



# Lakeport Rotary Club Rotogram

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## March 17, 2021

By Andrew Blum

### Welcome, Invocation and Pledge

President Jeff called us to order. Great turnout! Greg led the invocation and expressed thanks for our freedoms. Brock led the pledge with a little help from Laura's powerpoint.

### Speaker

Pam introduced Alicia Russell, the Director of Operations for No. Cal. Pro Farm. Pro Farm is a cannabis company operating in Lake County. Alicia is involved with many community organizations, but knew nothing of the cannabis industry until joining Pro Farm. Cannabis is the most regulated substance in the state; it is tested for over 100 substances including 66 pesticides. Cannabis plants pull pesticides, herbicides, and other contaminants from the soil.

Cannabis production is the fastest growing industry in the country. Nationally, the industry has created 321,000 full-time jobs. 1,500 jobs have been created in Lake County. California received nearly \$1 billion in tax revenues from the industry last year. Lake County received \$7.5 million. These revenues are being used to support local social and environmental programs.

Pro Farms currently has 140 full-time employees and is headquartered at the former Work Right Building at Lampson Airport. Two more cannabis processing facilities are proposed for the county.

### Sunshine

Melissa fined Laura twice. She and her husband share the same birthday, March 21. Jeff volunteered to pay \$10 for Melissa not telling a joke.

### Detective

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, detective David fined everyone not wearing green. Mark was fined for telling bad jokes and Kevin paid up for Lake County finally entering the COVID red category. Gary was fined for receiving free cannabis samples. I was fine because Zoom labelled me as the "owner."

David fined Laura for adding an extra comma in the pledge of allegiance powerpoint (Picky, picky, picky!) Jennifer and Laura both paid up for running a successful crabfeed. Beth and Faith both paid for turning the crabfeed into a reunion. Melissa paid for dancing all night at the front gate during the crabfeed.

### Announcements

Thanks to all who participated for a successful crabfeed. 234 meals were sold. The event netted \$26,500 and brought joy to the community and to members. The Clearlake Rotoract Club netted \$2580. More crabfeeds may be held in the future.

When the pandemic subsides, future Rotary meetings make continue part in person and part by Zoom. Being able to have speakers from all over the world is a real plus.

### Finley

Beth called Natalie's number.

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## Birthdays

Laura McAndrews Sammel  
March 21st

Natalie Moon-Wainwright  
March 27th