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in the WORLD

The **Four-Way Test** of things we think, say or do:

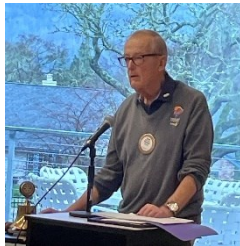
Is it the **Truth**?

Is it **Fair** to all concerned?

Will it build **Goodwill** and better **Friendships**?

Will it be **Beneficial** to all concerned?

WELCOME BACK “STUDENT OF THE MONTH”!



President **David Beach** rang the opening bell at 8a.m and Birthday gal **Maureen McGettigan** led the flag salute. We broke out in song for her.



VISITORS:



Sgt-at-Arms **Fred Merrill** announced a **plethora** (in memory of Jerry Dion, his favorite word) of guests – **Dan Balfe** of SR Rotary, **Jeff Gospe** of SR Rotary, our Student of the Month **Janney Myers** of Manzanita Elementary, her brother **Anderson**, her mom & dad **Kristi & Josh Myers**, **Katie Barr**, Principal of Manzanita, and **Amy Jones** Rincon Valley Union Elementary School Superintendent.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Frank Sites was prepared with a story called “Sand & Stone”.



A story tells that 2 friends were walking through the desert. At some point in the journey, they argued. One friend slapped the other in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand: “TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE.”

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone “TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE.”

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, “After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone. Why?”

The other friend replied: “When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.”

Learn to write your hurts in the sand and carve your benefits in stone.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire lifetime to forget them.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Due to Covid, our very favorite program had to be discontinued and we welcomed them back today. The world needs to see more of the accomplishments of our young generation instead of hearing nothing but bad reports. They are our future and this program is an excellent example of what we have to look forward to.



Val Hulsey asked Jeff Gospe, RVUSB President, to the Podium and he expressed how pleased the Board is to have this program restarted. Jeff invited Amy Jones and Katie Barr to talk to us about the Student of the Month program. Amy grew up in SR and attended a Rincon Valley school. Her daughter was a 6th grade Student of the Month and it was so appreciated. Katie Barr is the principal of Manzanita Elementary and had been the principal of Maria Carrillo High School. She mentioned what a difference it was to deal with the elementary kids as opposed to the high schoolers!

Katie talked about student Janney, who demonstrates “Service Above Self” on a daily basis. She is the perfect candidate for this award. On a daily basis, Janney is observed going out of her way to make a difference on campus. Sixth graders often find themselves absorbed in their own sixth-grade world, but Janney sees the bigger picture. She often makes herself available to the younger kids on the playground, playing with them and supporting them when they have conflicts. The younger kids flock to her and she greets them with enthusiasm and interacts with them. Janney volunteers her lunch recess to assist in peer mediation, which helps elementary students solve their differences on the playground. She is helpful in the classroom, even helping adults.



Out of school, she plays competitive soccer. She’s an athlete, and a team player and always shows up with a positive and supportive attitude. Manzanita School is proud of her. Her smile makes everyone feel better about their day.

Val presented Janney Myers with a framed Student of the Month Certificate, \$25 to spend on herself, and \$25 to pay forward. We also gave her a notecard to write to us and tell us what she did with her ‘pay it forward’ cash.



Janney had a few words to say, but my hearing wasn’t good enough and she wasn’t close enough to the mic. Sorry, Janney. It’s always fun to hear what our students have to say, but they’re usually too shy to speak. Janney went for it. We were so happy to have this program back on our agenda and look forward to hearing more from our outstanding young students. Thank you, Janney, you are SO deserving.

A rowdy, standing ovation welcomed back our STUDENT OF THE MONTH!

PRESIDENT AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CRAB FEED UPDATE:




- **John Brodey** reported on the progress (or lack of) for the Wine Wall, which is a big hit at the CF. Please start bringing in one or two bottles of nice (at least \$25 a bottle) red, maybe some white. There will be a box at the coffee table for your bottles, but please, please sign in with your name and wine label, so I know who to yell

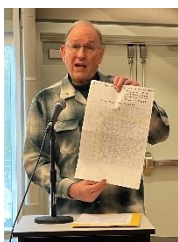
at! The tickets for the Wine Wall at the CF go for \$25 each and have a number on them. That ticketholder goes to the Wine Wall and gets the bottle with that number on it. It seems to be popular.



