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## Birthdays

Melissa Fulton  
November 20th  
Giovanni Annous  
November 28th

# Rotary Club of Lakeport Rotogram Meeting of December 6, 2023

Written by: Art Mann

## Call to Order

President Mark called the meeting to order.

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY** President Mark gave the Inaugural thought of the day. It has only been two days and I can't remember much of what he said except that we each should honor the traditions passed down to us by our ancestors (or something along those lines.)

## Pledge

President Mark called on the Pamster to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag.

## Fellowship

We all introduced ourselves and I ran into my wife Judy Luchsinger Mann.

## Detective/Happ Bucks

Fresh from her smashing job of leading the Pledge, Pam was the detective.

Greg led off by giving us the terrible news that Don Lange would be undergoing Cemo on the spot that was discovered on his lung. Don is the senior member of this Club and the only black mark on his record is that he sponsored me into Rotary.

David Moon-Wainwright was proud to announce that all the Christmas gifts for the Domestic Violence kids were taken care of, thanks in large part to Erik who took the last 5 names. Way to go Erik! Speaking of Erik, he also bailed out Marie who charged all her wine at the Festival of Trees to Erik's bar tab, and he doesn't even drink. Greg Scott is hopeful that his Dog's cataract surgery will be successful.

Jacob and Jeff were both happy that their respective jobs would now allow them to attend all Rotary meetings. No excuses for missing a meeting.

Jennifer was thankful for the success of the Hospice Festival of Trees, especially that the Bill Kearney tree went for \$20,000.

## Program

We were treated to a presentation about the RYLA camping trip this past summer. Cassie Bitkin gave us a Zoom and video presentation. We were also treated to the presence of three youths who attended the camp, and were sponsored by our Club. If you are worried about the state of our young people, talk to any of these kids. **Awards** District 5130 Foundation Chair Jennifer Strong and one of her minions was present to hand out Paul Harris pins to five of our members. For every \$1,000 donated to the Rotary

Foundation a member can receive an award. The awards presented were:

Pam Harpster for her first Paul Harris  
Mark Lipps for his Paul Harris plus 1  
David Moon-Wainwright for a Paul Harris plus 3  
Judith Luchsinger Mann for a Paul Harris plus 4  
Ruth Darling for her Paul Harris plus 7

## Announcements

The Rotary Christmas Party will be on the 14th at Wine In The Willows. it will be a pot luck dinner, so bring food. From there we will go to the Gazebo for "The Blizzard", then back to Wine In The Willows for more party until 7:30, and finally to bed.

the meeting next week will be a Club Assembly. Please, no guests.

## Adjourn!!

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### 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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 Konocitic 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!

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## 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."

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## 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](http://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:

â€¢ Action

â€¢ Education & Awareness

â€¢ Changing habits

â€¢ 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!

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## 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 (birthday 5/6); Ender's wife (birthday 5/9); it was also Ender's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the club with 35 years of total Rotary service. Congratulations Enders!

Wedding anniversaries for Gary (14 years); Pam (25 years); Tom & 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](http://community.zonehaven.com)).

#### Announcements

Pam is selling tickets to the Kiwanis Memorial Day pancake breakfast. April is selling candy bars. Giovanni thanked everyone for helping him earn the 2023 Small School District Association's California Superintendent of the Year. Congratulations Giovanni! 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!

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## 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.

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## Invocation, Pledge, Guests

By Arthur H. Mann on Tuesday, June 13, 2023

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## WELCOME, INVOCATION, PLEDGE

By Arthur H. Mann on Wednesday, June 14, 2023

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## WELCOME

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

President Laura opened the meeting with a Lance Butcher like "GOOD MORNING LAKEPORT ROTARIANS." When it was pointed out that it was afternoon, she did it again, substituting "afternoon" for "morning" and we got the meeting started.

David M/W conducted the invocation, and we were saddened to learn that Pam Harpster's Mother-in-law had passed away.

Ruth Darling was called upon to lead the Pledge and she got all the words correct.

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## NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Friday, June 16, 2023

Two new members were inducted into the Club, Eric Vogel, and Jacob Blue. Eric was sponsored by Alex Nunez, and Jacob was sponsored by Mark Lipps. The induction ceremony was conducted by President Laura and our very own District Governor, Jerrifer Strong.

