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The Spoke



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August 24, 2020

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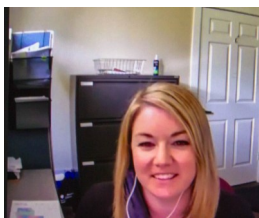
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August 17, 2020 Club News

Upcoming Programs:

Larry McGrath led us in the Pledge
President Seth gave the thought for the day: "You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face." Eleanor Roosevelt

- Sandra Barrington announced that she celebrated turning 40 over the weekend. She also announced that she is running for the Board of Nevada City School District. Seth fined her \$4.
- Marcia Salter gave many thanks for the demotion party.
- She also announced that the "9 square in the air" game for Lyman Gilmore Middle School was powder-coated and picked up last week, so they are ready for installation. Thank you Ken Holbrook and others for your hard work on this. The Union Hill School project is hopefully changing to building picnic tables.
- Seth announced the National holidays for this week.



Speaker: Dr Brian Evans, CEO & President of Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital was the speaker today. Brian talked about the various challenges and successes of the past year. The hospital is strong despite the challenges. They have a full year of reserves in cash, which is 4 times more than the average rural hospital. Physician recruitment is strong. CARES Act helped them get through the drop in revenue from stopping most elective procedures. Some areas of care were depleted when he started on the job over a year ago. But now OBGYN, Ortho, and Urology all are staffed with experts. In the middle of Covid, the hospital went 2 months without any Covid positive patients. Now they generally have just 1-4 patients in the hospital with Covid. They loaned out some ventilators to St. Joes Hospital in Stockton. SNMH tries less invasive treatments first when treating Covid. They are retaining good experts, employees, etc. They are working hard to communicate with the community the importance of keeping SNMH strong. It is not owned by Dignity, it is a community owned asset.



What a week! On Monday, 8/17, a 705 acre fire [the Jones fire] northwest of Nevada City was sparked by lightning, forcing some of our members to evacuate their homes, and many more of our members to be ready to evacuate at a moments notice. As of Sunday evening, 8/23, the fire was 55% contained and all evacuation notices had been lifted. There are still hundreds of fires burning in California at this time. The cause of the fires is attributed to a lightning storm of more than 10,000 strikes across the state.

Since Casino Night is cancelled for 2021, our club's fundraising committee is working hard behind the scenes to come up with innovative ways to raise the money needed

- Aug 24 District Governor Roberta Pickett visits
- Aug 31 Lisa Swarhout, Mayor of Grass Valley
- Sept 7 DARK for Labor Day
- Sept 14 Lisa Lawell-Principal Lyman Gilmore + Student of Month

Dates to Remember:

- Aug 24 Club management meeting with DG Berta via ZOOM @ 10:30-11:30
- Sept 3 Fundraising Committee - ZOOM meeting 12:15
- April 29-May 2, 2021 Rotary RALLYE @ Harrah's in Lake Tahoe
- June 13-13, 2021 Rotary International Convention Taiwan

to support the many projects and services we provide to the community. There are many great ideas on the table so stay tuned for more info as it becomes available. Kathleen Shaffer is chairperson of the committee. Feel free to send her your fundraiser ideas for the committee to consider.

A BIG shout out to Sean Jackson and Bob Long for stepping up this week to return a chair borrowed by the late, great Tom Lathrop. The chair is now back at the home of community members Reg and Betty King. Thanks Reg and Betty, for being so generous! Thanks Sean and Bob! Thanks to all of the Rotarians who came forward with an offer to help. There were many!



August Rotary Theme Membership and New Club Development Month

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August Birthdays		August Anniversaries	
Cheryl Rellstab	Aug 1	Bob & Sharyl Long	48 years
Steve Spiller	Aug 7	Marcia & Tim Salter	41 years
Sandra Barrington	Aug 14	Becky & Cristian Sibaja	20 years
Scott Browne	Aug 14		
Susan Fivelstad	Aug 16		
Al Alstrand	Aug 21		
Marcia Salter	Aug 25		
Carol Elizondo	Aug 29		



Rotary Anniversaries			
Carol Lenhard	31 years	Jeanne Molineaux	2 years
Steve Spiller	19 years	Becky Sibaja	2 years
Susan Fivelstad	11 years	Cristian Sibaja	2 years
		Cheryl Rellstab	1 years