

Arden Arcade

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Pledge by Danny Curtola
Invocation By John Gabriel

Prez Steve told us that Dawn Patton is in the hospital and asked everyone to put her in our hearts and prayers.

We also celebrated the birthdays of Lee Burkehouse and Cathy Skeen—we sang happy Birthday to them. Cathy is also celebrating her 40th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Joe Green handed out new blue badges to Stan Atkinson, Steve Newman, Paula James and Joe Green. Stuart Nelson and Tim Cahill we not in attendance but have earned their blue badge as well.

Prez Steve asked for a volunteer to organize the dictionary program this year. Bill Hambrick nominated Cathy Skeen and she said she'd do it if Bill would be her assistant. The dictionaries are on order. Michael Caplan expressed how important they are for children and what an excellent project this is.

Michael Caplan has the Rotary shirts & hats available today. They are the preferred item to wear to the golf tournament. In fact, Prez Steve will fine you \$5 if you come without Rotary garb on. The Zoom shorts and skirts are to be worn as well!

Paula is still working with El Camino High School and will meet with their cheer squad to get them involved in the community and acquainting them with Rotary. We are making a donation to their fundraising walk for cancer. There is another opportunity to sit with high school students and mentor them. On November 5th from 8-3:30 at Sac State to help them understand and implement skills into their lives. As Rotarians, sharing our experiences makes an impact on them.

Prez Steve asked Jeri to update us on the Foundation Board meeting. Jeri explained that there are 2 funds—the Ray McClure Scholarship Fund and the Foundation Fund. Jeri said the board is trying to fix a benchmark % to pull out of the funds each year without going below the set corpus. The President of the club determines the use of the funds.



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Steve Turner,
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Attendance: Jed Van Wagner

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Matt Ross Won last Week!!

RAFFLE

1st Pot \$165—Joe Green won a bottle of wine but did not pull the Ace!

2nd Pot- \$309 – Joe Green won a bottle of wine but did not pull the Ace!



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Visitors and guests: Stephan Haynes, Real Property Management, visitor from Roclin/Loomis Basin Rotary; Pastor Earl Heberle; David Lewis, Encina High School.

Our speaker, David Lewis is from Encina High School. He told us a story of Octavia Lawson, a 2008 grad from Encina who despite circumstances has graduated from college and now is counseling students to help them achieve as well. David told this story to highlight "What you do as Rotarians matters." He said as administrators and teachers they are expected to be at school and help the kids, but when the community gets involved like Rotary did with the Computer Lab, it makes a real difference. The students see that as someone out there caring about them.

David showed slides of the progression of the computer lab as it was before Rotary got involved and how it now serves multiple scenarios for student teacher interaction. The room went from a dull, standard room to a vibrant useful space that the students thrive in. The human effort involved with the transformation is very special. The new tables make many formations which allows for cooperative work spaces and individual testing space. All the changes allow for more critical thinking activities and allow the teachers to map student's progress.

David said many of the 6th graders who entered school at Encina this year are reading below grade level most at the 4th grade level. He expressed praise for the dictionary project and how special it is for children to receive this gift. He said the teaching staff at Encina is pretty stable and that allows for a great connection with the kids. They are also doing Encina Academy on line to help students that do not have the credits to graduate make up classes.

The campus is a transient community but the state has passed a law to support and empower families who are homeless or transient by giving them the right to attend the same school. The state helps by giving free bus passes and coordination help. They are even starting a clothes closet at Encina to help these families. A resource center is also going to be set up for computer.

David was asked how many students go on to college and he said many go to a junior college and about 10% go to a 4 year college. They don't have statistics on graduation rates. David talked about the resilience of these kids to even get to school let alone thrive.

About 30% of the kids are homeless, 35% of the student body is African American, 40% Latino and 20% white which is a combination of many nationalities including Afghanistan, Iraq, etc.

Upcoming Programs:

September 25th, Petersen Cup

September 29th, District Gov.

10am Board Mtg., 12pm lunch

October 13th—Warren Smith,

Sacramento Republic and Refresh
Rotary Day

Thank you, David for giving us an update on Encina and how things are going this year.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Don't forget to be at Ruth Chris on Tuesday, September 29th at 10am, to meet with the District Governor prior to our lunch meeting.



