

Rotary Club of Sanger



Monday, January 23, 2023

The Voice of Democracy

By Dennis C. Dorman on Sunday, January 22, 2023



What a special program! During our Friday (1/20) meeting, the program coordinator for VFW Post 7168, Gabe Villasenor and VFW District 9 Representative Jim Anderson presented "The Voice of Democracy". VFW Post 7168 Post Commander, Clint Vance was among the guests. Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 57,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme.

Gabe and Jim brought with them two local students, Elijah Bromell (Sanger High School) and Wyatt Bigham (Fairmont Elementary), who won their sectional awards. Each read their winning essays. The Voice of Democracy theme (for 2021-2022) was "Why is the Veteran Important"? Seventh graders like Wyatt compete in "The Patriots Pen" essay contest which is similar to the Voice of Democracy. The Patriots Pen theme for 2021-2022 was "My Pledge to Veterans".

At the end of this great program, Elijah and Wyatt were presented with certificates from both the Sanger VFW and the Sanger Rotary Club.



(Left to Right): Gabe Villasenor, Wyatt Bigham, Elijah Bromell, Jim Anderson, Clint Vance, Lee Delap

Fourteen Rotarians and two guests were present to hear this special program. In addition to the program, there was a good fellowship and a nice lunch. President



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Club Meeting

Sanger
Meets at Community
Center
730 Recreation Ave.
Sanger, CA 93657
Time: Friday at 12:00
PM

Events

January 27th
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Speaker: Fabrizio
Lofaro
Subject: Valley
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Adela announced the finances of the BBQ and the Big Fresno Fair. She also fined Bob Virden \$17 for 17 Rotary years. Mike Hannigan's name was drawn from the ping pong ball tub. \$100 will be sent to Rotary International in Mike's name towards a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Board of Directors Meet

Thursday, January 19, 2023

Your club Board of Directors met on January 19th to discuss club business and plans for future events. The topics on the agenda included:



- Review and discuss the Treasurer's report.
- BBQ Final Financial Report
- Big Fresno Fair Display Financial Report
- Interact Involvement at the District Conference.
- Sanger Rotary Representation at the International Convention
- Reports from the Directors.
 - Clovis Rotary's Crab Feed
 - Rotary's "Drive Careful" signs in the city
 - Amazon discontinued the "Amazon Smile" program.
 - The Sanger Rotary Club Foundation

Scheduled for an hour, the meeting must move along without deviating from the agenda. Your club president, Adela, keeps the discussions and voting in line, allowing the board to accomplish a lot of club business. There was a quorum present, allowing the board to conduct business.

Who are the club's board of directors you ask? It is EASY to find out. Just go to the club website homepage at sangerrotary.org and look on the left side column. Everyone is listed with their titles.

Amazon Smile is Shutting Down

By Dennis C. Dorman on Monday, January 23, 2023



AmazonSmile launched in 2013 to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. However, after almost a decade, the program has not grown to create the impact that Amazon had originally hoped. With so many eligible organizations—more than 1 million globally—Amazon's ability to have an impact was often spread too thin. Indeed, after a couple years of Amazon Smile being "advertised" on Sanger Rotary's website, only \$69 was sent to the Sanger Rotary Club Foundation.

Due to the low overall program participation, Amazon is closing AmazonSmile down by February 20, 2023. Amazon plans to continue to pursue and invest in other areas where they feel they can make meaningful change—from building affordable housing to providing access to computer science education for students in underserved communities to using our logistics infrastructure and technology to assist broad communities impacted by natural disasters.

The above information is from an email received by Dennis Dorman on January 18th.

The AmazonSmile logo on the "footer" section of the club's website will be removed in the near future.
