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Alex Padilla California Secretary of State



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE BEFORE THE BELL



Your humble scribe checked into Zoom early as instructed as this is to be a very special meeting. On the screen- the *Dilley Grove* with **President Dan Rasmus** looking masked and ready to start. Or is he foraging for mushrooms?

Tom Boag is on the case; conducting like MTT.

With a little time before the bell, your scribe decides to RoomRate some of the early participants. **Robin Maybury** – a 10. That grandfather clock is awesome. **Greg Jacobs**- a 0. Can't see the room as Greg's face is right in the camera, Back up Greg. **Patrick Dirden** –a 0 . He isn't in a room, so it can't be rated. If this was Garden Rater he would be a 10.



BEFORE THE BELL



Rich, fresh off the hustings comes into the room. **Diana** is the best reason to get out and vote this November. Or maybe there is another reason. The Break Out room is a huge success.

Suddenly and as promised we are sent to our rooms. Not at home but Break Out Rooms. Do we need to try and break out? There is **Mia Del Prete**. Hello **Mia**. Then **Pam Graber** shows up in the room with a few technical difficulties soon overcome. It's like we are having lunch at the Rotary meeting. In fact, there is **Jerry Warren** having lunch. We talk amongst ourselves and here comes **Lu Frazier**. We talk about having new eyes a little. Then **Diana**



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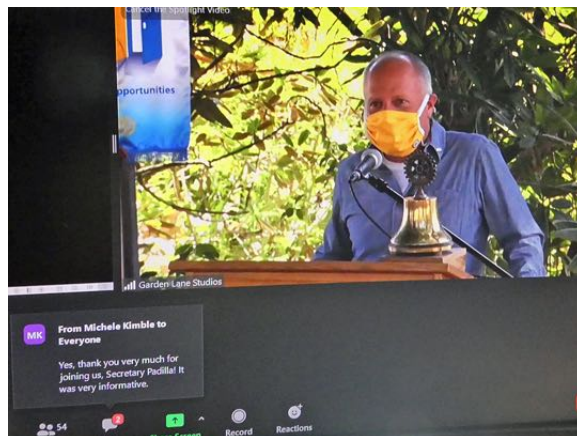
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🍎 AT THE BELL 🍎

We are taken out of our rooms and brought back to Zoom Land. **President Dan Rasmus** rings the bell a bit early (12:14) to accommodate our special guest.



He called on **Guy Smith** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance from the podium in the *Dilleys Grove*.



Aleia Coate delivered a couple of Thoughts for the Day:

*We must be willing to let go of the life we
PLANNED so as to have the life waiting for us.
Joseph Campbell*

And

*Common sense is like deodorant, the people who
need it most never use it*



VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS



There were no visiting Rotarians nor visitors who would identify themselves.



THE PROGRAM



Patrick Dirden introduced today's guest who is one of the best "gets" of all time. None other than the California Secretary of State Alex Padilla. Secretary Padilla came to talk about his specialty – voting- and there can't be a more timely topic.

Secretary Padilla spoke about the upcoming November election. California will send out a mail in ballot to all registered voters and it won't hurt a thing to send it back asap.

Although by law, votes cannot be counted early, there is plenty of prep work than can take place with ballots received early. You can mail your ballot in or you can drop it at a polling place.

Secretary Padilla asked for our help in identifying suitable polling places.



This year's election will be unlike any other. With the pandemic, the franchise will be tested. Some states do not have the extensive experience with mail voting that California has. Secretary Padilla said that we may not have all the results tallied on November 3rd. We should consider November 3rd, the last day to vote rather than election day.



After a series of questions, **President Dan Rasmus** thanked the Secretary and indicated that a donation to the *Rotary Learn-to Swim* program would be made in his name. Secretary Padilla pointed out the he graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology which has as a graduation requirement, the ability to swim. We are getting these kids ready.

🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

Rotary International has announced its new President for the 2022-2023 year. She is Jennifer Jones from Windsor Canada and yes, you got that right, she will be the first woman Rotary President. Although you couldn't really hear it on the computer, everyone in attendance said in unison, "It's about time".



🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

President Dan gave some Birthday shout outs to **Harry Polley**, **Meredeth Bertacco**, **Bristol Hassler** and **Paul Theilen**. None of them would admit to being in attendance. I guess they found better things to do on their birthdays.