- **Valerie Oliver** needs volunteers to help sell tickets for our different events on the evening of the Crab Feed.
- **Karen King** said that the Cookie Monsters will be gathering desert cookies from everyone for the Crag Feed.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

 Our Rotarian guests, **Jeff Gospe** and **Dan Balfe** of Santa Rosa Rotary spoke briefly about their Rotary Youth Exchange and efforts to help Ukraine. They've raised over \$450,000, of which \$275,000 alone went to supplying first-aid kits. In October, 107,000 Rotary clubs helped traumatized children who lost their families. Now, they're looking for \$50,000 to supply generators during this cold season.



Dan shared a football pool for the Superbowl that had some squares left and invited us to participate. You get a square for \$20, of which \$10 goes to Rotary's Ukraine fund and the other \$10 for the winners. Money will be won at the 1st quarter, halftime, 3rd quarter, and final score (\$500). See him after the meeting if you wish to get on the board. **Karen Sites and Star Power** (big gamblers) both bought a square, so good luck to them!

President **Beach** is pleading for greeters. He sent a sign-up sheet around.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Maureen McGettigan was already acknowledged for her birthday at the beginning of our meeting. She needs to pony up some loot, though.

HAPPY/CRAPPY DOLLARS:

Karen Sites had a really "crappy" story – her pooch got in the way of a skunk! UGH!

John Brodey is headed to Guardia, Italy tomorrow to celebrate his Dad's 100th birthday! He told his Dad he bought a non-refundable ticket, so he'd better hang on for a while!

RAFFLE:

Craig Clissold drew **Jim Reed's** (AGAIN & AGAIN) number for the \$110, but he didn't draw the Joker. (Whew! What's with that guy?)



GUEST SPEAKER:



Fred Merrill introduced us to our guest speaker, Monty Packard of the PRSL, Prescott Regulators, and Their Shady Ladies who will perform for us via ZOOM. They put on reenactments from the Wild West promoting the rich history of Prescott, Yavapai County, and Arizona. Also, they raise funds for the Yavapai College Military & Military Families scholarship fund. This one should be very entertaining. Monty and Fred met on a vacation cruise. He was born in Alhambra, CA, and worked as a certified HASMAT person for the State of CA for 30 years. In retirement, he got involved in this reenactment group and loved it.

They started the reenactments in 2004 for the Prescott Frontier Days, which features the “Oldest Rodeo in the Country”. It’s their mission to preserve the culture of the Old West in Arizona. This weekend they’ll be performing near Apache Junction, AZ in an old west recreated town called Goldfield.



We got to watch a video of one of their performances, which was hysterical. It was called “It’s a Man’s World” and featured a stagecoach robbery and what took place after in the town and saloon, including a gunfight (not real bullets). The costumes were extraordinary and the script was too funny for words (like watching an old Gary Cooper movie). These folks all have regular jobs and lives but commit to these reenactments on their own time. At the end of the video, turns out it’s really “A Woman’s World!”

Google: “ Prescott Regulators and Their Shady Ladies” to learn more about their cause.

Thanks so much, Monty, for the superb entertainment. You were all awesome!

ADJOURNMENT:

President Beach thanked Monty for entertaining us and adjourned our meeting at 9 a.m. after we recited the Four-Way Test.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

1-25-24 – Jewish Interest Group, Carolita Carr

2-1-24 – Smart Train, Matt Stevens

2-8-24 – Hearthstone Village, Jen Dalton

2-15-24 – SRPD Fraud Detail & Student of the Month

MEMBERSHIP:

Second Posting for potential new member Karen Ritter.

Share Rotary with your friends. We should invite business friends and neighbors to a meeting. Who do we do business with, what neighbors do we know, and what former Rotarians could be asked to join us? Guests and potential Rotarians are invited twice at the Club's expense.

When introducing your guest at a meeting please do not introduce them as a prospective member. No one can be a prospective member until the Board votes on their application. Just introduce them as my friend or neighbor or whatever is appropriate.

MANY PEOPLE SAID THEY WOULD HAVE JOINED ROTARY HAD SOMEONE ASKED THEM!

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