

President Judy Martin

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## **THIS WEEK**

Our club's next regular meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 18, 2024**, at 12:15 pm in the Sequoia Room at *North Coast Brewing Company* with a program on the *Sea Star Kids Foundation* by **Leslie Kashwada**.

## **LAST WEEK IN ROTARY 4-11-24**

by Kathy Holmes

**President Judy Martin** tapped the Roto bell, welcomed those present, called the meeting to order, and asked everyone to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. After **Richard Neils** led the group in the singing of America, **President Judy** offered these inspirational quotes.

**"A garden returns 50x the investment you put into it. Not just food, but joy, peace, and a real connection with creation. A spiritual retreat from a noisy world and hurried people. Grow a garden!"**

**"The day you take complete responsibility for yourself, the day you stop making excuses, that's the day you start your move to the top." - O. J. Simpson**



**Guests:** President Judy brought her youngest daughter **Chloé** to join our club for lunch today at *Veterans Hall*. **Chloé** received pledges for *Fort Bragg Girls Softball Association's HIT-ATHON*.

**Kathy Holmes** introduced today's speaker, retired teacher from *Redwood Elementary School*, **Kay Rex**, the current Vice President of *Fort Bragg Garden Club*.

**Birthday:** **Ryan Perkins** revealed that his wife **Sue** celebrated her birthday on **February 17<sup>th</sup>** and then came down with "a wicked bout of COVID that lasted through February and March".



**Anniversaries:** Cesar and Juanita Yanez celebrated their 27<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on **April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Cesar was fined \$30 for being confused about the date.

**Ryan Perkins** shared that thirty-eight years ago on **February 14<sup>th</sup>** he asked **Sue** to go on a first date with him. Unfortunately, she “said NO!” However, persistence pays off and she eventually agreed to date and subsequently marry him.

**Trips:** President **Judy** accompanied **Jennifer** and **Tim Bosma** to the **Rotary District 5130 Spring Training Assembly** on **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** in Ukiah. Both women praised Tim’s driving skills.

**Eve** and **David Yeomans** drove to Redwood City for Eve’s medical check-up at *Stanford Health*. Since the COVID pandemic, healthcare has become somewhat of a challenge for Eve and her family.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Richard Neils** reminded our club about the **A-Z Foundation First Annual Veteran’s Event** to be held on **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** – **Armed Forces Day**. This fundraiser will benefit military veterans and individuals with special needs. Only 110 banquet tickets will be sold. This includes a meal, open bar, and a gift at the door. Single tickets are \$60, \$95 for a couple, and \$40 for youth under 17. For more information or to reserve your dinner ticket, contact **Richard Neils** at 707.357.0131 or visit website: [www.azfoundationgroup.org](http://www.azfoundationgroup.org).

**Cesar Yanez** is selling **May 2, 2024 Chicken BBQ Take-Out Dinner** tickets for a donation of \$20. Meals will include chicken quarters, corn, potato salad and a roll. For more information phone Cesar at 707.357.4347 or email [cesar@mcn.org](mailto:cesar@mcn.org) to support *Fort Bragg Agriculture Department*.

Starting **April 6<sup>th</sup>**, the *Veterans Hall* will be hosting **Pancake Breakfasts** from 8 to 11am every Saturday. The cost is \$10 for pancakes, scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee. **Richard Neils** thanked the forty people who attended last week’s breakfast and the *A-Z Foundation* got a new member.



**Police Chief Neil Cervenka** was pleased to present an award to our club’s members **Tim** and **Jennifer Bosma** at the **Annual Awards and State of the Police Department** in *Veterans Hall* on **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Jen posted on her Facebook page, “Thank you to the entire *City of Fort Bragg Police Dept* for the recognition Tim and I received this morning. This community is such an amazing place to work, play and live. We will continue to support this community in whatever ways



we can for many years to come! We were very honored to be one of the recipients of the Chief Award.”

**Police Chief Neil Cervenka** announced that **Sarah McCormick** held a presentation at *Town Hall* to seek grant funding from the federal agencies of *FEMA* (Federal Emergency Management Agency), *HUD* (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development), *NOAA* (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), and *Cal Trans*. **Neil** predicted “exciting things will happen with big money coming from the feds!”

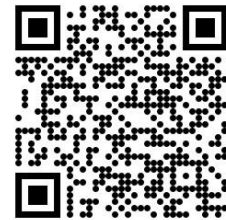
“A whole stack of memories never equal one little hope.” - Charles M. Schulz



# Rotary District 5130 Conference

**May 17 & 18, 2024**

It's time to share the hope we have created in the world at the **SOMO Event Center (Sally Tomatoes)** in Rohnert Park!



