivery.

According to CDC statistics, 1 of 42 births in the US. is on the autistic spectrum. The work of B Walker Ranch will address the needs of those children with autism aging out of available services giving them meaningful growth experiences. B Walker Ranch hopes to be a model organization.

B Walker Ranch is a 501(c) 3 non-profit. They will be holding a fundraising "hoedown" in September. She will inform us of the date. Please check out their website, bwalkerranch.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 27	Sandy Rosenthal – Words Whispered in Water
Aug 3	Carolie Sly – Refugee Education and Learning International
Aug 10	10:30 Club board of directors meeting
Aug 10	Stephen Campbell – Making Your Mind Magnificent

PHOTOS

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Guest Speaker Pamela



Connie Palladino