

Rotogram

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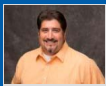
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PLEDGE, WELCOME, & THOUGHT OF LAST DECEMBER 4th

President Pam called the meeting to order and called on Dennis Fordham to lead the Pledge.

Dennis was wearing a "JUROR" badge, but he had not yet been called to the jury box. One of the first things you learn in law school is never, ever, never let a fellow lawyer sit as a juror'.

Pam called on us to greet our neighbors, friends, and others by fist bumping, elbow bumping and forearm smashing, depending on how much you liked them.

Pam next called on Kathy Miller to give the "thought of the day", but she decided not to attend the meeting, and instead mailed it in. Excellent idea Kathy.

DETECTIVE

Mark Lipps served as our Detective and Happy Bucks person. Fortunately, he was wearing his 100 Bucks Strong t-Shirt.

Mark fined Dennis for wearing his Juror badge to the meeting, but allowed Dennis to specify the amount of the fine!! A real detective would never allow that to happen.

Mark next fined Faith because she has another new roommate besides all the cats. She and her roommate (whom she did not name) are looking for a two-bedroom, two-bath apartment. Several members who do have rentals muttered "Not with all those cats."

Dave M-W was happy because he took delivery of his new luxury vehicle. Alex was happy about the Christmas trees on Main Street. Not to be outdone, Beth was happy about the upcoming Festival Of Treess

If you want to know how happy each person was, contact Marty, because I was spurring my soup and didn't write the amounts down.

GUEST

Pam forgot to introduce our guest, Kendal Falts, so she snuck it in here.

SPEAKERS

Kara Roberts and Cheri Young, from Beth's company, Lake Family Resources, were our speakers. They gave an excellent analysis on human trafficking in California and, more specifically, Lake County. We have a serious problem in our county, and true to its form, California is Number 1 in the nation.



iPast President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays

Dennis A. Fordham
January 3rd
Herb Lingl
January 7th

December 18 will be our Christmas Party, at 5:30. Each of you is tasked with finding out where it will be. I am betting on the West Lake Club House. It will be a White Elephant.

August 21, 2024

Meeting of August 21, 2024
Written by: Tom Lincoln, Cub Reporter

Call to Order

Trying her best to impress District Governor Jim O'Grady, our illustrious President Pam called the meeting to order with great authority.

Pledge -Bonnie guided us through the pledge.

Moment of Silence - Again, Dana remains in our thoughts, still recovering from a nasty fall at home.

Thought for the Day

Our most recent past president Mark offered up the thought for the day, imploring us to visit other Rotary clubs in our county and elsewhere. You never know what little gems you'll find in what other clubs are doing and experiencing.

Guests

We welcomed again future member Kathy Miller Wells.

Fellowship

It was wonderful!! Fist bumps all around.

Happy Bucks / Detective

Detective Carlos had everyone in stitches presenting questions to the membership regarding our distinguished guest, District Governor Jim.

Marty couldn't remember Mrs. O'Grady's first name.

Jennifer botched the answer to how many times the DG was president of his home club. She started with "one" and then proceeded to "two" which happened to be the correct answer. She was also shamed for not displaying her name tag, a Class 1 felony if committed during the DG visit.

Dave S. knew how many kids Mr. and Mrs. O'Grady have.....3, plus one grand and another on the way.

David M. W. blew it on how many years Jim has been a Rotarian. He guessed 24. 17 was the correct answer.

John knew that off the top of his head. That's why John is such a good lawyer.

Denise C. guessed wrong, saying that Jim's favorite musical instrument was the guitar. Not even close. Accordion is the correct answer.

Lawyer Dennis didn't know that Jim's home club meets at the Petaluma Valley Golf and Countryclub.

Happy Bucks honors went to Faith (who was on leave from Superior Court jury duty. Judge Andy did the honorable thing and paid her fine.).

Deb W. was happy about her participation in the Hospice of Lake County grievance counseling for which she has been volunteering.

Mark was happy about son Gabe's participation in the mainland to Catalina Island swim later this month in southern California. Mark will be manning the rails of one of the escort boats.

David M.W. was happy about his and Natalie's recent vacation in Eureka.

Jennifer was happy that she screwed up Carlos' detective report and was thankful to Mark for hosting the very successful DG reception at Ripe Choice Farm the previous night.

The "Bell" Project

Pam reminded us that we still need to contribute \$\$\$ to help complete the project.

Announcements

Program

August 14, 2024

Written by Tom Lincoln, Cub Reporter

Call to Order

Her Highness, The Pamster, called the meeting order at 12:10.

Pledge

Greg led us in the pledge to our flag after which we were told to sit down.

Moment of Silence

Was held for our very own Dana who fell at home recently. We were also asked to keep Georgette in our thoughts. She is still recovering from a recent hospital stay.

Thought for the Day

The lovely and talented Faith, who lights up whatever room she enters, asked us to get out of our comfort zone from time to time and go out and do something special for someone. In other words, "Live Rotary."

Guests

We welcomed future member Kathy Miller Wells, Wilda Shock and Diane Plante Tompkins (later that day Diane became an official member of the club).

Fellowship

Was wonderful!

Happy Bucks/Detective

Detective Tom O'Rourke fined Art for sending him a viral email which, after making the rookie mistake of opening it, trashed his computer. Art got a big chuckle out of the whole thing, as did the rest of the membership. You would think the AAA had trained Tom better than that.

On to Happy Bucks:

\$10. Faith donated her cat which had its tail eaten to Diane.

\$100. Jeff W. is happy to be the proud new part owner of the Skylark Shores Resort. Looking forward someday to being 100% owner.

\$10. Diane is just tickled to have her new cat "Bob" in the house.j

\$20. Diane is happy to be the newest member of the club.

\$24. Dave S. just returned from an Alaskan cruise for 24 people, of which he was one. And someone else paid for it!

\$10. My darling Ruth bragged about her new "salt and pepper" kittens that someone tossed over our fence. California being a community property state, the kittens are unfortunately one-half mine.