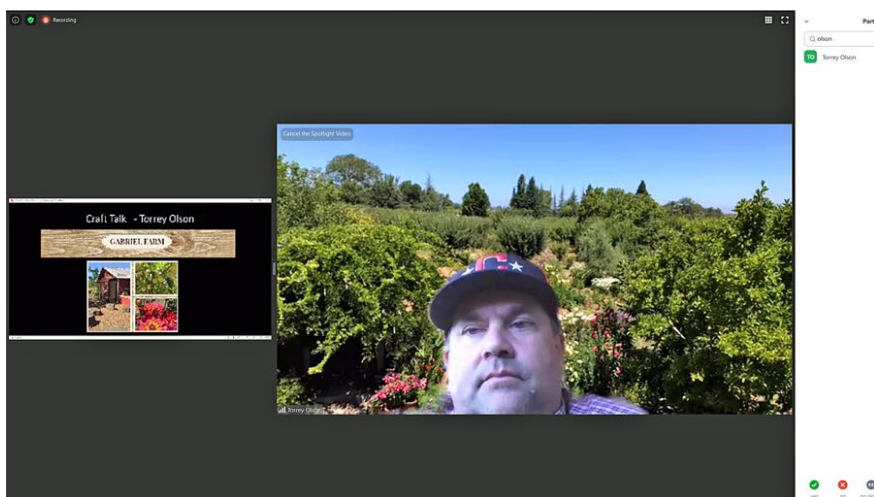
Russ Cunningham and Shirlee had an anniversary recently. Since **Russ's** birthday is close, they celebrated the birthday with a party and didn't do much on the anniversary. Unless you call having waffles for dinner not doing much. Sounds like fun to me.



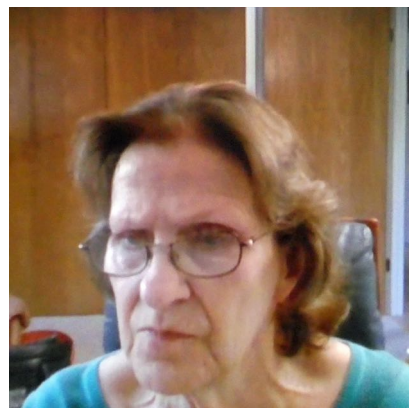


David Still was recognized for his August 3rd hole in one shot on the third hole at Northwood. Although it may not have been the greatest golf shot of all time, it was certainly **David Still's** greatest golf shot of all time. **David** also mentioned that on August 4th he had some inter-ocular replacement parts put in his eyes and he now has 20/20 vision. He will see the next hole in one.

Torrey Olsen was on 95.9 *the Krush* recently. No, he wasn't playing lead guitar on a new version of "The Weight." (although he could.) **Torrey** was explaining his *Pandemic Panacea* program of beautiful flowers by the bucket.

