

THE GRAPEVINE
“The Somewhat Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley”

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Meeting #6-7---The Professor is in



Guests; Jarnail Chahal, engineer



Visiting Rotarians: Larry Annis, Pleasanton



10 SPOT—Beth in Charge

- Roy-20- Lanny Annis and Bob Athenour
- Leslie-10-to Lori S. for delivering her Rotary packet
- Jill-20-to Jarnail → hope he joins
- Dennis-20- to Jill and Dave Behring → gave a private tour in New Orleans
- Deb-10-to Dave Behring
- DQ-10-GHS Interactors
- Beth-10-to KMack
- Philomena-10- to KMack, Real Estate Alliance, 9K
- Bill-10-boys came home and went to Spicer Lake
- Rosemary-40- spent time with the four grandkids
- Fred-20-lost 9Lbs → feeling better
- KMack-10-to Fred; gained his 9lbs.
- Rose-10-feeling better; gained somebody's 7lbs
- Jarnail-20-lost 5lbs
- Anne-20-her granddaughter (11 yr. old) is taking a cooking class and Anne is eating well

Announcements:

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• Greeters:

August 18- Jerry

August 25- Beth

- Save the Date: October 17th—Fundraiser—Car Rally “Bring Together Family and Businesses”



PROGRAM: David Behring, Wheelchair Project

Cited Cliff Dochterman: “Helping a child is a noble task”

The Wheelchair project started with his dad, Ken Behring. (Remember the huge commercial jet that used to be located at the airport). His dad owned that and flew around the world. He’d load it up and flew to different part of the world distributing wheelchairs—1 million in 5 years.

A little problem today is that Rotary cannot do international grants out of Evanston—do district grants.

He talked about corruption, especially in India.

One wheelchair costs about \$75; the Behring Foundation puts up about one-half of it and the clubs do the rest

Three types of wheelchairs:

- regular—for urban use
- pneumatic—over rougher terrain
- special designed for youth with neurological issues

August 18th—Guests

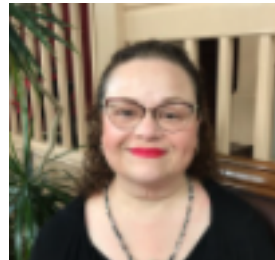


This lady visited us; not sure who she is

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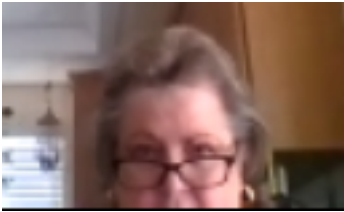


10 Spot: For security Frank has his dogs around (looks like nice, cuddly pets)

- Bassant-10-her daughter joined the party
- Frank-20-he keeps the water moving during this heat
- Charles-20-Thanks to fire personnel for recent fire near his property
- Jill-20-to Dennis/Frank—keep the water moving
- Angelika-50- went to Lake Tahoe undeterred by the protesters telling visitors to go home
- Dennis-20-kudos to Zone 7 Ozone Treatment Plant
- Rosemary-20- Two granddaughters; one is a pre-Olympic team candidate
- Lori-20-to Lupita; and she loves CA with all its climate----->
- Kathleen-10-Oldest son turning 29 tomorrow
- Philomena-10- she sees some of her grads now teaching in the district
- George-10-for teachers; virtual teaching is tough!



Oops, almost forgot—last week we filled out another 10 Spot Board. Did I hear this correctly; this is Board #29???



Deb wanted to be incognito, but her number was drawn, and she donated the 1K to the club—good call Deb!!

First Runner-up—Dennis—gift card

Congeniality Award—Rosemary—gift card



Program: Alan Cerro, Tiny Homes

A Tiny Home Community is not another HUD Program, it's affordable housing for hard working Americans.

Some may think this looks like I am building a low-income development near my church or organization. This is not the case. This initiative creates tiny home communities for everyday essential-working Americans, like police officers, nurses, teachers, firemen, who are interviewed and screened for each available tiny home within your property.

Some Big Benefits to know about the Tiny Home Initiative

- No need to sell your land
 - 10 and 15 year land lease structure provides future flexibility
 - Generates monthly income to subsidize organizational goals.
 - Clearly identified as a dependable, long-term source of project funding.
 - Modular building techniques dramatically reduce costs and speed timing.
 - Creative approaches can include housing for pastoral and church staff.
 - All housing applicants screened by Department of Justice background checks.
- Tiny Home Occupants = “essential workers” in a community, i.e. police officers, firemen, teachers, nurses, medical personnel.