\$10. Beth was happy that Lance spruced up her Aunt Linda's classic Geo Tracker and hung a "for sale" sign on it. It sold quickly.

\$10. Me....our daughter Amelia and family just moved to a new home in Carmichael. Ruth and I visited last weekend.

The "Bell": Project

Pam reminded us that we still need to contribute \$\$\$ to help complete the project.

Induction

Diane Plante Tompkins was duly inducted into the club by club President

Pam. Welcome aboard, Diane!!

Announcements

Sponsoring Survivorship Walk-a-thon will be held on October 5.

Pam shared thank you cards from two of our scholarship recipients, Oliver and Reilly.

Pam reminded us that District Governor Jim O'Grady will grace the club with his presence next week. There will be a pot luck shindig at Ripe Choice Farms on Tuesday, August 20, in his honor. Bring your dish and choice of beverage.

Dave S. shared that the club board of directors recently met and approved Pam's extravagant \$83,000 budget. She needs the money to help us celebrate the club's centennial anniversary next year.

Rotary After Dark will be held at the Westlake Clubhouse on August 28. It's Karaoke night!

Mark reminded everyone that the next 100 Bucks Strong gathering will be at my house on September 12 at 6 p.m. After we give away the \$\$\$, there will be an epic Corn Hole tournament. Laura got a big laugh out of that!

Sunshine

Beth shared all of the club landmark celebrations for the month.

Birthdays: Kelly B., Denise C., President Pam, Tom L. Deb W.

Club anniversaries: Matt B. 100 years; April 13 years; Tom O. 26 years.

Wedding anniversaries: Dennis 2 years; Laura 15 years.

Program

Our speaker was Filemon Lara-Lopez, who heads up Mendocino College's "Handshake" program. His program helps bring students and prospective employers together. He helps students build resumes and conduct job searches. Employers use his services as a recruiting platform. He helps employers build their brands, source qualified talent, nurture relationships and fill recruiting pipelines. More information can be found at careerhub@mendocino.edu.

Finley

I think Laura won the \$10. And I know I won the booze and bath salts. What a wonderful addition to go with our very expensive master bath remodel! Ruth can use the salts; I can use the vodka.

Adjourn

August 7, 2024

August 7, 2024

by Andy Blum

Welcome, Pledge, Thought of the Day

The Pamster opened.

Faith led the pledge.

Tom O. gave the Thought of the Day: "If you want to change the world, start by making your bed."

Apparently, big changes start with small steps.

Guests

Possible future member Cathy Wells attended.

As did Nicky from Thompson Tax Services.

We met Erik's boss Gabriella.

Detective/Happy Bucks

We met Lance's grandson.

Faith paid up for bicycling under the influence.

Greg and Carlos held a secret meeting outside Bruno's.

Dennis Darling caught Faith speeding.

Dave M-W's Prius gave up the ghost.

Art's daughter is 39, Art is somewhat older.

President Pam forgot to put up the Happy Bucks slide.

Announcements

Mark's Curfew Bell project is moving along ringingly. (A word I just coined.)

The city is powder coating the bell now.

Donations are coming in.

Faith will hold a fundraising committee meeting at the Westlake Village Clubhouse. Check with Faith for date and time.

Potluck with the District Governor at Ripe Choice August 20 at 5:30 p.m.

The DG will attend our August 21st meeting.

Belated fine to Judy for not introducing our speaker.

Speaker

Erin Holzhauer from "The Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Program" spoke to us. Since 1993, at Sea Biscuit's Ridgewood Ranch, this program has taught adaptive horsemanship to children and adults with disabilities. Certified horsemen teach horsemanship adapted to the individual's needs. They have helped well over 1000 individuals so far. They have 64 active students and a waiting list. The program is expected to expand to 90 or more students by the end of the year.

More Announcements

Go online to our website to donate a Christmas tree for Main Street.

Lake County Chamber of Commerce mixer with the new administrator on August 21st at 5:30 p.m. at Ripe Choice. Sign up at the chamber website.

Finley

I missed who won the Finley, but I'm sure it was a worthy individual!

July 31, 2024

by Andy Blum

Opening, Pledge, Thought for the Day, and Moment of Silence

The Pamster opened. Denise led the pledge.

Greg gave the Thought for the Day on **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **S**ervice and **E**xcellence.

In our Moment of Silence, we thought of Erik and his wife. Georgette's surgery has been postponed. Greg lost an old friend and colleague.

Guests

Many guests today. Denise (almost a guest) introduced us to Gena of Esther Formula USA.

Laura introduced Greg Folsom, the new interim administrator of the Chamber of Commerce.

Cathy and Bonnie are possible future Rotarians.

Announcements (Part One)

April is conducting a member survey. If you haven't filled it out, do it. If you haven't seen it, check your Spam. She is also updating our DACDB information. So, make sure yours is up-to-date.

Sunshine

Birthdays in July - Gary, Colleen, Dana, Alex, Art and Jerry.

Club Anniversaries - Brock, Natasha, Art and Marie.

Wedding Anniversaries - Giovanni, Beth, David S. Art and Judy.
(This was a big month for Art.)

Detective/Happy Bucks

Tom O. called on Mark when his phone went off.

David S. returned last night from Montana.

Judy had a great trip to Kentucky

Erik and his brother saved their mom's Oregon house (It's available for purchase.)

Kelly and her daughter picked out a wedding dressing Arizona.

Carlos' shipping revenues increased after the debunking.

Pam loves to party.

Announcements (Part Two)

Pam announced club team meetings, fund-raising team meetings and budget meetings. And check the new club lists. Apparently, Pam has overhauled the whole system!

Speaker

Debra Livingston spoke about her recent African Safari. For 2 1/2 weeks, she trekked through Africa with Overseas Venture Travel. Amazing stories about the wildlife, the villages, the schools and the challenges faced in Zimbabwe. These include high unemployment, inflation and an AIDS epidemic.

The club will look into projects we can do in Africa. (It has been awhile since we've done something internationally.)

Announcements (Part Three)

Art awarded Marty his Paul Harris plus 4 pin. (Well done Marty!)

The Paul Harris Wine Auction will be held in October.