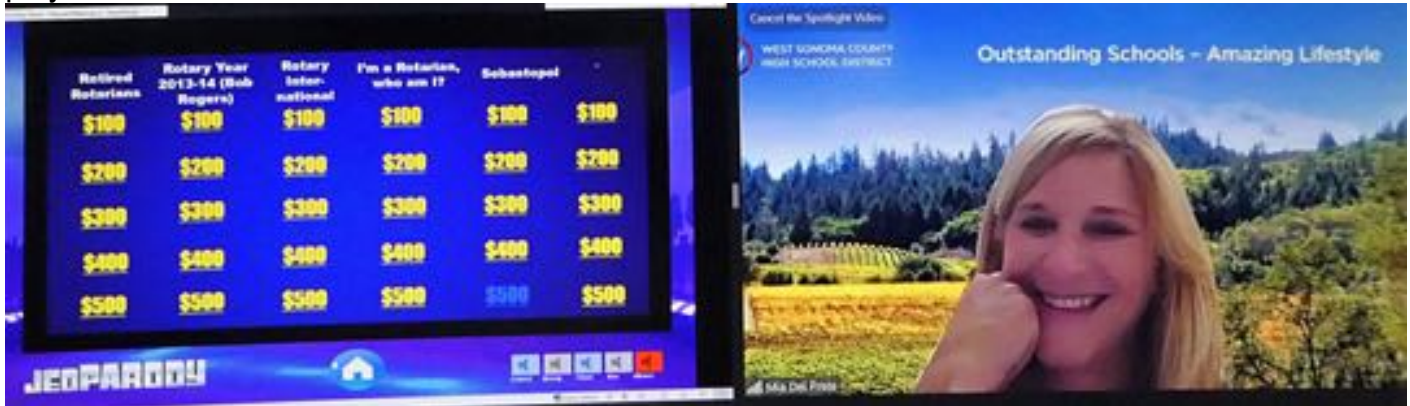


Seems that our club has been pretty supportive of **Torrey's** endeavor buying and giving away flowers all over West County. **Ellen Harrington** was name checked for buying flowers and other **Olsen** products and giving them to senior living homes. Thanks **Ellen**.

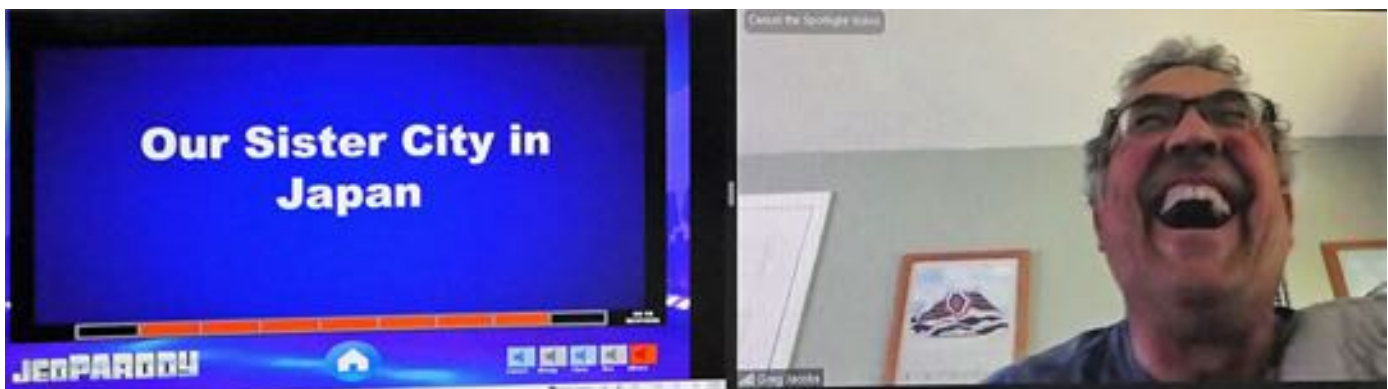


🍎 THE RAFFLE 🍎

Just when you thought things couldn't get any funner, **President Dan** announced another round of Rotary Jeo-Parody. It's kind of like another game you know but nobody answers in the form of a question. **President Dan** randomly selected **Mia Del Prete**, **Greg Jacobs** and **Patrick Dirden** to play.



Everything worked technically perfectly. There were Guesses, Wild Guesses and Wild A** Guesses. When it was all done, **Greg** and **Patrick** were tied



As of this writing, they had not yet decided who would take home the prize, a XXL Rotary shirt. We will have to see who is wearing it as their Zoom shirt next week.





THE FINAL BELL



President Dan Rasmus rang the final bell to end a terrific meeting.

Dan, you made it look easy.





FUTURE PROGRAMS



August 14, 2020

Dr Evian Gordon – Having Trouble Remembering?

Dr. Evian Gordon MD., PhD.



Dr. Evian Gordon is the Founder, Executive Chairman and CMO of Total Brain. He founded the first and largest standardised international database on the human brain. The database is the asset which shaped TotalBrain.com for brain wellness, mental health and peak performance, that is used in over 40 major US Companies (including Boeing, AARP, Cerner). Dr. Gordon is based in San Francisco.

August 21, 2020

District Governor Doug Johnson

September 4, 2020

Jared Huffman represents California's 2nd Congressional District which spans the North Coast of the state, from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Oregon border, and includes Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt, Trinity, and Del Norte counties. He was first elected to Congress in November 2012 and currently serves on the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Transportation and



Infrastructure, and the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis. In the 116th Congress, he chairs the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans and Wildlife, with jurisdiction over federal water projects, fisheries management, coastal zone and oceans policy, and wildlife and endangered species. Jared also founded the Congressional Freethought Caucus to promote sound public policy based on reason, science and moral values, while protecting the secular character of government and championing the value of freedom of thought worldwide.