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## NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Friday, June 16, 2023

Two new members were inducted into the club. Eric Vogel was sponsored by Alex Nunez, and Jacob Blue was sponsored by Mark Lipps. The Induction ceremony was jointly conducted by Preesident Laura and our very own District Governor Jennifer Strong.

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## SPEAKER

Friday, June 16, 2023

Our speaker was DaeSung Tien (sp?) from South Korea, who is opening a new business in the Work Wright building. The business will be manufacturing natural probiotics, and will employ up to 25 workers. The business is a branch of a larger South Korean corporation. We wish them well.

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## July 5, 2023

By Andrew Blum on Wednesday, July 5, 2023

### **Welcome, Invocation and Pledge**

Immediate Past President Laura opened the meeting.  
Greg led the invocation.  
New Rotarian Herb led the pledge.

### **Visitors and Guests**

Marie introduced Diana from Texas.  
Marty brought his wife Crystal.  
Tom O'Rourke was recognized as an honorary guest.

### **Sushine**

Mark L. (more on him later) brought the sunshine.  
We have three 4th of July birthdays. Dana, Alex and Gary.

### **Detective**

Pam fined Tom since we hadn't seen him in awhile.  
Alex was fined for putting a huge chocolate cake on Marie's piano. The fine (and the cake) were passed to Marie.  
Marie reported that Bella misses Lake County. Lake County misses her too.

Everyone who showed up at Marie's without a Rotary pin the other day was fined and everyone at today's lunch without a pin was fined. (Far too many to name.)

Faith bragged about the new Rapid Care facility on Main Street.  
Denise had an amazing wedding week with her daughter in Mendocino.

Laura announced "catch up" awards from last year. They went to Faith, Kelly and Dave M-W.  
Laura recognized last year's Officers and Board of Directors. Thanks all for a great year!

### **Passing the Gavel**

Mark finally pried the gavel from Laura' hands. (Actually, she seemed a bit relieved.)  
Thanks for all of your hard work these past two years, Laura. And yes, we all love you!

Mark outlined some new ideas for this year, including the return of the Finley.  
He wants to do more with the other Lake County Rotary clubs.  
Mark rang the bell and his first meeting as president was in the books.  
Only 51 weeks to go Mark!

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## July 12, 2023

By Andrew Blum on Wednesday, July 12, 2023

### **Welcome, Invocation and Pledge**

Mark opened his first full meeting as President.  
Dave M-W led the invocation remembering Greg and Marie who both had surgery this week.  
Eric led the pledge.

### **Opening**

Mark started the proceedings with a video. Great images from the Rotary conference held at Konocti, from Lip Sync competitions and from recent Rotary projects.

### **Sunshine**

If there was any sunshine, I slept through it.

### **Detective**

Pam led the first "Happy Bucks" session, but reserved the right to "hunt" for more victims if the mood struck her.

Jennifer celebrated completing her year as Governor and passing the "Home of the District Governor" banner onto Windsor.

Dennis rescued an injured hawk.

Faith rescued a litter of kittens. She offered to double her \$10 fine to \$100 if someone adopted a kitten.

Dave M-W thanked Jennifer for an endless supply of cabbage. He politely turned down her offer of kale.

Sticking with the vegetable theme, Beth celebrated five successful years of the Hospice garden.

To Tom's relief, his dentist found no trace of hemorrhoids. His dentist apparently does thorough examinations.

Former Mr. Lake County Gary, auctioned off his championship belt to his wife for \$500.

### **Brag and Jokes**

Mark explained that while Thursday is depressing, two days later is a "Sadderday."

### **Speaker**

Dennis introduced Deek Fielder, the Project Coordinator for "Build." Build is a program operated by North Coast Opportunities designed to train participants facing unemployment for construction jobs.

They hire crews of six people, train them, and pay them to rehab residential buildings in the county. Student workers receive hundreds of hours of paid hands-on training and mentoring under a licensed general contractor. So far, 18 participants have graduated and nearly all are now employed in the construction industry. In addition, dozens of formerly uninhabitable residences in the county are now available for residents.