Marie is running Christmas Trees on Main Street again this year. A hundred bucks will sponsor a tree you can decorate yourself or donate to a classroom to decorate. Check the website or ask Marie for details.

Finley

Laura took the cash. Gena (a guest) walked off with the coveted Rotary wine cooler glass.

Announcements (Part Four)

Carlos explained the Community Rewards Program at Bruno's. Sign up and Bruno's donates 1% of your purchase to the club. Donations so far total over \$22,000! Next time you're at Bruno's, ask them about it.

Closing

Having finally run out of announcements, Pam adjourned the meeting.

July 17, 2024

Welcome, Pledge and Thought of the Day

President Pam opened with two bells.

Laura led the pledge.

Laura took a moment to remember long-time member Don Lange. (He will be missed.)

Guests

Denise introduced potential member Gloria? Powers (not sure if I heard her first name right).

Stephanie visited from the Clearlake club.

Wilda Shock and Diane Plant were with us.

Shannon DelGado of the Hickory Avenue crew joined us as well.

Moment of Silence

We remembered Junior Fernandez who passed suddenly.

Georgeanne will have open-heart surgery on Tuesday.

Erik's friend Lance and Lance's daughter passed away.

Detective/Happy Bucks

Tom O'Rourke fined "detective-in-training" Denise.

Tom O is happy his wife Barbara is coming back from Denmark to take care of their chickens. No word on how Barbara feels about it.

Laura thanked Lance for dumpster diving for lost keys. (The man has skills!)

April brought a busload of kids to visit the Kelseyville Fire Department.

Dave MW is happy Denise's husband is cleaning his church's sidewalks.

John reminisced with Sly Stone's keyboardist.

Greg is teaching fire safety to the Highway Patrol.

Curfew Bell

The benches have arrived. Meanwhile, Mark and Wilda are attempting to raise \$8,000 for the project. Apparently, the city didn't come through with the money. Wilda began it with a \$500 donation.

Contributions can be made online at:

<https://www.zeffy.com/fundraising/9d30474a-4961-41a9-93c5-62ff180ef7b9>.

Speaker

Elizabeth Larson, the well-known co-owner of the Lake County News, spoke about the effort to restore the Kelsey Creek Schoolhouse. Built in 1871, it is the last remaining one-room schoolhouse in Lake County. It's located at 3505 Finley West. Last used as a school in 1920, it has since served as a community and wedding center. The roof and windows have been restored, and lead removal is ongoing. Much work remains to be done and if you wish to contribute, go to the Lucerne Area Revitalization Association website at: <http://lucerneara.org>.

Announcements

No lunch meeting or Rotary After Dark next week.

Debunking July 27 at 6:00p.m. Apparently, Mark will not be pushed from an airplane.

Please sign the sign-up sheet when you attend lunch meetings. That's how the number of lunches served is tracked.

Mark will be our volunteer greeter on July 31.

Bruno's shoppers earned \$816. 04 for the club.

Finley

Denise won 10 bucks and an old basket.

Yours truly won Faith's bagels. Thank you Faith!

test

Hello

July 10, 2024

By Andy Blum

Welcome, Pledge, Moment of Reflection

Our new President Pam, opened at our new location, Lake Event. The member previously known as Jennifer led the pledge. Dave M-W reflected on the 4-way test. We will keep Gary and Georgette in our thoughts as they confront medical challenges.

Past President Mark presented me with a beer cozy for writing the Rotogram. Some members felt I was overpaid.

Guests

Jennifer (what's her name?) introduced Shannon as "Jenny." Shannon handles finances for the City of Lakeport. Through Laura, we met Ron, the new general manager of the Skylark. And Bonnie is a soon-to-be corporate club member.

Detective

Tom O. charged Janice for her ringing phone.
Jennifer, Lance and Marty paid up for not wearing their name tags. Leaving us uncertain as to their identity.
Dana had a birthday.
April praised Mark for his efforts on the Blue Zones project.
Laura's new job made the papers.
Natalie M-W bought a tricked-out tricycle. Dave can't keep up with her.
I was happy hell froze over, and we broke ground on the new courthouse.
Faith offered \$5 for progress towards her degree.
Toastmaster Greg is presenting at their next convention. (Starving college student Faith helpfully suggested Greg pay \$100.)

Beth's been married to Jeff for 17 years. Quite an accomplishment!
Cattle rancher Jennifer shows up at public events covered in dirt and manure. (No wonder she stopped using her real name.)
Tom L. is happy it's not his month to write the Rotogram.
Dave S. had no luck collecting an autograph and left his gift from Pam on the table.

(That's a lot of fines and happy bucks! Marty must be raking it in.)

Program

New President Pam passed out wands and spoke about "The Magic of Rotary." A few members tried smoking their wands while Tom L. used his as a straw for his drink. Marie used it to shoot spit wads.
On a more serious note, Rotary's impact is felt throughout the community and throughout the world.

Pam introduced her new Board of Directors. Looked like about half of the club. She then described changes to the club's committee structure. Apparently, April and Faith are running everything.

Announcements

No Rotary After Dark in July, instead debunking on July 27th. Details to follow.

Memorial for Don Lange Saturday the 13th at 4:00 p.m. at Medina's Watering Hole, 3272 Scott's Valley Road.

District Governor Jim O'Grady will be in town August 20 -21. Evening reception August 20 at Ripe Choice.

Finley

Brock won the cash.

Laura won an unknown gift. I'm sure she loved it.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

To a standing ovation, Alex Nunez became a Paul Harris Fellow. The Club's Foundation Chair, whose name escapes me, awarded her a certificate and Paul Harris Pin. She was sponsored by an anonymous member of our Club because of her dedication to all things Rotary.

Pam and Faith announced that we had sold 141 meals for the Crab Feed. It is almost sold out.

Our meeting on February 14th will be a "Love Fest."

May 31, 2023

By Andrew Blum on Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Welcome, Invocation and Pledge

Laura opened the meeting. Greg led the invocation in which he remembered Marie's father, who recently passed away and Pam's mother, who is not doing well.

