



The Appleknocker

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Letitia Hanke - The LIME Foundation



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



It was a beautiful spring day at Russian River Vineyards – except for a strong gusty wind. A few Club Members were last seen flying like kites in the wind. They are probably in Mendocino County by now. We all hope that they landed safely and enjoyed the flying lesson. We do not like to lose members in this fashion. Well, every weekly meeting is different – this one was windy. Those joining the meeting on their home computers may have missed out on the kite experience.

[**Past President Larry Ford** joined the meeting from his secret hanger, apparently hoping the wind would help his homegrown airplane gain altitude. Having problems with that Pratt & Whitney, **Larry?** -Ed.]



AT THE BELL



President Dan rang the bell at 12:15 sharp and we were off and running (or flying). There is a new wooden lectern made by **Tom Dilley** – it has a very nice clear finish and will be more easily carried than the previous model. Happy thanks to **Tom** – nicely done.

Mike Ferguson led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A fitting patriotic start for the meeting.

Next up, **Gene Nelson**, standing at the new lectern, shared the thought for the day – a quote from the Rev. Peter W. Marty

"When an armed mob of Americans overtook the U. S. Capital last month in a brutish attempt to subvert democracy, we were forced to reckon collectively with how the misuse of Christianity and the abuse of the American flag can easily legitimate such evil Moral values and national virtues are not self-enforcing. They require people willing to stand up for them, a citizenry convinced that integrity, honesty, and civility are essential to American life."



🍎 Future Programs 🍎

March 5, 2021

Oak Dowling, J.D.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

March 12, 2021

Fire Chief Contreras

Topic Forthcoming

March 19, 2021

Glenn Waring

***Questions and Waiting for
Answers***

March 26, 2021

The Hon. Robert Boyd

***The History of the Electoral
College***

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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[Past RI Director John Blount exhibited an uncanny ability to simultaneously operate the camera and buy that next tranche of GameStop stock with his Robinhood account. -Ed.]

🍎 VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS 🍎



There were two visiting Rotarians introduced by **President Dan**:

Past President Gary Kimes – former club member - now living in Colorado.

Past District Governor Bruce Campbell – former member of the Sebastopol Sunrise Club, now a member of the Rotary Club of Sparks, Nevada.

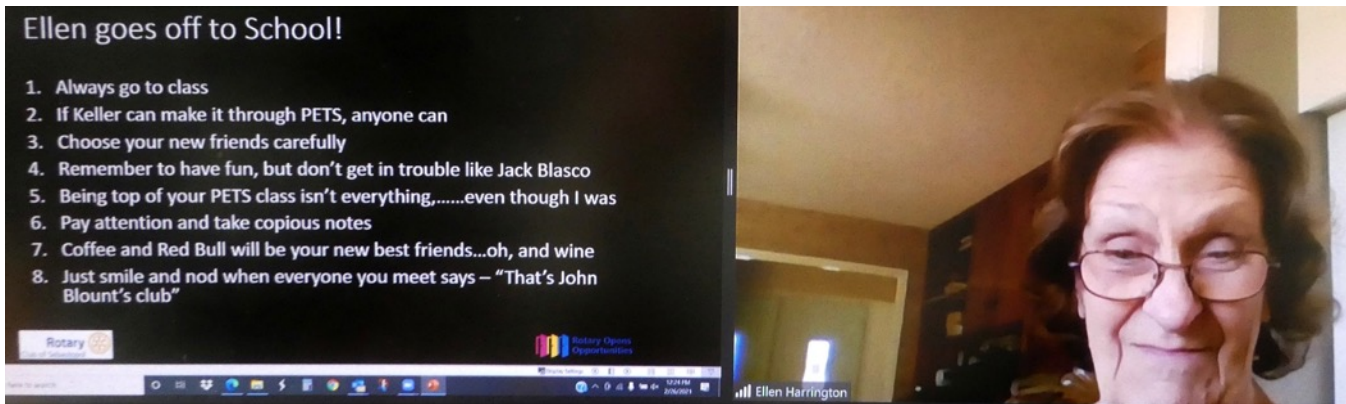
No guests of Rotarians were announced this week.

🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

President Dan proceeded with current announcements:



FOOD BANK – several club members and guests (about ten altogether) –helped yesterday at the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Photos showed cheerful willing workers. Yesterday the chore was bagging carrots and potatoes. Photos of two unique carrots were displayed by **President Dan**. His sense of humor was well reinforced by this feat. Thankfully, the carrot photos were censored before the meeting.

