

Rotary Club of the Valley of the Moon

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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?

President **David Beach** rang the opening bell at 8 a.m. and he led the flag salute.

VISITORS:

Sgt-at-Arms **Fred Merrill** introduced Sue Corbett a guest of **Lydia Harris**.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



Marcel Coder shared How 4-8-year-old kids describe "What does Love Mean?"

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8-year-olds:

"What does love mean?"

The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined.

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore.

So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."

Rebecca - age 8

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy - age 4

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri - age 4

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK." Danny - age 7

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen."

Bobby - age 7

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day." Noelle - age 7

"During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore."

Cindy - age 8

"Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken." Elaine - age 5

"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford." Chris - age 7

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." ary Ann - age 4

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." Jessica - age 8

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:



Valerie Oliver was born in San Francisco and grew up in San Mateo. Her family lived in the same house for years. Her father was from North Beach. Her mother was from Croatia and didn't know English until 1st grade. 50 kids lived on the block. Every middle-class family was always comfortable. She met her husband when she was 29. Next time she'll give us the next chapter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Valerie Hulsey announced that the Cloverdale Rotary crab feed is on the Thursday after ours. The cost is \$60.

The District Spring training is in Ukiah from April 5-6. The training class dinner at \$40 is a full dinner. President **David Beach** said that the club will pay your fee if you attend.

Register Now!

District 5130 Spring Training

Friday Evening! Optional Social

Saturday, April 6, 2024
8:45 AM - 3:45 PM
Ukiah Valley Conference Ctr.
200 S School St, Ukiah
\$60 (includes continental breakfast & lunch)

Friday, April 5, 2024
5:30 - 8:00 PM
Ukiah Golf Course
599 Park Blvd, Ukiah
\$40 (includes dinner and drink)
And ... Surprise Activities for All!

Hit a Homerun with these Sessions:

- Best Fundraising Practices and Ideas
- All About Using DacDB
- Human Trafficking and Mental Health Projects
- District and Global Grant Writing
- Club Secretary, Treasurer, President Sessions
- Environmental Projects
- Membership and Rotary Outside the Box
- International Projects
- Youth in Rotary
- Public Speaking
- Rotary Foundation
- Motivating Volunteers

Registration Now Open!

Rotary District 5130 Building Better Friendships

CRAB FEED UPDATE:



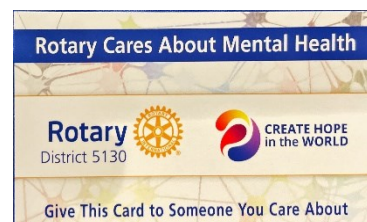
Daymon Doss said we're almost there. The program went to the printers. **Valerie Oliver** is in charge of ticket sales and needs volunteers. For the second year, we will be using the Greater Giving application for check-in. Training will be on Monday the 19th

If anyone is available for a job Daymon will find one.

John Brodey thanked donors for contributions to the Wine Wall so far. He could still use more whites

Cookie Monster, **Karen King** said to let her know if you haven't signed up to bring cookies.

David Beach announced that Tom Boylan is interested in mental health. Brother suicide. He set up a website and was passing cards to pass on. If you run into someone who may need help, give it to them.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Ron Bickert had a birthday but he was not here to be recognized.

HAPPY/CRAPPY DOLLARS:



Dawn Longoria was in Alaska when the temperature was 70 degrees below zero!! That is 100 degrees colder than it is right now. It's wonderful to be in California!

John Brodey fell in a dark bedroom on the way to the toilet He ran into a door and fell backward to the ground. Christie sat him up and called an ambulance. He said, "Would you put my pajama bottoms on?" X-rays were negative but the bad news is it will "hurt like hell" for the next few days.

Arnie Lamb is back from Mexico. While there, he had a birthday. "I had a wonderful time and it's great to be back."

Karen Sites said during the storm this past Sunday, five branches fell but missed a solar panel and it took 5 truckloads of branches.

David Beach told us two trees 90 feet tall fell down; one on his neighbor's house 30 feet away and the other managed to fall towards the golf course.

Daymon Doss confessed that Sally wanted him to take the yogurt and he forgot it. He apologized to the yogurt eaters.

RAFFLE:

Craig Clissold drew **Kevin Johnson's** ticket number for the \$167.50 jackpot, but he didn't draw the Joker.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Fred Merrill introduced Nancy Watanabe and Jen Dalton who spoke to us about Hearthstone Village in Haiti. Nancy is the president of the Hearthstone Village Board and a retired high school and alternative programs teacher who helped to start Carle Continuation High School for at-risk students. Jan Dalton is the former board president and current volunteer. She works professionally as a facilitator and food systems professional.



Haiti is the poorest country in North and South America and the third poorest in the world. It is currently experiencing unrest. The Literacy rate is 61% versus 92% in Latin America and Caribbean developing countries.

The Hearthstone Village educates girls in Haiti. Educated girls marry later in life and have fewer children. They earn higher wages and support healthier and more prosperous families. Annual education for each girl costs \$2,500 annually.



President **Beach** thanked them for their talk.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Beach adjourned our meeting at 9 a.m. and we recited the Four-Way Test.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

- 2-15-24 SRPD Fraud Detail
- 2-22-24 DARK (no meeting)
- 2-24-24 - CRAB FEED

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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