Soon to be member Eric V. led the pledge.

Visitors and Guests

Denise and Ruth brought their husbands. Bela brought her dad Sid. Pam introduced to members of the Kelseyville Sunrise Rotary.

Sunshine

No sunshine report. But Marty and Jeff celebrated birthdays.

Detective

Pam had those who helped out at the Pancake Breakfast pass on fines to those of us who didn't.

Mark paid for standing up Lance at the Top 40 program. He blamed poor communications.

Dave M-W enjoyed listening to Lance and his son at the barbers.

Gary "Mr. Lake County" was fined for the up-coming event and for riding his side-by-side to O'Meara's.

Announcements

Kelseyville Sunrise is holding it's annual Poker Run this Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m. Participants start at Chasewater and proceed around downtown Kelseyville visiting retailers and trying to win prizes. They are looking for a few volunteers, dinner from Ripe Choice included.

The new slate of officers for the new fiscal year was read. Mark L. - President, Pam - President Elect, Gary- President Nominee, Marty - Treasurer, Dave S -Secretary. I didn't catch the names of the new Directors but, trust me, they are an outstanding group!

Speaker

Bela's dad Sid is a safari guide in Africa operating "Exclusive Touch Africa." He gave quite a presentation on the many gorgeous places you can visit. He's been leading safaris since 1991 through South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia and Rwanda to see the wildlife and spectacular scenery. His slideshow presentation depicted first-class accommodations. You won't be in a pup-tent surrounded by lions. January through March are good for seeing baby animals. November is good for seeing large numbers of animals. He recommends two weeks in-country for a full experience. I think Judy and Art are already making reservations.

Announcements (continued)

We all said goodbye to Bela. It's been great having her here! Laura steps down as President in one month. In the meantime, she still loves us.

May 10, 2023

By Andrew Blum on Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Rotary Club of Lakeport

Rotogram

Meeting of May 10, 2023

Reporter: Tom Lincoln

The Beginning

President Laura called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

The Pledge

The Honorable Andy Blum led the salute to our flag.

Invocation

Pastor Greg offered the invocation with the flair of a grand Toastmaster.

Guests/Visiting Rotarians

Sausalito Rotarian Gary Furber was visiting along with friend Gerry who was also past Commodore of the Sausalito Yacht Club. Credit union tycoon Jacob was in attendance as was recently hired Lakeport Fire Chief Patrick Reitz and his wife Christina.

Sunshine

Past president Bruce regaled us with a rundown of Rotary International's battle to eliminate polio from the earth. In the last 90 days there has only been one new case, and that was in Pakistan.

Bruce recognized April (birthday 4/24) Mark "the Lipp" (birthday 5/6);

Ender's wife (birthday 5/9); it was also Ender's 10th anniversary in the club with 35 years of total Rotary service. Congratulations Enders!

Wedding anniversaries for Gary (14 years); Pam (25 years); Tom O'Rourke (33 years).

Bruce then recognized our club's Paul Harris Fellows:

Major Donors (\$10,000 +): Dave Herrick; Kenny Parlet; Jeff Warrenburg; Jennifer Strong

Bequest Members: Jeff; Jennifer; Cam Reeves

Finally! Bruce shared his joke of the day. Very funny!

Detective

Pam called on volunteers to share what they thought was best about the previous week's District Conference. Needless to say, everyone gushed about Governor Jennifer's flawless performance, the beauty of Konocti Harbor, the captivating speakers, the delicious food, the exceptional Friday excursions. Jennifer received kudos for everything, including making sure the trains ran on schedule. Those commenting were April, Pam, Enders, Art, me, Ruth, Alex, Kelly B., Beth, Laura, Greg. Mostly everyone in the club!

Program

Leah Sautelet with the Lake County Office of Emergency Services (OES) gave us a rundown on the department and its importance to the health and safety of county residents. It is the lead agency in response to natural and man-made disasters and other unexpected crises that come along from time to time. Sheriff Howe is the agency director, assisted by Gavin Wells, deputy director. The agency is responsible for mitigation, preparation, response and planning in order to address the needs of county residents when disaster strikes. The agency coordinates responses through its emergency operations center and relies on resources provided by the state OES as well as FEMA. It partners with other government agencies, private enterprise and individual citizens in meeting the many challenges that arise during a crisis. Leah asked everyone to make sure they are aware of which emergency zone you are located in. To find out you can go to (community.zonehaven.com).).

Announcements

Pam is selling tickets to the Kiwanis Memorial Day pancake breakfast. April is selling candy bars. Giovani thanked everyone for helping him earn the 2023 Small School District Association's California Superintendent of the Year. Congratulations Giovani! Lance reminded us of the two Top 40 events

coming up. Upper Lake High is May 23 and Clear Lake High is May 24. Our fire chief shared that it is National Correction Officers Week.

Rotary After Dark will be held at the home of Ruth and Tom Lincoln on May 24, starting at 5:30 p.m. Appetizers, wine and other beverages will be served. Their address is 2652 Hill Road East, Lakeport. For those who get lost, Tom can be reached at 707-349-3210.

Finally, Enders announced that he is going to Norway for three to four months. He wanted everyone to know what a wonderful president Laura has been as he will not be able to attend her debunking.

Adjourn

Laura urged us to live life through Rotary!

May 3, 2023

By Andrew Blum on Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Rotary Club of Lakeport

Rotogram

Meeting of May 3, 2023

Reporter: Tom Lincoln

The Beginning

President Laura called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

The Pledge

Pam led us in the pledge to our flag.

Invocation

Pastor Greg offered the invocation and asked for special thoughts and best wishes to Jennifer Strong for the upcoming District 5130 Conference at Konocti Harbor Resort. Since I am writing this Rotogram post-conference, we all know now that Pastor Greg's request came to be, as the conference was a splendid success.

Guests

Eric from Sequoia Senior Solutions was with us again as was Jacob from the newest credit union in the county. Sweet Ornella from France graced our presence again. Ornella was our Rotary Exchange Student back in the day. I remember taking her to the Santa Cruz boardwalk where we rode several rides, including the big roller coaster. She loved it; I was terrified. Being a licensed pilot, I dislike being trapped in something over which I have no control! And lastly, District Governor Jennifer was introduced as a guest, recognizing that she has had less than perfect attendance since she left us to the circus.

