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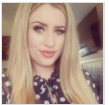
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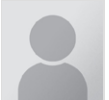
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Lakeport Rotogram Meeting of January 4, 2023 Reporter: Tom Lincoln

Opening: President Laura called the meeting to order at Noon + 5

Invocation: Pastor Greg gave his usual inspiring and uplifting message invoking the ever important mission of Rotary and service to mankind. He also asked us to keep in our prayers the Lance Butcher household. The nasty flu virus is afoot.

Salute to our flag: The once ubiquitous former president Bruce graced us with his presence and led the “unison” pledge of allegiance.

Guests: Soon-to-be new club member Alex Nunez was in attendance hopefully for the last time as a guest. Alex operates Nala’s Cleaning Expertise. They do residential and commercial deep cleaning. Alex has also helped many times in the Fairground’s beer booth. Most of the tip income to the booth is attributable to her uncanny ability to play on the sympathies of those patrons who like to drink and tip. And Mark Lipps raved about her cleaning abilities!

Sunshine: The Sunshine Report as we know is usually a boring and perfunctory listing of the milestones of our membership.....birthdays not wanting to be celebrated, wedding anniversaries forgotten, club anniversaries regretted and other trivial matters of our members. But substitute Sunshine Boy Bruce Maxwell turned Wednesday’s report into a tour de force. Never in the history of the club has the sunshine report consumed 20 minutes. Below are the events that were observed of club members. I have deleted the many observances of ex-spouse birthdays, great grandchildren birthdays and grade school graduations, etc., etc.

Dennis Birthday

Giovani Wife’s birthday

Dana Club anniversary

Judy M. Club anniversary

Pastor Greg Club anniversary

And last but not least, the former can-stacker, now stamp-licker, Carlos Wedding ann.

Bruce then launched into his knowledge of useless information by bringing to our attention that the first American roller coaster was invented to distract Americans from sin. I imagine sin in the late 1800’s included such things as imbibing too much liquor, carousing in establishments of ill repute and other such recreations that for most normal people are considered harmless. That roller coaster was placed at Coney Island, New Jersey, and apparently still exists today. Presumably the coaster has upgraded wheels and rails.

And then Bruce told us the rest of the story regarding the creation of the 50-star

Birthdays

Joseph John Szupello Sr.
January 15th

American flag. It was designed by Bob Heft, a junior in high school in 1958. He designed it in anticipation of Alaska and Hawaii being granted statehood. His design, along with other competing designs, was sent to the White House where President Eisenhower made the selection. Heft's high school teacher apparently graded his entry as a "B." Upon being selected by the President, his teacher raised the grade to "A."

As the conclusion to Bruce's report, he shared a joke with the club. Something having to do with corn, but I was afflicted with writer's cramp at that point and failed to add it to my notes. I did remark, though, that for the first time in club history, the Sunshine Report was longer than the "program."

Detective: Reverend David presiding. He nabbed shyster John for causing the Southwest Airlines debacle over the holidays. John's behavior forced cancelation of all Southwest flights to and from Cancun. Jerry McQueen was able to make it out, though. He wintered over in Miami and hitch-hiked home. Superintendent Brock was badgered for something to do with homeless teens. Too convoluted to follow. And Bruce was fined for travel woes while returning from Costa Rica. More flight cancelations and then a dead car battery at Sac International. His explanation constituted the second full program of the day.

Announcements: President Laura announced that we may be able to get on the club project at Westside Park on January 21. Likely weather permitting.

Program: Dennis introduced our presenter whose time, unfortunately, was cut short due to guess what? But Celeste Paradise rallied to the occasion and gave us an inspiring story of her early life and how her embrace of music and singing helped her along the path of life. She ended with an acapella version of one of her songs. Beautiful voice and a very compelling story.

Adjourn: President Laura released us at about 1 p.m.

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 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.

February 18th, 4:30 - 6pm at the Lake County Fairgrounds

By Faith Cheyenne Hornby on Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Rotary Club of Lakeport
Under The Sea
Drive Thru Crab Feed
February 18, 2023
4:30 - 6:00pm pick up time
Lake County Fairgrounds

\$70 per person
2 lbs of cracked crab per person
1 lb of fresh shrimp
Salad and bread
...Clam Chowder: \$20 a quart
...Local Wine: \$20

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To purchase tickets:
www.lakeportrotary.org

Sponsorships:
Contact Faith Hornby
707-349-3533
faithhornby@gmail.com
Tickets on sale December 15!

King Triton \$2,000
3 meals / 4 wines / 4 Chowders / 4 Warmers / Dessert
Press Coverage and Business promo video with Crabby
Premium sponsor sign placement of event drive thru
Special Drive Thru Event!

The Mermaid \$1,000
4 meals / 2 wines / 2 Chowders / 2 Warmers / Dessert
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The Starfish \$500
2 meals / 1 wine / 1 Chowder / 1 Warmer / Dessert
Press Coverage and promo video with Crabby
Sponsor sign of drive-thru

LINK TO PURCHASE DRIVE THRU UNDER THE SEA CRAB FEED TICKETS HERE:

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77638376&NoCaptcha>

Tickets on sale until: February 10th, 2023

Sponsorship request or general questions:
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SEE YOU THERE!

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!

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