When he says “Tiny”, he means tiny. They range from 200 sq ft to 750 sq ft.



Coaches' Corner

Looks like Eric was the only person to miss me. Was called away so we're doubling up this week.

• Too bad the Giants have to play 9 innings

• Thinking of baseball, this is the 100th anniversary of the Negro Leagues. It is too bad that we have this event to honor. The Negro Leagues were a great part of baseball history. I really enjoyed the passion both the Negro League players and White League players had for the game. They could not make a living off of baseball, and held second jobs during the offseason. They seemed to have more fun than today's players. I especially liked the nicknames attached to them. The following are some nicknames attached to the Negro League players:

- “Mule” Suttles (because he swung a 50 oz. bat; today’s players swing a 32-33 oz bat normally)
- James (Cool Papa) Bell (Satchel Paige said he was so fast that he hit a baseball so hard that he narrowly missed hitting him in the head, but hit Bell in the butt as he slid into second)
- Arthur “Rats” Henderson (some other players played a prank on him by putting rats in his lunchbox and...)
- LeRoy “Satchel” Paige (because he portered the luggage of people to the hotel on a pole so he could carry a lot)
- Ted “Double Duty” Radcliffe (he caught Paige in the first game of a doubleheader and then threw a shutout in the second game)
- Norman “turkey” Stearnes

See if you can match the player with his nickname:

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| 1. ___Mordecai Peter Centennial Brown | a. Big Unit |
| 2. ___Steve Carlton | b. Blue Moon |
| 3. ___Ty Cobb | c. Stretch |
| 4. ___Joe DiMaggio | d. Iron Horse |
| 5. ___Carlton Fisk | e. Three Finger |
| 6. ___Jimmy Foxx | f. Catfish |
| 7. ___James Augustus Hunter | g. Big Hurt |
| 8. ___Reggie Jackson | h. Say Hey |
| 9. ___Randy Johnson | i. Sandman |
| 10. ___Willie McCovey | j. Lefty |
| 11. ___Willie Mays | k. The Hammer |
| 12. ___Harold Henry Reese | l. Yankee Clipper |
| 13. ___Cal Ripken | m. Pops |
| 14. ___Mariano Rivera | n. Pee Wee |
| 15. ___Philip Francis Rizzuto | o. Georgia Peach |
| 16. ___Wilver Stargell | p. Mr. October |
| 17. ___Frank Thomas | q. Iron Man |
| 18. ___Henry Louis Gehrig | r. Double X |
| 19. ___John Lee Odom | s. Scooter |



Alex Smith

Remember him? Drafted by the 49ers ahead of Aaron Rodgers in 2005. I always liked him and had much empathy for him as he struggled with the 9ers. It surely didn't help that he had a different offensive coordinator each of his first five years with the team.

And when they started to improve in 2012, he received a concussion and when he was ready again to play, Coach Harbaugh left Colin Kaepernick in at QB. But Smith never publicly complained. He was then traded to KC after the season where he had a winning record each year. And then KC drafted Patrick Mahomes and goodbye Alex to Washington (formerly the Redskins). Again, he never complained. He again played well there until

November 2018 when he was tackled and severely damaged his knee. "Severely damage" is an understatement. He almost had to have his leg amputated. ESPN E:60 did a program on his injury and his leg was in terrible shape. I forgot the number of operations he had.

Fast forward to today. This week he was back on the practice field for the first time since 2018. I want to reach out and grab him by the neck and say, "Alex, this is not worth it." He is a very smart individual. (He scored one of the highest scores they give all players when they are drafted, and all coaches remark about his brilliance. I'm rooting for you Alex but also praying you do not get hurt again!!!



• **Summer Reading:** OK, everyone has had a chance to catch up on reading. Give me some recommendations. In turn, I give you my #1 book of the summer: **SPARE PARTS**. (Beth: I think you will especially like this)

Thought of the Day: If I choose, I can regard everything that happens in my life as a gift from which I can learn and grow

"After all is said and done, there is usually more said than done"

Kevin
