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Drummer Notes

Rotary Meeting

Date: July 21, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Alon Sapir at 12:35 pm EDT

Pledge: Led by Chris Cranos

Invocation: John Hoover letting us know that "We pass through the world but once." Just a little reminder!

Song: Bob Price led us in singing "It's a Grand Old Flag" with Ukelele accompaniment by our own virtuoso, Norma Peterson.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Our speaker, David Kluczowski,

Announcements:

1 Pat Matteson: we will have foundation grants of up to \$2,500. Apply now, applications are on our website.

2 Alon Sapir asks that we not move his Lamborghini (the editor had difficulty hearing exactly what he said.)

3 Bob Vossler is getting in the groove about organizing the "Paddle Fest". Meetings are on Monday mornings at 7:30am EDT. Ben Williams is helping out with communications. The fest is 9/7/2024. The weather will be perfect.

4 Jeff Warren is offering a \$22 Rotary hat that is really classy. See him for one.

5 Debbie Clancy is reminding us that Rotary Foundation donations for the year are starting now.

Just Because:

- John Beckman** is back from 3.5 weeks of traveling through Malibu and Aspen. A wedding occurred somewhere in the travels.
- Sheryl Shaughnessy** thanks Bob, Debbie and

Birthdays

Margaret Hodgkins
August 2nd
Stephanie J. Coakley
August 11th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries
Found

Years of Service

Douglas Williams
11-01-1993
31 Years
Thomas J. Walsh Jr.
11-01-1999
25 Years
Robert B. Price
11-01-1999
25 Years
Deborah Clancy
11-07-2005
19 Years
Chad Stewart
11-07-2005
19 Years
Robert D. Russo
11-10-2014
10 Years
Noor Deeb
11-16-2021
3 Years
Wadie Boutros
10-31-2022
2 Years

others for their contributions to Rotary.

3. **Bill Llewelyn**™s son played well in a sport, he did some rafting in Wyoming.
4. **Doug Williams** had good vibes about his playing golf.
5. **Bruce Carter** mentioned his friend Bob who made an historical record of houses of worship on Long Island.
6. **Janet Barillari** won a golf tournament with her friends. The whole thing sounded suspicious.
7. **Vance Hancock** visited his mom in Kentucky. Louisville maybe.
8. **John Lee** had an old photo of himself taken years ago when he was president of the club. It was a [Daguerreotype](#), we believe. He also discussed the "Join or Die" flag that Benjamin Franklin designed in 1753 when Parliament wanted the colonies to be organized against the Indians. Some comments on "Bowling Alone" rounded out the discussion. (His presentation was much better than these notes.)

Speaker: Our town tax collector, David Kluczwski.

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Program Notes.

Becoming a tax collector is not something you just instantly become, there are a progression of job experiences that are necessary. While David applied for the job in lawn mowing clothes, that format is not recommended.

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David had a few positions in towns that led up to his career here in Fairfield, where he has been for seven years.

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His department does not determine what your business or home is worth, he just ensures that the tax funds are collected in a timely manner. Unfortunately, some of the collections are not timely, although an incredible 99% of taxes due are paid in July of each year when they are due.

Automobile taxes are the most time consuming, as you pay a year after you owned your car when a resident. 90% of the time his department spends is used to collect 5% of the revenue.

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So we had a good presentation that shed light on the inner workings of our local government. Well done, Mr. Kluczwski.

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Raffle: Mea and Steve Elworthy were not winners.

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4- way test by Debbie Clancy, who knew them all.

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Next Week: We have a **“do not miss”™** program about our membership and growth plans for the year. Brendan will also be inducted to the club.