## Keynote Speakers:

Deputy Director -  
California State Health  
and Human Services

World Speaker on  
Environmental Projects

Board Member -  
PsychStrategies

Executive Director -  
NAMI Sonoma County

Humanitarian and  
Founder of Tell My Story

Friday evening we mix and mingle to the live-music of Twango Macallan.  
Saturday is our one-day session, filled with great speakers and recognitions.



*Mingle in the  
sunshine and visit  
with our Rotary  
Youth Exchange*

Join your fellow Rotarians for our Annual Conference.

Visit [rotary5130.org](https://rotary5130.org) for more information





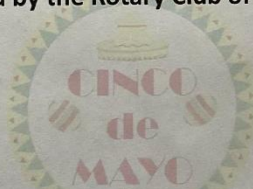
**Festival of Brotherhood**

**Fundraising Dinner**

**Sunday, May 5th, 6pm**

**21681 Forster Lane, Fort Bragg**

**All proceeds to go projects in Mexico  
sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fort Bragg**



**\$100 per person**

**Viva**



# PLANT SALE



Native plants  
Landscape plants  
Herbs  
Vegetables  
Pots  
and Choice Items for  
Your Home at the  
Pop-up Boutique

**AND**

**POP UP  
BOUTIQUE**

**10 - 2**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

**AMERICAS PARKING LOT  
300 SOUTH MAIN  
FORT BRAGG**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
FORT BRAGG GARDEN  
CLUB'S  
SCHOLARSHIPS AND  
COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

15TH ANNUAL

## Earth Day Festival 2024

**April 20th 12-4pm**

**The Learning Garden, Fort Bragg High School**



**Live music · Great food · Smoothie bike**

**Fun crafts · Cool workshops · Plant sale**

**Makers market · FREE FAMILY EVENT!**

## CLUB BUSINESS

Our club will be barbecuing sausages, chicken, hot dogs, and hamburgers during the **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Festival** in the Learning Garden located behind *Fort Bragg High School* on **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**. Contact our president if you can help.

**Ryan Perkins** thanked **Jerry Matson** for his twelve years of service on the *FBUSD School Board*.

**Eve Yeomans** expressed the need for a few more speakers to finish up this fiscal year. It is up to every Rotarian to provide at LEAST 2 speakers per year. Please click the link below, look at the sign-up sheet and fill in an empty slot.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11NQB4FoowyJ9ObKtFfO9hd34Rkg-XoG55oYH\\_nd9B0E/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11NQB4FoowyJ9ObKtFfO9hd34Rkg-XoG55oYH_nd9B0E/edit?usp=sharing)

**President Judy** issued another of her famous Rotary Pin Checks hoping to catch and fine unsuspecting Rotarians who were not wearing their pins today.



**Kay Rex** presented **Gary Champlin** with a bouquet of flowers from her yard in a vase which his wife **Eve** gave to her when Kay was a speaker last April.

**President Judy** gifted today's speaker **Kay Rex** with a cobalt blue Rotary travel mug.



**Kay Rex** had this week's winning raffle ticket but was unable to select the winning white marble. Today's meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm after **President Judy** ended with "Have a good week and don't pick the poppies!"

## COMING EVENTS

- \*April 18      **Sea Star Kids Foundation by Leslie Kashwada.**
- \*April 20      **Earth Day at Noyo Food Forest - 12 to 4 pm**
- \*May 2        **Club Assembly**
- \*May 9        **Hospital update by Judy Leach.**
- \*May 16      **Rotary Scholarship winners**
- \*June 6        **Parents and Friends by Jackie Bazor**





## PROGRAM

*Fort Bragg Garden Club (FBGC)* was founded in 1955. Over the years garden club members have participated in many civil beautification projects along the Mendocino Coast. Last year *Fort Bragg Rotary Club* donated \$500 to fund the purchase of native plants to be planted in the newly constructed butterfly gardens in two areas at *Redwood Elementary School*. On May Day 2023, second grade children painted floral murals on six steel, oval water tanks which were placed in the Second Grade Wing, under the direction of artist Janet Self of *Flockworks* and several members of *FBGC*.



The second butterfly garden is in the First Grade Wing where there are six cement patios edged with cement curbed planters. These planters were weeded and refilled with enriched soil. Several dead shrubs and trees were removed. Native plants were planted in most of the area, but one section was dedicated to succulents so that children could compare and contrast the attributes of different types of plants.

All garden photos in this article were taken by Kay Rex. To see these slide show presentations (and more) go to the *FBGC* website: [www.fbgardenclub.com](http://www.fbgardenclub.com). *FBGC* meets the second Monday of each month at 1 pm. Most meetings are held in the Farmhouse east of the vegetable garden at *Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens*. *FBGC* partners with (but is a separate entity from and not a part of) *MCBG*. For more information, contact Cornelia Reynolds at [info@fbgardenclub.com](mailto:info@fbgardenclub.com) or check out the Facebook Page for *Fort Bragg Garden Club*.

