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**CREATE HOPE
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?

Acting President **Val Hulsey** rang the opening bell at 8a.m and **John Derby** led the flag salute.

VISITORS:

Sgt-at-Arms **Fred Merrill** announced the presence of Marisa Binder, Sonoma Valley Rotary, our guest speaker, and guests Bruce Hartsough and Karen Ritter (**Chris Severson**).

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

John Brodey, while in Scotland, saw this poem on a wall:

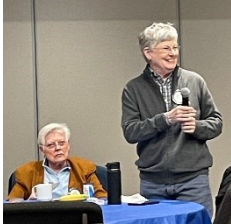


**Remember, the time of year
When the future appears
Like a blank sheet of paper,
A clean calendar, a new chance.
On thick white snow, you vow fresh footprints
Then watch them go
With the wind's hearty gust.
Fill your glass, Here's tae us.
Promises made to be broken and those made to last.**

Also, John is sending around a sign-up sheet for you to sign up to give your Thought For the Day. He will remind you when your date is getting close.

PRESIDENT AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Val Husley, who perhaps has had a bit of experience acting as our president, was standing in for **David Beach** while he was on a trip.



Welcome back, **Karen King**. Guess it was getting too cold up there in Montana. Karen's been joining our meetings via ZOOM.



CRAB FEED UPDATE:



- **Val** let us know that there are only about 20 tickets left for the Crab Feed, then to the “wait list”!
- Daymon reminded us of the Monday Crab Fest meeting at 4 p.m. in Room B at the OVA office. From now on, there will be a meeting every Monday. The 580 pounds of crab has been ordered, all cracked, cleaned, and ready for Frank Sites to deal with. If you don't yet have an assignment for the Crab Feed, talk to Daymon and he'll find you one (or two). All hands are needed for our success.
- John Brodey reported on the progress (or lack of) for the Wine Wall, which is a big hit at the CF. He's only received 4 bottles – just 64 to go! 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!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Liz Moore's husband Steve had a birthday in December. They had a great dinner at Stark's Steak House.



Frank Sites had a birthday and ended up on a super trip to the East Coast with their daughter, which was not specifically for his birthday, but he just lucked out on this one. He had the greatest time visiting battlefields, seeing the Liberty Bell, and touring the USS Constitution.

HAPPY/CRAPPY DOLLARS:



Karen King said she was happy to be back.

Chris Severson was kayaking in Lake Hennessey (near Berryessa). It was a really nice day and he was hoping to see some wildlife. Out of the corner of his eye, he saw something that made a big splash. He couldn't tell what it was, but it kept happening, and knew some critter was trying to persuade him to leave its territory. Turned out to be a nice, fat BEAVER! Surprise!

Fred Merrill was happy to be welcoming an adorable new great-granddaughter into the world, but sad that his great-grandson's wife had a miscarriage.

Val Hulsey remembered being on a houseboat on Lake Shasta when 2 otters climbed right up on the boat for a visit!



RAFFLE:

Craig Clissold drew **Ron Bickert's** number, but he didn't draw the Joker.

GUEST SPEAKER:



Fred Merrill introduced our speaker, Marisa Binder. Marisa is the Vice President of Development of the Hanna Center project. She oversees all fund development. She has a diverse background in nonprofit philanthropy with experience in all aspects of fundraising, communications, major gifts and community relations. She has more than a decade of experience working with organizations focused on social justice work including as Director of Development for the Bay Area Office of Facing History and Ourselves, an educational organization, and as Development Officer for CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse), a domestic violence agency. And much more. Marisa started at Hanna in 2020 and, in her free time, serves as Secretary for Vallejo Symphony. (Whew! What free time?)

Marisa knows her subject and is quite eloquent in her delivery. She reminded us that Hanna Center used to be Hanna Boys Center, but is now serving girls, too, plus much, much more. Their programs aim to transform the lives of youth, including those who have aged out of foster care and have nowhere to go and no skills for which to seek work.

For more than 75 years, Hanna Center has provided a haven for adolescents whose lives have been impacted by trauma, adversity, and toxic stress. Hanna has worked tirelessly to create an environment in which every individual grows to be resilient and healthy, regardless of the circumstances. As Hanna approaches its ninth decade of care, it is looking to expand its continuum of services by providing family services to those of all ages who have been adversely affected by trauma.

The Hanna Center is reviewing development concepts for a 60-acre portion of its land located across from its main campus on Arnold Drive, to provide:



A sustainable source of income in support of Hanna's increased services



A source of mentoring and job training for Hanna's program participants



A resource for the Sonoma Valley community

For several years, Hanna has been working with architects, economists, civil engineers, traffic experts, biologists, and other experts to consider how best to utilize the site.

This program, overall, is quite expansive and ambitious. Marisa imparted a great amount of information in a very short time.



Hanna Residential will have short term residential housing and therapy for women and women with children. It'll have an Independent Living program, cooking classes and financial literacy. The Hanna Academy is no longer a Catholic school, but is an accredited non-public school. It's the first 6-year accredited school for WASC (Western Assn. of Schools & Colleges). It has its first female student, Sophia, and she's doing great. Also, a great thing about this school is that it's offering Career Technical Programs, i.e. culinary, health, construction, plumbing, etc.

The Hanna Institute has leaders in Trauma Informed Care in partnership with Head Start and will be offering services around the world. They will be adding group support sessions to help parents interact with children, along with a suicide prevention program.

They anticipate serving over 2200 people a year, which now is only 108. They intend to build an after-school recreation center that will bus kids from school so they have a place to socialize, study and play.

Marisa said a few words about their property and plans for across the street, plus the areas of funding they have. Like I said, this is a very ambitious program and Marisa was quite thorough and eloquent, covering massive plans. In her own words, she described this as “a huge, daunting task with many facets”. Her parting words to us were: “COME FOR A TOUR”. Call her at 707-933-2588 and set it up. I think this sounds like an incredible tour.

ADJOURNMENT:

Acting President Hulsey thanked Marisa for a very enlightening and informative journey around Hanna Center. She adjourned our meeting at 9 a.m. and we recited the Four-Way Test.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

1-11-24 – SoCo Bicycle Coalition, Ens Weaver

1-18-24 – PRSL (Prescott Regulators and Their Shady Ladies), Monty Packard

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

MEMBERSHIP:

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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