

THE GRAPEVINE
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Meeting #11---The Professor is in, along with the DG



Guest: Lt. Governor Art Testani



Kudos to Angelika for today's song—Lee Greenwood's **I'm Proud To Be An American!!!!**

10 SPOT—

- Deb-10-son getting married and Fergie is “Dog of Honor”
- DQ-20- to Roy for wearing the RYLA shirt
 - to GHS Interact
- Coach-20-today is 24th anniversary of kidney transplant. Sister doing well
- Rosemary-30-supporting the Chrome Book donation
- Philomena-40-son, wife and 2 dogs visiting from the Tar Heel state
- Lori-10-Roy for his videos
 - 10-Graham for his Dodgers beating the Asterisks
 - 10- Coach for deep generosity
- Jill-10-Angelika for today's song
 - 10-Hand washing community
 - 10-Roy for his videos
- Sherri-10-to all football folly participants
- Beth-10-to Roy for videos

Student of the Month: Corinna Bartolotto (I can't believe she is not in any screen shot)

GHS Principal Matt Hart introduced her and was extremely complimentary of her achievements thus far at school:

- 3.8 GPA in I.B. classes as well as AP classes
- has a “heart for service”
- started new club at GHS-BIG BUDDY CLUB (helping with 9th grade transition to high school)
- Junior class president
- ASB president this year
- wants to be a Mustang (Cal Poly)

Announcements:

Football Follies— A lot of carnage this weekend. Get your picks in to Sherri. If you don't make a pick you will get the Quick Pick.

•Greeter

9/22—Fred Q

9/29—Kevin McCallum.

Thought of the Day

9/22—Bill Stevens

9/29—Frank V

Song of the Day

Roy

Graham

Program: Gregg Giusiana, District Governor of 0517



This is not Gregg, but he wanted us to know the RI President for 2022-23. This is Jennifer E. Jones from Canada. First woman president. It only took 115 years!

We do have a Vision Statement:



Your Rotary \$ at work. Africa recently announced that there are no new cases in the continent.

Add "Environment" to the Areas of Focus

ROTARY's Areas of Focus



Virtual Events

- September 17 – TRF Area Workshop
- September 29 – All About the Club Trainer
- September 30 District Book Club Meeting
- October 17 Avenues of Service
- November 12 -14 Training institute
- December 5 Leadership Seminar
- March 5-7 PETS

Coaches' Corner



• Couldn't resist. Saw this pic of Eric on today's meeting. Such a shock to see him with a mic in his hand.

• What's going on in Seattle? At yesterday's doubleheader with the A's, the Air Quality Index was 284. The NFL has a policy of not playing if it gets to 200.

- More good golf over the weekend. I got caught up watching the women's tournament because it was a major (used to be known as the **Dinah Shore**—remember her? “See the USA in your Chevrolet.....”) Anyway, if you follow women's golf at all you know how it is dominated by the South Koreans. So, there is this American golfer, Nelly Kordas, who led the tournament for four days, coming down to the 18th hole with a one-shot lead over Canadian golfer Brooke Henderson and a two-shot lead over South Korean golfer Miran Kim. The 18th is a par 5, which can be hit in two shots. Long story, short: Kim chips in for an eagle to tie the lead. BTW, this was her third chip in of the day. Henderson birdies the hole and Kordas pars it setting up a three-person playoff. They all go back to play #18 again, and Kim birdies the hole to win the tournament. Fantastic finish by Kim—down two shots to play with one hole left and she wins it.

- Back to football. Best line I heard by a sportscaster over the weekend. You probably have heard people describe pitchers and quarterbacks lack of accuracy with colorful analogies such as: “He couldn't hit the broadside of a barn,” or “He couldn't hit water if he fell out of a boat.” This is a new one from Rex Ryan describing Cleveland Brown QB Baker Mayfield, “He couldn't find Black Beauty if a field of white mice.”

- Back to golf. The U.S. Open is this weekend. It is usually played in June, but it starts this Thursday at Winged Foot Golf Club in New York. This tournament is usually characterized by tough conditions, like high rough, impossible speedy greens etc. Anyway, get you bet down now—the winner will be **Webb Simpson**. Book It!



- I am going to get serious for a second. The picture you see is of Skip Bayless. He is a sport commentator better known for saying outrageous things to rile people up. He works for Fox Sports. Last week he went over the top. Background: Dak Prescott is the QB of the Dallas Cowboys. It's a high-profile position. A few weeks ago, Prescott opened up about suffering from depression because of the COVID-19 quarantine and the suicide in April of his brother. He further stated he needed help to overcome these emotions. The following was Bayless' comment on Prescott's admission, **“I'm going to ask our audience to go ahead and condemn me, if you choose, as cold-blooded and insensitive on this issue. I have deep compassion for clinical depression. But when it comes to the quarterback of an NFL team, you know this better than I do, it's the ultimate leadership position in sports. You are commanding an entire franchise. ... But you're commanding a lot of young men and some older men. And they're all looking to you to be their CEO, to be in charge of the football team. Because of all that, I don't have sympathy for him going public with 'I got depressed. I suffered depression early in COVID to the point where I couldn't even go workout.' Look, he's the quarterback of America's Team.”**

Am I naïve in thinking that normal people don't think this way, or if they did would not spew it publicly? Or is this a sign of the times we live in where the producers of the show encourage outlandish comments to get people talking and watching?

- Another sign of the times? I still cannot understand the mask issue. Yet this is turning into a political issue. You can't enter any business I know without wearing a face covering. Yet a couple of mass gatherings recently have combatted the necessity of wearing a mask as a front to our personal freedom. One occurred at the annual motorcycle rally in Sturgis, South Dakota and the other at recent Republican rallies. Those interviewed giving reasons for not wearing a mask cite “we don't live in a dictatorship” or “it's my responsibility, not the government.” My only answer to this is that these people don't believe this virus is as deadly as we are being told by the government. And this leads to larger questions about our future.

- Roy wants to “Thank” all who donated \$10 for his gestures this morning.

- Very few are commenting on recent match challenges, so the answers to last week are:

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| 1. ___ C. Charlies Brown | a. Elvis Pressley |
| 2. ___ C. Searchin' | b. Ben E. King |

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| 3. ___ A. Don't | c. The Coasters |
| 4. ___ E. There Goes My Baby | d. Wilbert Harrison |
| 5. ___ B. Stand By Me | e. The Drifters |
| 6. ___ C. Little Egypt | |
| 7. ___ D. Kansas City | |
| 8. ___ E. Ruby Baby | |
| 9. ___ C. Poison Ivy | |
| 10. ___ A. Hound Dog | |
| 11. ___ A. Jailhouse Rock | |

Fill in the blank: "And like that Northwest Mountie, you know **I'll Bring Her Home Some Day.**

Oh, and the trivia about Tom Seaver on why all members of the Mets put dirt on their right knee in his memory. Some thought this was TOO easy and Mr. Dodger himself didn't understand the question. Anyway, if you looked at Seaver's pitching style, he was almost picture perfect in his delivery. He put so much into every pitch and drove off the rubber so hard with his right foot that his right knee scraped the dirt on the pitching mound and he always had dirt on his knee. One of a kind. Now you know the rest of the story, for whatever that is worth.

Thought of the Day: Find Solutions, Not Blame

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

Kevin
