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Member Spotlight Paul Cunha

One never knows when a life changing event comes in your life.

That came for me during the summer of 1984. I was working for a very successful office building developer based in the Bay Area, building an office building located in the Point West area. One day while reading a trade publication, I noticed an employment ad. To this day, I have no idea why I thought it was a good idea to send in my resume. The ad didn't really tell me what they were looking for and didn't even say who had placed the ad. At the first interview I learned that the job was to start an office of a Portland based construction company in Sacramento. I did not know who the Company was until the interview. It was S. D. Deacon.

Thus, began a 35-year adventure doing something I had always wanted to do, to build a construction company from the ground up. With incredible luck and great colleagues we did build a great company. I was fortunate to be able to buy into that company, which changed me from an employee, to an owner. That was a second life-changing opportunity.

Now that I am on the glide path to retirement, I often think of how fortunate I was to have sent that resume in and to have a had such an enjoyable career in a business that I love.

You just never know what opportunities are going to come your way, you can only hope that you recognize them for what they can be and to not let them pass you by.

Paul Cunha

Speaker: Judge Jerilyn Borack

Judge Jerilyn Borack, presiding judge of the Sacramento Juvenile Court, gave an enlightening presentation about how juvenile justice works in Sacramento and all of California.

Judge Borack has spent most of her 18-year judicial career in Family Court and Juvenile Court and is well versed in how justice works within the family setting. Traditionally, the two aspects of juvenile court are Dependency and Delinquency. Because the goal of juvenile court is to provide support and guidance to children, "Delinquency" is now referred to as "Juvenile Justice."

Juvenile court has the overarching goal of strengthening the family and ensuring that children are enabled to grow and mature to be productive members of society. The dependency side deals with children who are being subjected to abuse or neglect. The juvenile justice side addresses children who engage in unlawful or antisocial behavior. One goal is to keep the child within the family whenever possible, but if their safety and well-being are at risk, a decision may be made to temporarily, or permanently, remove them from their home, which usually involves Foster care.

The entire process involves a collaborative effort by the DA, Public Defender, Probation, CPS, the Court and agencies like CASA doing their best to overcome undesirable situations, rehabilitate the child and avoid, if possible, the stigma of criminal conviction.

Amazon Smile to help Club Fundraising

Amazon Smile

For the first quarter of 2020, our Club has received about \$47.00 from Amazon Smile. I, President Russ, would like to increase this amount significantly for the 3rd and 4th quarter.

In order to do so, we need everyone that uses Amazon for online purchases to sign up for the Amazon Smile program. It does not cost you anything. Only the effort to sign up. I just signed my wife up for Amazon Smile and she doesn't know about it, yet.

For every qualifying purchase, 0.5% will be donated to Point West Rotary Foundation. This does not sound like very much, however, if we all sign up for Amazon Smile, it can add up to a lot during this Covid-19 pandemic. Also, remember, the Holidays are just around the corner and many of us will do most of our shopping online.

I would like to *thank everyone in advance* signing up.

Pin Award:

To John Price for his Brewfest leadership!

**New challenge
coming!!**

KEY DATES

Aug. 21 – Virtual: 7:30 AM – Kent Kerns, Superintendent, San Juan School District.

Aug. 28 – Virtual: 7:30 AM – Michael Lynch, CEO of Improve Your Tomorrow.