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Dear District 5180 Rotarians,

Thank you for the many requests to help the individuals, families and fire fighters for both the Butte and Valley Fire. Below are places where you can directly help. It has been mentioned that cash donations are the best way to help.

☑ I have spoken with the Mayor in the city of Jackson, who happens to be a Rotarian as well, suggested for the Butte Fire victims is through their community website. <http://amadorcommunityfoundation.org>

The Valley Fire seems to be the most devastating, below is the Red Cross, two Rotary clubs and Salvation Army.

☑ The **Red Cross** is actively helping victims of the Butte Fire in Amador and Calaveras counties, and the Valley Fire in Lake and Napa counties. They are asking for just cash donations at this time. People can help by donating to Red Cross Disaster Relief by visiting redcross.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or texting the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. Donations to Disaster Relief will be used to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small.

☑ **Lakeport Rotary** has established a fire relief fund for anyone wishing to donate. We have all opened our homes and continue to do what we can to help with those immediate needs. But the days, weeks and months ahead are when some big challenges will unfold. With any funds donated we will work closely with the other 3 lake County rotary clubs to determine how to best deploy those funds. You can mail your check to; Lakeport Rotary Valley Fire Relief Fund PO box 937 Lakeport, CA 95453

☑ The **Rotary Club of Calistoga** has created a Relief Fund for the victims of the Valley Fire. What is most needed right now is monetary relief - Sunday saw an incredible flood of food, clothing and shelter supplies, and the Red Cross has actually asked us to temporarily halt that effort. If you want to help, here is what you can do: Send a Gift Card (WalMart, Target etc.) or a prepaid VISA or Mastercard to: Rotary Club of Calistoga Valley Fire Relief Fund P.O. Box 754 Calistoga, CA 94515 Note: please make out checks to the Calistoga Rotary Foundation – it makes them tax deductible. Be assured that we will deliver all funds received to the American Red Cross, for the exclusive use of Valley Fire relief efforts. Thank you, Jim Flamson, PDG Philippe Therene, President Rotary Club of Calistoga

• **The Salvation Army** has deployed multiple canteens (mobile kitchens) to two major wildfire areas in Northern California: the Butte Fire in Calaveras County and the Valley Fire in Lake County and Napa County. Teams are on the scene to serve meals for first responders and evacuees in both disaster sites. **Valley Fire** Canteens from various Salvation Army locations (Auburn, Napa, San Rafael and Santa Rosa) are in the affected area: · Kelseyville High School (5480 Main St, Kelseyville) · Clearlake Senior Center (3245 Bowers Avenue, Clearlake) · Clearlake Walmart (15960 Dam Rd, Clearlake) So far, more than 1,800 meals have been served. Along the meal service, The Salvation Army will also provide emotional and spiritual care to residents seeking that assistance. **Butte Fire** · Yesterday, Salvation Army canteens from San Francisco and Modesto arrived to replace a team from Lodi which had been serving in various sites in the towns of Valley Springs and Burson. · The Salvation Army is now focusing efforts at two shelter locations: Jenny Lind Veterans Memorial District (189 Pine Street, Valley Springs) and Good Samaritan Church (4684 Baldwin Street, Valley Springs). The Salvation Army team is also utilizing the kitchens at the shelters sites. · The Salvation Army is also serving at the Red Cross command center. · Starting Wednesday, The Salvation Army will add a feeding location at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds, providing an additional 300 meals per day. Since last Thursday, nearly 3,000 meals have been provided for this fire scene. **Donation Information** Monetary donations are only needed at this time. The Salvation Army uses 100% of disaster donations in support of local disaster relief operations. To give, <http://salar.my/northerncaliforniawildfires> or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY (1-800-725-2769) and designate "Northern California Fires." Donations by mail may be designated "Northern California Fires" and sent to: The Salvation Army PO Box 348000 Sacramento, CA 95834 In-kind donations are not currently being accepted outside the disaster area. However, these gifts are vitally important to your local Salvation Army. To give items locally, visit www.SATruck.com or call 1-800-SA-TRUCK.

Yours in Rotary, Glenn Fong, Governor 2015-2016 Rotary International District 5180