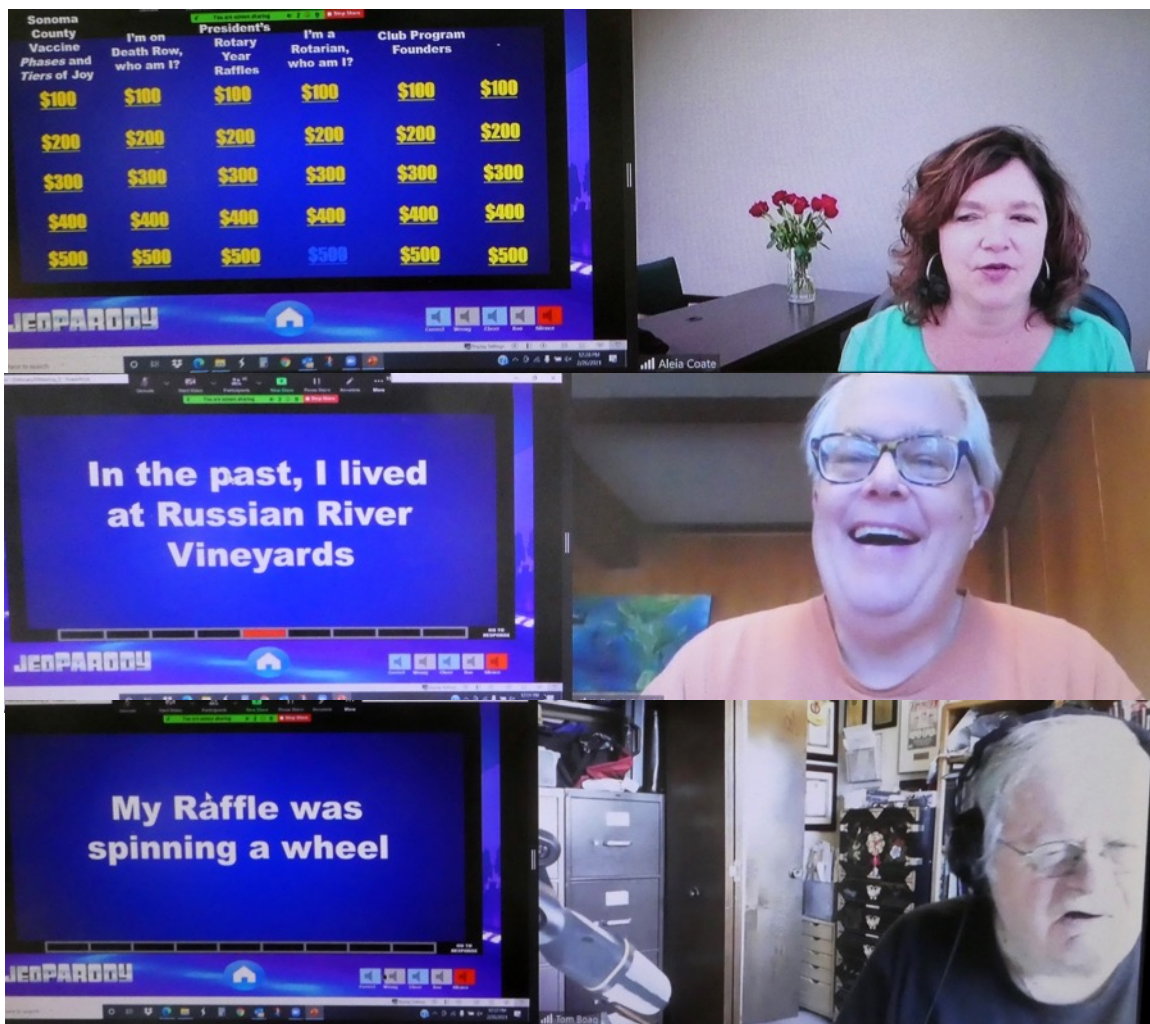


ELLEN HARRINGTON – our President elect – will be attending (via zoom) the President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) next week. **President Dan** took this opportunity to share a few points of advice with Ellen.

Attend classes. “Brown-nose” the teachers. Choose friends carefully. Do NOT get in trouble like **Jack Blasco** did. Get thrown out or get through it and we will be proud. Cram for tests with coffee and Red Bull. Most Important “choose friends well”. **Ellen** responded with wit and presence of mind. Bravo **Ellen**. She is ready for the road ahead.



ROTARY JEAPORDY



Rotary Jeopardy Game came next. The three victims (contestants) were **Keller McDonald**, **Aleia Coate** and **Tom Boag**. **Scott Briggs** carefully recorded right and wrong answers as the official score keeper. **Tom Boag** was the clear winner, while **Aleia** was second. These seasoned Rotarians bravely chose high price categories and were repeatedly stumped. **Tom's** grasp of club trivia is to be noted. Apparently, he does relax in his spare time by reading ancient club records in dusty storage boxes. Well done **Tom**.



BIRTHDAYS



Moving on to Birthdays – no current birthday celebrants had dared to come to this meeting. Had they been in sight we would have congratulated **Toni Beal**, **Brendon Houston**, **Mark Fink**, and **Mario Ramos**.



ANNIVERSARIES



Anniversaries – yes, one or two are celebrating.

Pierre Lagourgue – not within earshot – must be partying.

