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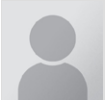
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Lakeport Rotary Rotogram Meeting of January 23, 2023

Opening: President Laura (six months to go!!) called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Invocation: Pastor Greg inspired us all to live the life of Rotary!

Guests: Alex Nunez is counting down the days that she will become a dues-paying member of the club. The wheels of Rotary move very deliberately, but slowly. (Mark Lipps complimented Alex on her cleaning/janitorial prowess.) Kinda sorta members/guests former president Bruce Maxwell and Ruth Lincoln were recognized as well.

Sunshine: Bruce pointed out that Rotary became bi-lingual in 1916 when a club was chartered in Cuba. Fidel Castro became the first student Rotarian many years later, and he earned two Paul Harris Fellowships!

Milestones:

Jerry McQueen Club anniversary

President Laura Club anniversary

Denise Combs Wedded to Curt for 34 blissful years

Useless information:

Ellen Triplet still collects her \$17 a month civil war pension!

Detective: The best detective in the world, our own Lance Butcher was caught totally flat footed and had to wing it. He asked for New Year resolutions from a handful:

Art vowed to think good thoughts about the detective.

John resolved not to have a resolution.

Kevin Ingram promised to read more (probably environmental impact reports).

Bruce vowed to never again vacation in Costa Rica. He and wifey are going to drive the backroads of California instead.

Marie vowed to never let her boat dock wander away from her property again, to which Mark intoned "hickory dickory dock."

Mark going to dust off his Happy Friday Neighbor Cook Book. He's looking for recipes.

Alex vows to grow her business and become a Rotarian someday.

Birthdays

David Paul Schwenger
January 17th

Announcements: The next club board meeting is February 14. Drive through crab feed is looming in February. Still looking for auction items. And Laura announced that the club will undertake a refurbishment of the Library Park gazebo this spring. And the club will be serving pancakes at the annual Memorial Day Parade in Lakeport. Kelly is looking for sod for the children's play area at Westside Park. And lastly, Laura announced the next Rotary After Dark meeting will take place at Strong Financial on January 25. Bring a big appetite!

Ooops, almost forgot that President Laura is looking for someday to chair the program committee through June of this year. And there will be a Special Olympics polar plunge at Westside Park on February 25.

Program: Dennis introduced Lakeport City Manager Kevin Ingram who gave us a rundown on what is happening in Lakeport. The big news is the pending remake of the former K-Mart building on South Main Street. The city has received commitments from two future tenants, Tractor Supply and Marshalls. He anticipates that building permits will be issued in March and he is hopeful that the center will open mid-summer. There will be a portion of the building that will be set aside for one or possibly two additional tenants.

The Lakeside Park project has broken ground, but construction will be delayed until the soggy weather passes. The \$6 million project will include skate park, splash pad, basketball courts and other improvements which essentially extend Library Park north to the old Natural High property. Good news is that the old school structure, which is unusable, will be demolished this spring. When complete, the lakefront promenade will extend from 1st Street to the Anchorage Motel, a full one-third mile.

Road improvements there are on the schedule include repaving Main Street from 1st Street to Lakeport Blvd. And there are plans to resurface North Main Street from Clear Lake Ave. to Del Lago.

There is also a 64-unit affordable housing project slated for the Westside Park area and the city is looking forward to eventually permitting a "workforce" housing project somewhere in the city.

The old Nylander shopping complex has changed ownership and is actively seeking tenants for the anchor structure and other retail vacancies. And there is movement in the "Hamburger Hill" area toward a retail/hotel project.

Homelessness is still a challenge in the city and it disproportionately occupies police officer time. There is no useable shelter currently within the city limits and Kevin indicated that the city is working on opening a navigation center to make services more readily available to the homeless.

In the dream stage is a city activity center that would include a public swimming pool. And new guidelines are being written to allow more permanent outdoor

dining options for local restaurants (no more plastic barriers).

Adjourn

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

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

The Mermaid \$ 1,000
4 meals / 2 wines / 2 Chowders / 2 Waffles / Dessert
Press Coverage and Business promo video with Crabby
Sponsor sign at drive-thru

The Starfish \$ 500
2 meals / 1 wine / 1 Chowder / 1 Waffle / Dessert
Press Coverage and Business promo video with Crabby
Sponsor sign at drive-thru

To purchase tickets:
www.lakeportrotary.org

Sponsorships:
Contact Faith Hornby
707-349-3533
faithhornby@gmail.com

Tickets on sale December 15!

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

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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!

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.)