They offer certificate programs and monthly workshops through Mendocino Community College in Lakeport. Participants learn financial management, resume writing and interviewing skills.

A new crew is being hired by this Friday, so if you know someone who might be interested, put them in touch with Build. Phone number is (707) 998-8642. Website is: [www.ncoinc.org/Build](http://www.ncoinc.org/Build).

Great people doing great work!

### **Announcements**

Dennis is looking for interesting speakers for our meetings. (Perhaps Tom's dentist has a few stories to tell.)

Faith is working with the Interact Club and planning a field trip. Volunteers are welcome.

The club is donating to Clearlake High Schools for a new mascot uniform and is making a donation to Hospice.

Rotary After Dark will be at Gary Deas' ranch on the 26th from 5:30 to 7:30. Entrees provided but bring potluck and drinks.

### **Finley**

Erik won the Rotary water bottle.

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## July 19, 2023

By Andrew Blum on Wednesday, July 19, 2023

### **Welcome, Invocation and Pledge**

Future President Pam opened the meeting.  
Greg led the invocation and expressed our thoughts for President Mark who is recovering from surgery.  
Laura eagerly led the pledge.

### **Guests**

Guest speaker was introduced (see below).  
Brock's return was celebrated.

### **Detective**

"Happy Bucks" were paid as follows:

John for his daughter's 33rd birthday and for carpet cleaning.  
April for her Alaskan cruise which ended in a bang as the ship crashed into the dock.  
Laura attended a musical festival with her adult children.  
Tom for 60 years of flying, passing his check ride and making his flight examiner sick.  
Beth's daughter was hired locally thanks to a certificate program offered by the Office of Education.  
David S. for his daughter's 21st birthday.  
Marie for successful eye surgery.

Not content with these Happy Bucks, Lance went on the hunt.  
He fined yours truly for hiding behind my beard.  
Brock was fined for showing up, but somehow the fine went to John.  
I think Erik was fined for something, but I missed it.

### **Jokes**

John claimed Mark is like a mushroom because he's a "fun guy."  
Marie ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. We'll see which comes first.

### **Sunshine**

Beth brought the sunshine and the cupcakes!

Birthdays for the month include Gary, Dana, Alex, Art, Judy, Brock and Colleen.  
Member anniversaries include Brock, Natasha, Art and Marie.  
Wedding anniversaries for Giovanni, Beth, Art, Judy and Dave S.

### **Speaker**

Cornelia Sieber-Davis is the Market Manager of the farmer's market. The market is held on Saturdays at the Mercantile winery from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All year long, rain or shine. It is held on Tuesdays at Library Park from 10 to 1 from May to September.

The market has grown significantly over the years, attendance is up 800% since 2008. It's a challenge to get new growers involved as older ones retire. Growers pay from \$18 to \$60 a day depending on the size of their booth. This covers market costs and insurance. Currently, eight Lake County growers participate. Interested growers can contact Cornelia at (707) 263-6076 or at sieber61@msn.com.

### **Announcements**

Dave H. is working on our "virtual beer booth." A press release is expected soon. Anyone with technical skills is encouraged to contact Dave.

United Christian Parish is holding a blood drive on July 26 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Appointments can be made through Vitalant at [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org). Walk-ins welcome. UCP is located at 745 N. Brush St, Lakeport. All types are encouraged to attend.

### **Finley**

Acting President Pam was the big winner.

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## August 2, 2023

By Andrew Blum on Thursday, August 3, 2023

### **Welcome, Invocation and Pledge**

Mark opened. Greg led the invocation. Erik led the pledge.

### **Guests**

Pam introduced us to Julie. Alex introduced Kathleen from the Press Democrat

### **Announcements**

The club received a little over \$1,100 from Brunos.  
We're providing National Geographic's "Why" book to local third graders.  
Erik will chair the next Easter Egg hunt. Gregg will assist.  
We're working on a district grant for a joint project with Kelseyville Rotary and Hospice.

### **Detective**

Happy Bucks:

Dave H. was "happy" to pay for a new roof, pump and pressure tank.  
Kelly's daughter turned 21 and they're off to Nashville to celebrate.  
Alex's company is getting a featured write-up in the Press Democrat.  
Marty gave kudos to Marie for her work on the club's Facebook exposure. We all thank you Marie!