Program

Laura opted to go straight to the program. Marie introduced Barbara and Francis McChesney. Barbara heads up the district's environmental committee which is engaged in a number of initiatives. The focus of her presentation was on the ongoing threat to the environment from plastic, particularly single-use plastic, such as bottles and bags that find their way into oceans and other ecosystems frequently to be ingested by fish and animals. Rotary is also very active in a coral reef project (go to icriforum.org) that is engaged in protecting and restoring coral reefs around the world. There is also the Climate Action Team Network involving over 900 clubs in 92 countries.

She asked us to take up the District 5130 environmental challenge that calls

for clubs to embrace various environmental initiatives through:

- Action
- Education & Awareness
- Changing habits
- Connecting Internationally

Announcements

They all centered around the district conference that is now history. Back to normal this week!!

Adjourn

Laura urged us to live life through Rotary!

Rotogram April 12, 2023

By Andrew Blum on Friday, April 14, 2023

Welcome, Invocation and Pledge

Laura opened the meeting with two bells.

Greg led the invocation expressing thanks for Spring weather.

Gary led the pledge. His wife Lacey led him.

Visitors and Guests

Far too many to name. O'Meara's was packed!

Announcements

Members decided they like the separate table set-up.

In case you haven't heard, there's a District Conference coming up soon.

Please register and sign up for an excursion. Registration deadline is April 27th. Register at: <https://www.rotary5130.org/rotary-rocks-the-lake/>.

Jennifer is looking for volunteers for a packing party for Tango Mike; Meals-on-Wheels and landscaping at the Resort.

Sunshine

John had another birthday. Colleen and Mark L. had club anniversaries.

Interesting facts: There are over 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide, with over 3500 clubs in 200 countries.

Pocket change left at airport security checkpoints in the U.S. added up to \$1.5 million in 2020.

Detective

Mark L. drove the wrong way at the Board meeting. I picked up the tab.

Jerry paid for Jennifer's "boulder on boulder" landscaping design.

Several members (even Laura) forgot to wear pins.

Dave bragged about the clearly laid out Board meetings.

Faith is in an on-line MBA program.

Greg thank everyone for pitching in for the Easter egg hunt.

Speaker

Anna, Holly and Lisa, from the Lake County Office of Education, spoke about the "Healthy Start and Family Services Program." The program is focused on getting homeless and unaccompanied young people back into school and making sure they have what they need to succeed. These kids do not have stable homes and often are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. The program works with all school districts in the county. A high percentage of homeless kids drop out of school.

Healthy Start gets the kids whatever documents (birth certificates, etc.)

they need to get enrolled; conducts summer youth programs, and assists with transition to higher education and trade schools. They also work with foster youth. Good work being done by good people!

Further Announcements

Marie returned Beth's tablecloth.

The Passion Play is coming up in late May. Marie is working on a Rotary delegation for the event.

Rotary After Dark on April 26. It might be at Konocti Harbor Resort and may involve moving furniture.

Closing

Laura's reign as President is coming to a close. After almost two years at the helm, she still loves us. (The feeling is mutual Laura!)

Joke: Egyptian crocodiles aren't worried about climate change because they are in "DeNile."

April 5, 2023

By Andrew Blum on Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Welcome, Invocation and Pledge

Future President Mark opened the meeting; then had us all waive our arms. Dave led the invocation.

Art and Andy fought over leading the pledge. Art won out due to his height advantage.

Visitors and Guests

Too many to name. Exchange student Bela was present, as were possible future members.

Announcements (first set)

Pam praised Dennis for being outstanding with RYLA kids. Faith is the incoming Rotoract chair.

Debunking sometime in late June or early July. In light of Laura's talents, we'll try for the Soper Reese.

Jennifer discussed the District Conference coming up from May 4th through 7th at Konoctic Harbor Resort. This will be the reopening of the resort after 15 years! There is an action-packed schedule of events including luaus, guided excursions, lip-sync competitions, keynote speakers and much more. For registration and a schedule of events, check out the website at: <https://www.rotary5130.org/rotary-rocks-the-lake/>

Sunshine

Beth fined herself for forgetting her list. John's birthday is on the 10th.

Detective

Lance fined Gary for doing a "tuck and roll" off of his truck. He suffered back and neck injuries and is facing multiple surgeries. Our thoughts are with you Gary.

Bela told us the heartbreaking story of how she learned there is no Easter Bunny. (Lance is still a believer, so don't tell him.) It seems hyenas ate the chocolate Easter bunnies and she saw her dad replacing them. I'm sure many of us learned the same way; hyenas are always causing problems.

Lance claimed credit for the good weather since he wore shorts.

Mark was fined for his "Presidential" haircut.

Andy (yours truly) was fined for kicking Ruth out of her seat. Actually, I begged her to stay but she chose Tom over me. (I predict Tom will be serving a lot of jury duty soon.)

Jeff was fined for eating three desserts. Some of us went without.

Jennifer and Dave took fines for each other for their efforts during the District Assembly.

Lance fined Faith for not showing up for her detective duties.

Speaker

Dennis introduced Greg Damron, the Policy Lead for the Blue Zones Project for Lake County. The project focuses on reducing tobacco usage in the county. Evidently, Lake County has the highest tobacco usage in California. Approximately 25% of Lake County adults use tobacco compared to the state-wide average of 10%. The estimate for Lake County juveniles vaping is very high (I think he said 86%!). Tobacco users and those exposed to secondhand smoke have a much higher chance of dying from cancer or heart disease. Blue Zones tries to make it easier to make healthy choices. The Board of Supervisors is considering enacting ordinances to establish more smoke-free places.

Announcements (second set)

Friday Easter egg dyeing at Clearlake Read-Mix this Friday from 6-8 p.m. Don't miss it, it's always great time!

Sunday Easter Egg hunt from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Going Away/Graduation party for Bela May 28th at 2p.m. at Mrie's place.