Tony Given – **Tony** and **Gloria** are celebrating 49 years of marriage. They were present on Zoom. They plan a nice drive out to the coast and an enjoyable restaurant meal (outdoors of course), Congratulations **Tony** and **Gloria**.



Tony and Gloria Given

pink. Hmm – was that **Aimee** ? Could have been. But what was the occasion – were they headed to Rotary on a rainy day ? Or was the photo snapped by a fashion photographer (**Harvey** ?) to demonstrate imaginative color combinations?

Next, we learned that **Greg Jacobs** has completed 19 years of service. Very good **Greg**.



FASHIONISTA CORNER



Surprise - we were treated to a colorful photo of a woman in orange walking a dog dressed in



THE PROGRAM



At this point in the meeting **Aleia** took center stage to introduce today's speaker. **Letitia Hanke**. We learned that **Letitia**, who is a black woman, was born in Berkeley, and raised in Lake County. At school she learned to play the piano, and experienced other instruments as well. **Letitia** started working for a roofing company at 19 years of age. She moved up rapidly from office helper to the front office. When her employer retired, **Letitia** started her own roofing company. That was in 2004. Then in 2015 she started a non-profit – The Lime Foundation. This foundation has three departments. One segment is a senior activity program. It offers sessions on nutrition and on Yoga. A second enterprise is the Turner Arts Foundation. This foundation offers positive activities for youths. The third section is the Nextgen Trades Academy. This is a program to teach construction trades to young people that desire to get into the construction industry. Nextgen teaches 16 different trades. Many experienced pros teach specific trades. They have 123

graduates, 79 of their graduates are working full time in the construction industry. All of that in four years!

Letitia was very positive and upbeat in all of her presentation. She has not allowed herself to be held back by her race or her gender. She clearly learns quickly and is very disciplined in her time



management. She is running a roofing company, and three non-profit operations. And, on top of it all, she is positive and

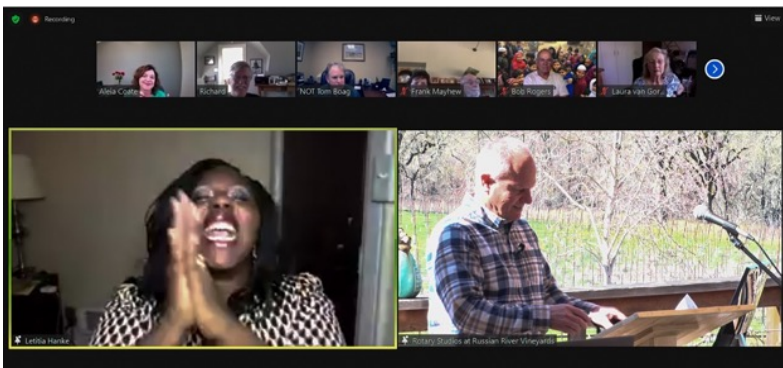
determined. In summary, she is an example of just how meaningful a person's life can be, despite prejudice, with a good attitude and good work habits.!

WORKSHOPS

- Emotional Intelligence and Stress Management
- Interview and Public Speaking Skills
- Resume and Cover Letter Writing
- Financial Literacy
- Personal Growth Workshop
- Health and Nutrition

RESTORATION WEEK





At the conclusion of the program **President Dan** announced that in recognition of Letitia's talk today the club would be donating funds to our "learn-to-swim" program. [During the Q&A **Les Crawford** channeled the enthusiasm that we had been feeling for Letitia's presentation. -Ed.]



THE FINAL BELL



President Dan rang the final bell at 1:15 PM.



FUTURE PROGRAMS



March 5, 2021

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg - Oak Dowling, JD



This is an intimate portrait of an unlikely rock star: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. This lecture and clips from the documentary "RBG" will explore how her early legal battles changed the world for women. It will also discuss her confirmation to the US Supreme Court and her bipartisan friendship with the late Justice Antonin Scalia.

Oak Dowling, JD, is a retired attorney with 43 years of practice, including 31 years in San Rafael. He's a graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Madison Law School and a native of Chicago. He has lived in Marin County for over 47 years and for over 25 years he was a part-time Instructor of Law at College of Marin.

Oak has been a member of the Marin County Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) team since its inception in 2011 and was selected as Outstanding Marin County Volunteer of the Year for 2012-2013. He has been a member of Marin Forum for over 23 years and was its President in 2002.

For the past 10 years Oak has been an Instructor in the OLLI program at Dominican University in the subject of "Courtroom Drama in the Movies and Theatre." In his Law classes, he uses courtroom drama to demonstrate legal principles. As an avocation, he performed in theatre in Marin and San Francisco for 15 years. Oak has been a member of the Rotary Club of San Rafael for over 43 years and has served the Club as Director and Speaker's Chairman.

Oak has been married for 58 years to his college sweetheart, Mary. They have 2 children and 3 grandchildren.