

THE GRAPEVINE
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Month 4, Meeting 16 in the Administration of 1/4Man.



A follow up to Dick's education thoughts of the day. As principal I had this target posted on my wall: "Students can hit any target you set if they know what it looks like and it doesn't move on them." I believe the same is true for us. In this case 1/4Man has set goals for us re: membership. But really it begins with us and our weekly meetings, and folks, our meetings have not moved. Let's step it up.

1. Deb—Bocce

• This is not a misprint. Deb is telling us to start thinking Bocce, especially regarding raffle prizes. She is also requesting one of us to step forward to head the raffle and silent auction part. We've sold 88, half way there. Keep it going.

2. Love's Follies

The following are 6-0: Eccles, Fields, Hawkins, Rusca and Son. Ken McCartney went back to his earlier ways. Maybe a trip to Mt. Everest will clear his head.

3. Dick Q and I have been working with the Interact Club on how are Love Follies funds will be spent this Thanksgiving. Right now the best I can give you is the date: **Sunday, November 20. On their own the students have set up the day: Time: 3-7pm. They want to serve food (spaghetti feed) but have lots of activities for kids, and then set up tables where families can take the food they want to supplement their Thanksgiving dinner.**

4. Mini- grant applications are on the website. Find applicants. Due: October 28th

5. New Member: Josh Heavenston

Josh is the Customer Service Rep at Cal Water and has been there for 9 years. He is anxious to join our festive group as he has a two-month old at home to keep company with a three-year old. The only time he will get to sleep is at our meetings. (just kidding Fred)



OTHER STUFF:

← ----Our leader's message to us—
especially with visitors!

Save The Date: November 1st—Recruitment Breakfast

• **Steve Faith** will be our speaker that day, and his talk will be what he is spearheading to deal with concussions with students in our school system. BTW,

I've incorporated his advice and testing mechanisms with all the athletes on my grandson's team. Good stuff.

Gib needs contact information from you in order to make the invites. It's pretty obvious right now that there will be \$ recognition for those who do not submit names.

6. **Javier** told us that Area 4 (Livermore clubs, Pleasanton clubs, Dublin clubs) have agreed to pool their district Designated Fund to come up with a really big project. Details coming by June.

7. Frank is heading to Avenue of Service on Saturday, October 22nd. Would somebody please go with him?

PROGRAM: John Cox, California Citizens Legislature



Mr. Cox is a thoughtful and articulate businessman who wants to change the ways we elect our representatives.

He is talking throughout the state to put an initiative on the ballot in 2018 entitled the California Citizens Legislature.

He cited how New Hampshire elects their representatives and suggests that California follow the same principle with a population that is 40 times higher. Don't hold me to the math because I was trying to follow the concept, not the exact numbers. But he says that now each elected representative serves about 500,000 people (which he believes is too large). His concept is to have each district be subdivided into smaller units of 5000 and from this number have one person selected so you would end up with a mini representation of 100 people. From these 100 they would select one representative go to Sacramento. But as legislation came up they would communicate (using today's technology) with the other 100, who would then communicate with the 5000 they represent.)

If you can't follow this, then you should have been here.

THOUGHTS FROM THE TWILIGHT ZONE:

1. Part 2: Ruth's Chris Steak House in Ann Arbor announced last Friday that for the rest of the season, customers would receive a percentage off of their food bill equal to Michigan's winning margin in the previous week's game. Gee, a 78 point difference—that would equate to 78% off your bill. Good deal. But you have to read the fine print. They capped it at 50%. But look who took advantage of the discount—former 49er coach Jim Harbaugh with his glass of milk.



Also: Michigan had a BYE last week so what does Harbaugh do? He wants to recruit the #1 running back in the country—Najee Harris from Antioch HS. He shows up at their halftime and he announces the name of the Homecoming Queen. And then the next night he goes to El Cerrito where he works on the chain gang. What a guy!! Another good move by the 49ers.

