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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?

SPRING FORWARD THIS SUNDAY!

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

VISITORS:

Sgt-at-Arms **Fred Merrill** introduced our guest speaker Barry Brilliant.

PRESIDENT AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Val Hulsey announced that the District Training Assembly is on April 6th in Ukiah. There will be great classes on a wide variety of topics. The fee is \$60, but our club will reimburse you. Let her know if you want to sign up. It's a lot of fun.

CRAB FEED UPDATE:



2024 CRAB FEST

Daymon Doss told us there would be a Crab Feed meeting on Monday, March 11th, in Room B at the OVA, but it will be about finances only. We'll have one more Monday meeting to discuss changes that could be made to improve the next one.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

None.

HAPPY/CRAPPY DOLLARS:

Karen Sites said something that I didn't hear. It was short, and she had to leave the meeting early, so I couldn't catch up and ask. Sorry, Karen.

Karen King lamented about the upcoming Daylight Savings time change this Sunday.

Frank Sites told us about their happy family celebration in honor of their son at Luke AFB in Arizona. He was one of the top ten honorees for his charitable work on behalf of the soldiers and their families at Luke. In his tenure, he has raised over \$14 million for the foundation.

RAFFLE:



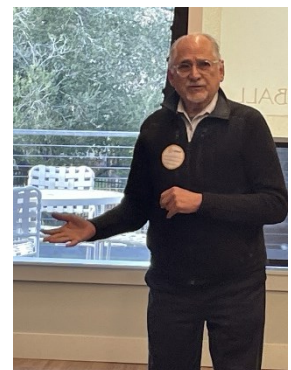
Craig Clissold drew **Judith Kesot's** ticket number for the \$232.50 jackpot, AND SHE **WON!!!** Good for her, as she just returned after a long illness that kept her from us. We're happy for you, Jude.

SPEAKER:

Fred Merrill introduced our speaker, magician Barry Brilliant.

Barry's presentation, besides some magic, was called "Magic, Mesmerism, and Marijuana"! He did some magic acts for us as he walked around the room and explained "Altered States of Perception" and "All medicines can be drugs, and all drugs can be medicine." He returned to caveman days of hunters and gatherers, saying that their favorite food was fruit, but they stored the leftovers and forgot about them, only to return to find them in their natural fermentation state. They drank the juice and got high.

He talked about his college thesis, which was about magic and hypnotism.





Barry did a few more tricks for us and explained the art of hypnotism, saying that magic “fools you from the outside in” and hypnotism “fools you from the inside out.”

He ended with his motto: “Be Happy and Celebrate the Magic of Life”.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

UPCOMING PROGRAM

3/14/24 – Bay Nature Institute, Bruce Hartsough

3/21/24 – Food For Thought, Amanda Wood

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 guests 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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