



Lakeport Rotary Club Rotogram

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Rotary Meeting of February 10, 2021
Editor: Tom Lincoln

Call to order:

President Jeff called the meeting to order promptly at 12:10 p.m.

Invocation:

In the absence of Pastor Greg, the Reverend Pam held forth and delivered a spot-on traditional invocation.

Pledge:

Our own Dave Herrick led us in the pledge to our flag.

Guests:

President Jeff recognized Michael McKeown of our sister club in Clearlake. He did a digital drop in and was briefly very entertaining.

Club Assembly:

For the uninitiated, a club assembly is conducted from time to time in order that the membership can be brought up to date of various topics that are unique to our club and its affairs.

Our treasurer, Marti, delivered one of the most concise and detailed financial reports I can recall ever witnessing. In fact, I think the club should record his report and send it via Zoom or some other digital platform to the offices of Rotary International as an example of how a financial report should be assembled and delivered. Marti was in complete control of all the pertinent factual information. There was no three-card Monte or shell games involved. He was up front and honest about the club's financial condition, which, by the way, is quite good. We have money in banks in Bermuda and the Cayman Islands, well insured and protected from hackers and other crooks. Why, at one point, I saw a balance of \$82,000. That balance has grown over the last year, largely because the virus has kept greedy paws from spending money on frivolous projects. Poor president Jeff thought that when his phantom year of filling in for Courtney was over, he'd have a bundle to spend on whatever he wanted. But the damn COVID spoiled his plans, and now a veritable fortune gets passed on to incoming president Laura. I guess that is why Laura smiled during most of the meeting.

Potential fundraiser: Jennifer (you notice how there is no longer **good** Jennifer and **bad** Jennifer? Just Jennifer.). She filled us in on a big money maker for the club. The proposed date is Saturday, March 13. Club volunteers will organize and pull off a drive-through crab feed at the Lake County Fairgrounds. Tickets will be \$50 per person and ticket holders will be entitled to a cracked crab entree, clam chowder, salad and bread (French rolls). The plan is to serve 200 meals. At the same time, we will conduct an online auction to raise additional funds. Some of what will be needed are: Auction items Volunteers Sponsors A committee has been formed to work out the details. Committee members include Jennifer, Laura Sammel, Faith Hornby and Natasha Levchenko.

Additional recognition: Jeff recognized Greg for his efforts to spruce up the Pearl Harbor site at Library Park. Greg put a fresh coat of paint on the mast base that is the centerpiece of the site.

Pam brought us up to date of future guest presenters. They are February 17, Helena Welsh of the Lake County Wine Assoc. February 24, Keven Ingram, Lakeport's City Manager March 3, Jaclyn Ley of Mother Wise March 10, Bobby Dutcher, big time realtor March 17, Alicia Russel of Pro Farms, a large cannabis operator Pam would appreciate getting leads on other potential presenters.

Break out sessions: Laura then sent us to our respective **break out** rooms to brainstorm different subjects that will help her in determining goals for her year as president. I had to depart the meeting early for an appointment, but here is a summary of what was shared prior to my departure: The Zoom format presents a unique opportunity to grow the club membership, particularly given the virus restrictions. We should seize on that opportunity. The club needs someone dedicated to managing club publicity and social media platforms. Faith Hornby bravely stepped up and volunteered to lead that initiative. The club needs to look for ways to hybridize its weekly meetings so that those who are comfortable meeting in person can do so, while recognizing the need to continue to offer Zoom access to those who want to continue to be distant. We need to invite more guests as potential members. We have a lot to offer.

Finley: I missed the Finley.



Birthdays

Natasha Levchenko
February 27th

Elizabeth Dittmar Davis
March 9th

David Moon-Wainwright
March 14th