2. Drake's Heisman picks:

- a. Lamar Jackson—Louisville
- b. J.T. Barrett—Ohio State

c. DeShaun Watson--Clemson

4. After watching the 49ers Sunday I wonder if we can apply some baseball terms to Kaepernick? For example, every time he short shops a receiver can we give him an E-1?

5. Also I now have a new form of protest. Every time he drops back to pass, I'm going to take a knee.

6. Continuing with the subject of football and other stupid things:

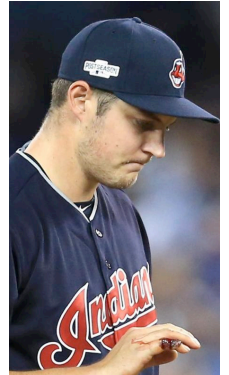


- Remember what 49er child-owner Jed York said after he fired Harbaugh, "Hold me accountable.?" How do you hold an owner accountable when he charges nearly 100K for Personal Seat Licenses and puts a terrible product on the field? Here's an idea: give these fans a rebate!!! I'm not holding my breath. #Greed

- And how about the elected officials in Nevada wooing the Oakland Raiders. Yesterday the governor signed a bill allowing \$750,000 of public money to be used to build them a stadium in Las Vegas. People of Alameda County think of this—how stupid are they??? Don't answer----using public money to woo billionaires. #Crazy

- While on the subject of "stupid." How about Cleveland Indian pitcher Trevor Bauer. He started the game last night and lasted 2/3 of an inning. Reason: his little finger was bleeding. Reason: He cut it last Friday while doing "routine maintenance" of his drone, and it took 10 stitches to close. What is going on with this "drone culture" that I don't understand? #Stupid

- Especially for our hockey pucks (I mean fans—Jeff B and Tom M), I was just looking at the National Hockey League standings and see teams in San Jose, Arizona, Los Angeles, Anaheim, Nashville, Dallas, Florida, Tampa Bay, Carolina, and Columbus. Taking a line from somewhere in my memory bank: "If you leave your glass of water outside for an hour and when you go to retrieve it and it is not frozen, your city should not have a hockey team."#54-40



7. If you wrote your Week 7 picks at today's meeting you need to send them to me. I did not get back the sheet with the picks on it.

Today's Final Thought: Be yourself; everyone else is already taken!

Kevin Drake

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

• BEARS AT PACKERS

- [SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RDVIEW FULL THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE »](#)
- 9:30AM ETGIANTS AT RAMS
- 1:00PM ETSAINTS AT CHIEFS
- 1:00PM ETCOLTS AT TITANS
- 1:00PM ETVIKINGS AT EAGLES
- 1:00PM ETBROWNS AT BENGALS
- 1:00PM ETREDSKINS AT LIONS

- 1:00PM ETRAIDERS AT JAGUARS
- 1:00PM ETBILLS AT DOLPHINS
- 1:00PM ETRAVENS AT JETS
- 4:05PM ETBUCCANEERS AT 49ERS
- 4:05PM ETCHARGERS AT FALCONS
- 4:25PM ETPATRIOTS AT STEELERS
- 8:30PM ETSEAHAWKS AT CARDINALS
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

- 8:30PM ETTEXANS AT BRONCOS
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Eccles, W	6-0
Fields, D	6-0
Hawkins, J	6-0
Rusca, M	6-0
Rusca, K	6-0
Bedford D	5-1
Gambs, D	5-1
Kavanagh, J	5-1
Quigley, D	5-1
Schumann, E	5-1
Scott, G	5-1
Stevens, B	5-1
Wineinger, G	5-1
Drake K	4-2
Vallejo, F	4-2
Souza, G	4-2
Crohare C	3-3
1/4Man, F	3-3
Tucknott, B	3-3
Porfido, R	3-3
Perez, J	2-4
McCartney, K	1-5

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