Closing

Mark loves us too!

March 1, 2023

By Andrew Blum on Wednesday, March 1, 2023

March 1, 2023

Welcome, Invocation and Pledge

Laura opened the meeting with two bells.

Greg led the invocation. No one had any thoughts or concerns.

Judy led the pledge while Laura dragged Old Glory front and center.

Visitors and Guests

Three guests speakers from the Red Cross (see below).

Sunshine

Beth came well-prepared as usual. Marie fessed-up to getting a year older. No new cases of polio in Afghanistan or Pakistan in the last year! The club received over \$1,700.00 from Bruno's. Keep on shopping!

Detective

Dave fined all the missing detectives. While the rest of us were buried in snow, Jerry got a suntan in Hawaii. Kelly paid for her power **not** going out. On seeing snow for the first time, Zimbabwe exchange student Bella ran barefoot through it.

Congrats to Beth who is scheduled to become a grandmother this Sunday! (No one could believe she's old enough to be anyone's grandmother. Apparently she had Heather when she was 12.)

Speakers

Dennis introduced three speakers who work with the American Red Cross. Nick Widmar, Gabrielle Perez and Pastor Shannon of Galilee Lutheran Church spoke about the Red Cross' "Community Adaptation Program." This is not the "Blood and Flood" Red Cross; instead this program focuses on "Health, Hunger and Housing." There is a 6.8 million housing unit gap in this country which makes it particularly difficult when weather disasters strike. The program works with local organizations to transform how communities cope with disasters.

One goal is to increase the number of families who can stay in their homes during disasters. (Not everyone can use Jerry's technique of laying on a Hawaiian beach while a blizzard hits Lake County.) There will be a "Neighbor Fest" on April 15th at Galilee Lutheran Church in Kelseyville. The idea is to create more resilient partners before disasters strike.

Announcements

March 31, Rotary night at the Soper-Reese at 7:00 p.m. Our own Laura is starring in the production of "Fish Wrap." The evening starts at Wine in the Willows at 5:30.

Daylight savings time starts on March 12.

Rotary After Dark will be at Wine in the Willows March 22 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Closing

What a week! Everyone (except Jerry) struggled through the storms.

February 1, 2023

By Andrew Blum on Thursday, February 2, 2023

Opening

Laura opened with two bells.

Greg led the invocation. No one had any concerns. (It's sweet to be a Rotarian.)

Cam led the pledge.

Guests

Laura introduced Alex Nunez as a guest for the last time and speaker Jolene

Treadway.

New Member

Alex became a Rotarian in an emotional initiation. Tears were shed. Welcome aboard Alex!

Sunshine

With no birthdays or anniversaries, Bruce regaled us with fascinating information. Did you know that Abraham Lincoln was the first U.S. President with a beard and Warren Harding was the first President to address a group of Rotarians? By the way, what do you call a group of Rotarians? (A Flamboyance? An Exaltation? A Gaggle?)

Bruce then told a joke about one hunter shooting another. Oh, the humanity!

Detective

With little to work with, Dave M-W fined Pam for truck hauling. Pam seemed as confused as the rest of us, but in the spirit of Rotary passed the fine onto new member Alex.

Laura was fined for buying wine but passed the fine back to Detective Dave. (Let future detectives take warning.)

April has been so overwhelmed with twin grandchildren that she has taken to wearing slippers in public. And not only at Walmart.

Jennifer harassed Mark L. as he lay in the hospital recovering from surgery. On the plus side, Mark was quieter than usual! Seizing the opportunity, Faith also took advantage of Mark (I forget how). The fine was passed onto seldom fined Dave H. Perhaps Dave can pass his fine avoidance techniques onto Jennifer.

Everyone who didn't help lay sod this Saturday at Westside Park and didn't have a good excuse paid up.

Announcements

Pancake breakfast on the Saturday before Memorial Day. In case you hadn't heard, there's a crab feed coming up. Still looking for auction items. There are a few meals still available for purchase but 115 have been sold.

Speaker

Dennis introduced Jolene Treadway to speak about Tule House. Tule House is a peri-natal residential treatment facility in Upper Lake. Jolene, a Clearlake High grad, is an advocate for mental health services. Tule House provides 15 beds for women and children and will soon expand to 30 beds. All women leave the program with a plan for outpatient treatment and for housing.

Jolene is the Clinical Director of Client Services with the Redwood Community Services Inc. RCS runs 29 facilities in Northern California. Apparently, RCS has its own construction company which builds their facilities. (As a judge who has been trying to get a new courthouse built for 15 years, I am extremely jealous! Perhaps RCS should run the court system as well.)

It was an excellent presentation by someone doing great work for Lake County. Thank you Jolene!

Closing

Laura closed the meeting asking us all to show the community what it means to be a Rotarian.

November 30, 2022

By Andrew Blum on Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Welcome, Invocation and Pledge

President Laura opened the meeting. We all sat at one big table. It felt like Thanksgiving dinner with the family.
Greg led the invocation and wished blessings for Pam's mother who's health is not good.
In his triumphant return, Anders led the pledge.

Visitors and Guests

Brian Fisher, the proprietor of Suite on Main, visited. See speaker below.

Sunshine

Beth brought the sunshine. It is Nanette's 30th club anniversary.
Lance is celebrating his 20th wedding anniversary.

John told two jokes. One about "Rudolf the Red knows rain, dear." The other taught us the folly of trying to circumcise a bear.

Detective

Pam filled in for Lance. She fined all of us who enjoyed Thanksgiving turkey and cranberry sauce but didn't help cook. (Myself included.)

Speaker

Brian Fisher is the proprietor of Suite on Main in Kelseyville and spoke to us as the Executive Director of "Visit Lake County." Visit Lake County is a tourism marketing organization funded through the Tourism Improvement District. To create the district, hospitality businesses agreed to self-assess a percentage of their revenues. Visit Lake County markets the Lake County brand through a website, emails, billboards and other social media. Most Lake County visitors come from Sacramento or from the Bay Area and arrive by car. They have done a lot on a small budget. Their website now has over 80,000 users per year. Brian hopes to renew the organization for another ten years. They use the slogan that Lake County is "Clearly Different."

