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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?

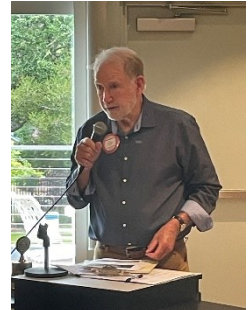
President Art Fichtenberg rang the opening bell at 8a.m and Valerie Oliver led the flag salute. **Art** reminded us that this is his last full meeting as our President.

VISITORS:

Sgt-at-Arms **Fred Merrill** announced the presence of visitors our speaker Nan Su, and guest Neil Ray (**David Beach**).

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Jim Bogue tried to get us to guess who said certain quotes, either Einstein or Mother Teresa, but it didn't quite work out, so he really wanted to get across to us that he joined Rotary to be around good people and that every Thursday he feels inspired to be around us. "You made me a better person" was the quote and we all guessed Mother Teresa (maybe, or was it Jim Bogue's?)



PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:



President Art agreed that Rotary is truly one of the good forces in the world, which we need. He added a quote he knew of: "Seek first to understand, then be understood".

Art called **Marcel Coder** to the podium and presented her with her long-overdue Blue Badge, especially since Marcel will be the Chair of Community Service in the upcoming New Year.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim Bogue had a birthday and celebrated just being alive. Art added to that about experiencing a recent heart attack and that he woke up celebrating just being alive every morning!

John Derby's wife, Lyn, had a birthday and his was last week, so their whole gang honored them both. John also just recently attended his 60th class reunion at Yale!

HAPPY DOLLARS:



Jim Reed attended a meeting with guest Jill Biden on Tuesday at his daughter's home. Jill said Joe had oral surgery and when she asked him where, he said the dental office is right there in the White House!



David Beach was happy that his friend Neil Ray came to our meeting.

RAFFLE:

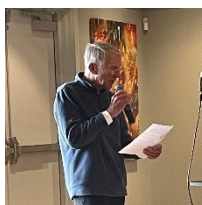
Chris & Craig drew **Phil Wigen's** number for the \$188.50 raffle, but he didn't draw the joker.

INSPIRATIONAL NOTE

I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realize I should have been more specific.

(Lily Tomlin)

GUEST SPEAKER:



Fred Merrill introduced our speaker, Nan Su. Mr. Su was born & raised in China and came to the U.S. in 1989. He has been serving as a news commentator for SOH International Chinese Radio Network and NTD International TV Network since 2003. He has made many speeches at public events in the past decade on China-related topics.

Nan Su is currently a Senior Reporter for The Epoch Times, a newspaper that is published in 35 countries and 21 languages. He's been married for 34 years and lives with his wife and 2 daughters in San Jose, CA.



Mr. Su's topic was "China's Global Expansion". Quoting about his presentation is the following:

"More than 20 years after China joined WTO, some Americans are still wondering if the Chinese government is going to have any political reforms, with many already questioning whether China will ever have one.

If the Western World is not able to make China become a part of the democratic society, then what will be the next?"

As China continues its coercive behavior in its global military, economic and technological expansions, what are the lessons that Americans should learn from the past to avoid further mistakes that can jeopardize the freedoms of our future generations?"



Nan Su covered China's military drills this year around Taiwan and a lot about the South China Sea. Mr. Su spoke about the recent encounter with the U.S. destroyer in the Taiwan Strait when China sent in their ship to cut ours off, as a warning, plus the recent U.S. plane flying in China's airspace and being cut off by China's military aircraft that came within 20' of our plane. As everyone knows, China has plans to become a World Super Power, so these were just warnings to the U.S. to pay attention.



He mentioned that China, Russia & Iran’s “common enemy” is the United States. Nan Su also stated that it isn’t the Chinese people that hate America, it’s the Regime, even though the U.S. continues to attempt to assuage China by sending billions of dollars and our industry to them, they continue to ramp up their military and make threats our way. The lifestyles of our children and grandchildren are at stake if Russia and China continue on their path to world dominance.



Mr. Su recommended we see a documentary called “The Final War”.

Mr. Su fielded many savvy questions from our members. Art presented Nan Su with a Certificate of Appreciation along with a Valley of the Moon pen and thanked him for coming all the way from San Jose so early in the morning to keep us informed of this important topic.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

6/22/23 – DARK Debunking at Saddle Club

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.

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