Happy Hunting: Detective Lance then went on a happy hunt.

Faith wore a pink hat to a Giants' game and engaged in some sort of "inappropriate" behavior with the catcher.

Kelly calls her cousin Lance "Lancy Pansy." The name seems to fit.  
Jeff faked an injury when Marty the opened the door for him.  
Gary gives pontoon tours of the lake to out-of-towners who don't know his stories are fictitious.

### **Speakers**

Kelly is chairing the international project. She's working with Dr. Dhanda to set up an overseas project.  
Marie is working to retool Rotary's presence on social media. We're upgrading to something called "Word Press."  
Mark's meeting with Kevin Ingram to set up a community project.

The "elephant in the room:" Dave H. wrote the Record Bee article about the loss of the beer booth. Apparently, it's gone viral. The Lake County News is following up on the story.  
The Virtual Beer Booth should be up and running a week or so before the fair.

Along similar lines, the fair is significantly raising fees to hold the Easter Egg hunt at the fairgrounds. The club is looking for an alternate site.

### **Finley**

Gregg took home the bucks.

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## October 11, 2023

### Welcome, Invocation and Pledge

Mark opened, Greg invocated, Judy pledged.  
Due to a mix-up, we had a lunch fit for a Senator.

### Visitors and Guests

Tom's neighbor Debbie was introduced. Mark talked about *The Price is Right* and a wayward tubetop.

### Detective

Alex searched for "happy bucks" but started by nailing Mark for misspelling "Finley."  
Art and Judy were called out for untagged "Why" books for the third-graders, but I think the Lincolns got hit with the fine.  
Pam paid up for attending an outhouse race in Virginia City. Apparently the event stank.  
We were all surprised when Dave M-W praised Mark for making a wise decision.  
John survived the Pear Festival.  
Dave H spent 11 days (and probably nights) in Hawaii. Well worth the \$50 fine.  
Beth brought lemon bars courtesy of her husband, Jeff.

### Sunshine

Beth brought the sunshine. Yours truly paid for a birthday, a wedding anniversary and a fishing trip.  
(It was an expensive lunch!)  
Denise had a birthday. Pam and Dave H had club anniversaries.

### Announcements

The club made a donation to "Every Beat Counts" and for the upcoming "Blizzard in the Park." It will snow in Library Park in December!  
We're buying one or two Rick Berry basketballs for an auction.  
The Paul Harris Rotary Wine Auction is set for October 17th at Ripe Choice Farms from 5:30 to 9:00.  
Includes auction and dinner.  
Senator Mike McGuire is next week's speaker.

### Speaker

Our speaker was Katie Karns, the Volunteer Coordinator for the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Beginning in 1987 and working with thousands of volunteers, the food bank serves those facing hunger in several counties. Last year, the food bank provided enough groceries for 2,058,534 meals in Lake County. 70% of their funding comes from individual donors and only 6% is spent on operating expenses. They distribute over 21 million meals each year and work with 100 different farms and food manufacturers. Another great organization doing great work!

### More Announcements

Rotary After Dark may be held at TNT's this month. Stay tuned for updates.  
Holiday Party December 13th from 5:30 to 7:30 at Lake Event Design.  
Bruno's sent a quarterly check for \$1,045.55.  
We'll be decorating the gazebo in November.

### Finley (spelled without a "d")

Tom L won a coffee mug.  
Alix and I won "Why" books.  
Marie won the ten bucks.

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## October 18, 2023

### Welcome, Invocation and Pledge

Mark opened the meeting. Greg remembered the Middle East in the invocation. The Senator led the pledge.

### Visitors and Guests

Packed house full of visitors and guests. Lots of Interactors, John Ballesteros, Dr. Page, Senator Mike McGuire and his chief assistant were all with us.

### Announcements

The wine event raised over \$15,000.00 and will become an annual event!

### Sunshine and Detective

Skipped for this meeting.

### Speaker

State Senator (and soon to be Senate Pro Tempore) Mike McGuire gave a rousing speech. In addition to being the future lead of the State Senate, he is a 10-year Rotarian from Healdsburg.

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## 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](http://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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## 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.

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## 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.)

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