Announcements

Pearl Harbor memorial ceremony will take place at the memorial mast in Library Park on December 7th. (Sorry, I didn't catch time. (Check with Greg) Turns out that the mast is an official navy vessel.

The Lakeport Blizzard will be held on the 1st, 8th and 15th of December from 6:00 to 6:30 pm. Complete with lights, music and snow at Library Park.

Pajama Movies at the Soper Reese on the 7th, 14th and 21st from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The movies are free!

Laura's divas meet at Fults Family Vineyards tomorrow.

After the lunch meeting next Wednesday, there will be a Christmas gift wrapping party at O'Meara's. Bring your old wrapping paper and tape. Dave hinted O'Meara's might provide beverages.

December 14th will be our official District Governor's visit! Board of Director's meeting at O'Meara's at 10:30 am. Lunch meeting at the usual time. Holiday gathering at 6:00 pm at Lake Event Design. Come support our District Governor.

Closing

Laura closed the meeting with the observation that we are a "small and mighty group. Buy your Christmas gifts locally.

Rotogram November 9, 2022

By Andrew Blum on Monday, November 14, 2022

Welcome, Invocation and Pledge

President Laura opened the meeting. Greg led the invocation. Fire Chief Patrick Reitz led the pledge.

Visitors and Guests

Christina Reitz introduced herself. She and Patrick are Rotarians from the Idyllwild club. Patrick is a past club president. Interactors Jalen, Jasmine and Brianna gave a summary of events at Clearlake High School. The football and volleyball teams have done well!

Sunshine

Dave brought a little sunshine. Ruth and Tom Lincoln are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary.

Dave told a joke about Lucerne trying to be Nice.

Detective

Faith filled in for Lance. She fined Mark L. for getting a new truck. Jeff paid up for a trip to Hawaii.

Brock went to Arcata to watch the high school soccer championship.

Speaker

Ginny Craven, the founder of Operation Tango Mike presented. Operation Tango Mike sends care packages to soldiers serving overseas. It's an all-volunteer effort operating since 2003. They provide care packages for any soldier, whether from Lake County or not, because "they all belong to all of us." They ship out 80 to 120 boxes each month to 12 different countries.

Umpqua bank has let Operation Tango Mike use bank facilities at no cost for the past 14 years. "Tango Mike" means "thanks much. Packing parties take place at 6:00 p.m at Umpqua Bank in Lakeport on the third Thursday of each month. Volunteers are welcome, no notice required. Donations are always welcome. Check their website at operationtangomike.org for further information.

Announcements

Crab Feed on February 18. Alex Nunez is a prospective new member. Beth announced the 4th annual "Festival of Trees" on December 3rd sponsored by Hospice.

On December 14th, we will be visited by our esteemed District Governor!

Closing

Laura closed the meeting with words of inspiration.

November 2. 2022

By Andrew Blum on Thursday, November 3, 2022

Welcome, Invocation and Pledge

Laura opened the meeting with two bells.

Before leading the invocation, Greg asked if we can "DIG IT."

Marie led us in the pledge.

Visitors and Guests

Jeff introduced us to the new Fire Chief, Patrick Reitz. Welcome, Chief! Alex Nunez of Nala's Cleaning Expertise joined us and has applied for membership!

Dave introduced us to Randy Knolles a software expert.

Sunshine

Dave Schwenger brought the sunshine.

Beth's birthday is on the third. Happy Birthday Beth! She and Jeff (Havrilla not Warrenburg) are headed to Half Moon Bay to celebrate.

Faith and Denise had birthdays/anniversaries but were AWOL.

Dave had no joke to tell (thank you Dave). Laura told one about a dog, but

I missed it. I'm sure it was hilarious!

Detective

No detective appeared, so Laura fined everyone not wearing a Rotary pin. Too many to name. Pam and Judy received accolades for having the courage to sit up front with Laura. They passed fines on to backbenchers Beth and Mark. Marty and Dave M-W paid up for borrowing Rotary club equipment. Dave claims he returned what he borrowed; Marty plans to at some point.

Speaker

Marie introduced JoAnn Saccato who is the Community Engagement Coordinator for "Upstream Solutions for Greater Community Health and Prosperity" for Lake and Mendocino Counties. (How's that for a title!) She's operating on the second year of a 5-year grant to involve local communities in "looking upstream" to fix health problems at their source. As we have heard, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Actually it turns out that \$1 of prevention is worth \$5.60 of intervention.

The "U.S. Health Disadvantage" (as it is known) largely stems from Americans' lack of physical exercise, poor diets and tobacco use. Vaping is introducing young people to tobacco use, which can be highly addictive. Joann is engaging businesses and local governments to improve community conditions which are responsible for 80-90% of health outcomes. These improvements would include creating green spaces, providing healthy activities and diets, etc. Great presentation JoAnn!

Announcements

Marie urged us to adopt Christmas trees to decorate for the annual Main St. Christmas program. Trees are \$100 each. On the 16th, Dave M-W will bring us gift tags for "Christmas for Kids" again this year. Laura explained that the Christmas gift basket will not return. The powers that be have decided to stick with just issuing gifts cards. (It's too bad, I loved that event. The camaraderie and the incredible organization skills of the club made it a lot of fun.)

Closing

Like all good things, the meeting came to an end.

Rotogram July 6, 2022

By Andrew Blum on Wednesday, July 6, 2022

ROTOGRAM 7/6/2022

PRE-MEETING: Huge turn out to install the new District Governor!

Meeting called to order by Prez Laura with a shout-out to our tech team. Greg led the invocation. Jennifer led the pledge.

GUESTS: Too many to count. Several past District Governors were in attendance, including our own Cam Reeves. VIPs from as far away as Arcata and Kelseyville. Great to see O'Meara's packed.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Beth

Yankee Doodle Dandies Dana and Gary were born on the Fourth of July! Steve and Elizabeth had their 22nd wedding anniversary, while Elizabeth had her 29th club anniversary. They met at Rotary and the rest is history. Wayne has been with the club one year, this time around.

