

Arden Arcade

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Pledge by Phil Kozycz

Invocation By Michael Caplan

Don't forget: December 8th, 10:15 Laurel Ruff, 5325 Garfield Avenue

Guests of Rotarians: Allyson Conwell soon to be a new member and Jay Allen, our speaker from the Fair Political Practices Commission.

Steve asked that we keep in mind fire safety this holiday season, he told us of 2 young children who perished in a fire this morning.

Jeri Petersen and Matt Ross brought us up to date on all things Foundation. First, Jeri spoke about the Arden Arcade Foundation, a 501C3 foundation started in 2000 with a donation to establish the Ray McClure Fund. The Ray McClure Fund is a separate fund used for scholarships which currently go to American River College student. Usually we give \$5000 in 4, \$1000 scholarships: a single parent, an athlete, a general, and one to someone moving on to a 4 year college. There are also 2, \$500 vocational scholarships. The other function of the Arden Arcade Foundation is to accumulate funds that may not be used during the year and save them to build a corpus of funds available for funding projects in the future. Currently there are no particular requirements for giving funds, but the board will work on that. The Foundation is run by a separate Board of Directors—Jeri is the chair of the board. They meet 4 times a year and are mainly responsible for managing the investment accounts. The board has established floor figures to maintain in the accounts: \$120,000 for the Ray McClure Fund and \$150,000 for the Foundation Account. They also established a 3% withdrawal is allowed from the Ray McClure Fund and a 4% withdrawal from the Foundation Account. The decision would be made at the end of April to determine how much could be spent.

The difference in the Rotary International Foundation as told to us by Matt, is that all Rotary Clubs contribute to the Foundation and they use the money world-wide for large projects. They also use the money to fund District Grants which then allow some of our donation to return to our community. Our club has always been a large contributor to the Foundation. We are a 100% EREY—every Rotarian every year club, 90% of our members are Paul Harris Fellows, 25% are Major Donors and 9 members will receive their next mark in February at the Charter Night event. Things Rotary International does with our contributions: \$300 buys books and materials for 2 classes in Costa Rica or buys toilets for 5 homes in Sri Lanka; a \$1 donation buys a polio vaccine. The question was asked if a Bell Ringer donation goes to RI and the answer is NO—Bell Ringer donations stay in the club.



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Steve Turner,
Club President

Paul King, Vice President, President Elect

Stuart Nelson, Secretary

Christine Hock, Treasurer

Tom Goode, Controller

Past President, Joel Archer

Joe Green, Membership

Matt Ross, Public Relations

Jeri Petersen, Arden Arcade Foundation

Matt Ross, RI Foundation

Cathy Skeen, Club Events

Tim Martin, Community Service

Mike Caplan, International Service

Al Cady, Sergeant at Arms

Paul King, Rotary House,

Paula James, Youth Programs

Patt McCormick, Newsletter Editor

Attendance: Jed Van Wagner

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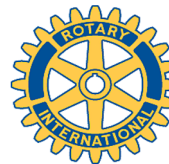
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RAFFLE TOTAL: \$61000

Next Week: \$650.00

Small Pot \$233—Dan McCallum had the number but didn't pull the ace of spades!

Large Pot—\$377—Carroll Cook had the number but didn't pull the ace of spades!



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Michael Caplan as International Chair pointed out that in our club we have distributed wheelchairs in Peru, run water projects, and sent medical equipment.

Gary Johnson became another Bell Ringer because he announced he will stay with Zoom as President another year. And that means Maura can help with the poker tournament! Also, the date has been set for April 16th—put it on your calendar!

Caroll Cook announced he has turned 70 coats so far between the ones he has purchased and the ones others have brought in. The hat was passed again and another \$130 was raised for coats.

Phil Kozycz announced that he has a table at the Behind the Badge Breakfast event for the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy on January 8th. Anyone who'd like to attend, see Phil.

Matt is taking the sign-ups to ring the bell for the Salvation Army at the Bel Air at Arden Eastern. See Matt to help.

Jay Allen worked with Prez Steve at Homeland Security and has returned to Sacramento to be a part of the Fair Political Practices Commission. The mission of this commission is to keep an eye on politicians and public officials, and to promote the integrity of the process and system and help it be a level playing field. In the 1970's, Jerry Brown started Proposition 9, the Political Reform Act. The lead to the FPPC being established over 40 years ago. It was created to monitor and regulate and keep track of politicians and public officials. It is a bi-partisan commission made up of 5 members. The chair and one other member are chosen by the Governor. They meet every month and only the chair is salaried. The commission issues opinions and can levy fines or penalties. Areas they cover are: campaign finance, financial reporting, conflicts of interest, gifts and Honoraria, post government employees, government mass mailings, campaign issues, money laundering, advice letters and telephone advice.

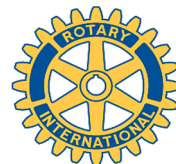
Their first goal is to get someone in violation to comply with the law. There are 500,000 people covered under the FPPC. They offer advice and help with technical issues as well as enforcement. 80 people work in the commission which is independent and bi-partisan.

Every person has due process rights, and has a right to their own attorney. If there is evidence of criminal behavior, the matter is referred to law enforcement agencies. A person caught in violation by the FPPC has 2 alternatives, an Administrative Judge can hear the complaint and rule or they can work to rectify the violation.

They handle cases of enforcement, such as complaints, staff and officer referrals, audit and audit referrals, FPPC streamlined enforcement programs, random audits, and self-initiated investigations. They also include referrals from law enforcement agencies.

The FPPC handled 1800 cases last year with over 1000 proven violations. Most public officials are trying to do a good job. 1000 cases out of the 500,000 people they monitor isn't that horrible.

Types of resolutions: Case closure letter, advisory letter, warning letter, stipulation—come to a consensus meeting, default judgement, administrative judgement.



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Generally the commission seeks compliance plus a penalty in filing cases.

The FPPC seeks to limit “Dark Money” or ‘payments to influence”: things like rent for consultants, advertising, they must maintain records and make it available for disclosure.

Form 700—every public official needs to file one. The FPPC is helping to make it able to e-file it. They are also working on an updated case management system to include a public portal where certain relative information will be available. The FPPC feels the public has a right to know.

If the commission comes across criminal activity they refer it to a law enforcement jurisdiction. The biggest case during Jay’s time at the commission (2 years) was the Barryhill brothers, one was a Senator and one was in the Assembly and they tried to mix their campaign fundraising money.

Thank you, Jay for a very interesting look at the FPPC.

December 5th, Holiday Party—Roaring 20’s style! 6pm cocktails, 7pm dinner.

December 8th, Laurel Ruff, 5325 Garfield Avenue, 10:15am.

December 15th, Sacramento Chaplaincy.



Matt and Jeri



Gary



Carroll



Phil Kozycz



Prez Steve



Patt



Jay Allen



Allyson Conwell



Rafflemeister