Jokes: Bruce told a Walmart joke, something about trying on a shirt. Laura retold her Swiss flag joke from last week ("it's a big plus"). Same response as last week.

DETECTIVE: PAM

Pam fined everyone who missed the fireworks and couldn't sing the National Anthem. No fine for singing off-key.

Mark B. and Jennifer celebrated the forming of new Rotary clubs by our past youth exchange participants, including a new club in France. So Lakeport Rotary's reach spans the globe.

The Pearl Harbor Mast was made ship-shape.

Mark L. is still trying to get home from the Lakeport fireworks show; he blamed Marie.

April spotted a fire while working on the Mt. Konocti fire tower (Is there anything Rotarians don't do?).

THE MAIN EVENT: INSTALLATION OF THE NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND THE BANNER CEREMONY

For the second time in Lakeport Rotary history, we are the home club of the District Governor! Outgoing DG Dustin Littlefield began the festivities and presented the DG banner which will reside in Lakeport for the year. He introduced Jennifer (who needs no introduction) and pinned the DG pin on her. After a well-deserved standing ovation, Jennifer thanked everyone for their support and referred to all Rotarians as superheroes. She asked for everyone's help for the coming year and informed us that we are all now on the District Conference Committee. The conference will take place at the Konocti Harbor Resort from May 4 to 7, 2023.

A proud moment for Jennifer and the club!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Taste of Lakeport will be held on August 20. Details are available at the Lakeport Main Street Association's website (lakeportmainstreet.com).

The final Konocti Challenge will be held on the first weekend in October. The next "Rotary After Dark" will take place on July 27th at Ripe Choice Farms.

Laura announced that she loves and cherishes us all. Back at you Laura!

Rotogram July 20, 2022

By Andrew Blum on Wednesday, July 20, 2022

Welcome, Invocation and Pledge

President Laura hobbled to the podium and opened the meeting. David M-W led the invocation. Ruth led the pledge.

Visitors - All members except the guest speakers - see below.

Sunshine: Beth

The "triplets" Art and Jerry, celebrated their birthday, though Art pointed out that Jerry is much older.

Judy and Art are celebrating their 6th wedding anniversary.

Marie has been in the club one year.

Joke: Bruce

A doctor was out fishing when he got called to deliver a baby. After the delivery, the doctor's fishing scale revealed the baby weighed 22 pounds and 10 ounces. Either you can't trust the scale or that was a really big baby!

Detective: David M-W

Pam enjoyed "non-makeup" day.

Mark B. is performing tonight at the Skylark at 6:00 p.m. before a crowd of 10,000.

Jeff paid up for using Skylark pens for the sign-in sheet.

Jennifer has visited 4 clubs in the district so far and has 43 more to go. She is having "tons of fun" staying at Rotarians' homes.

Beth avoided Covid; her daughter and son-in-law did not.

April explored San Francisco with her grand twins.

Jennifer bragged on Lake Event Design for catering back-to-back events for her.

John L noted his daughter's birthday and the anniversary of Bruce Lee's death.

Laura's daughter turned 21 and ordered an adult beverage. In shock, Laura slipped and fell in her "hippie bus."

Natalie and David's daughter turned 31, but they stayed on their feet.

Speakers

Chris Rivera and Jim Adams spoke on behalf of the Forest Fire Lookout Association. Chris is a retired Lake County Sheriff's sergeant who many of us know. Jim was an engineer at San Quentin prison. Both are working to preserve the Konocti Fire Lookout. The lookout, which was built in the 1930s, is in bad shape and has been shutdown since 2018. Chris is the Pacific Regional director of the association and has lobbied for funding for the project. Jim trains volunteers who serve as fire lookouts. Right now they can't use the lookout so they "look out" from the mountain top. Both stressed the importance of restoring the lookout to the people of Lake County. Satellites and fires aren't as reliable as human lookouts. So far, their volunteers have made 5 first reports of fires this year. They are always looking for more volunteer lookouts.

Announcements

The quarterly check from Bruno's came in for \$1280.88. Rotary receives a percentage of the purchases made by Rotarians at Bruno's. So, if you shop there, be sure to sign up.

Rotary received \$4,354 from the beer booth at the Monster Truck Rally. So thanks to all who helped out.

Due to health concerns, Wane Yost has stepped down from Rotary. We wish you well Wayne.

Laura says we are all connected and she holds us all in her heart. Nice thoughts Laura.

Rotogram

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Rotogram July 13, 2022

By Andrew Blum on Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Welcome, Invocation and Pledge

President Laura called us to order. Greg led the invocation. Duane led the pledge. Then we socialized.

Visitors

If there were any visitors, I missed it.

Sunshine - Dave S.

Judy and Bruce had birthdays. Colleen turned 29 again.
Art and Brock had club anniversaries.
Beth, Giovanni, Dave S. and Art are all celebrating wedding anniversaries.
Since Art is celebrating, I'm guessing Judy is too. But maybe she's not celebrating?

Jokes - Bruce


Bruce told a joke about a guy tasting something dripping from a basket of puppies. Some members found the joke distasteful.

Detective - Pam

Dave S. and John were called out for not calling out. (Good afternoon Lakeport Rotary!)
Dave and Natalie paid up for their trip to Scotland. Natalie tricked Dave into vegetarianism.
Laura can't tell the difference between Scotch and Irish.
Dennis had an adventure with an inflatable on Main Street.
Bruce apparently hasn't "liked" Marie's Facebook postings.

Jokes - Part Two

Someone told a joke (John?) about a pirate using his new hook to wipe a seagull's droppings from his eye.



Pam wants to see news broadcasters' pants on fire. (Liar, liar!)
Greg said shellfish are selfish.

Announcements

Greg said the rodeo was a great success and thanked Rotarians for running the beer booth.

Rotarians also ran the beer booth for the Monster truck rally.

Apparently rodeos and truck rallies are better with beer.

Guest Speaker - Gabe Strong

Laura introduced Gabe as a "boomerang." (A Lake County native who has returned.)