



The Appleknocker

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Breck Parkman - Olompali



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

🍎 **BEFORE THE BELL** 🍎

On this beautiful Friday of February 5, 2021 at 11:45 AM your scribe tries to join the Zoom Rotary meeting. Darn, I guess I'm too early. I have to wait a little bit longer till the zoom-master **Tom Boag** invites me into the sacred Roto –live/ zoom-Meeting.

OK, I just got on and I am now Zoom chatting in a breakout room with the Honorable Judge **Bob Boyd**, past president digger **Gary Kimes**, past presidents and district governors **Bruce and Helaine Campbell**, **Jim Passage**, Roto-zoom-master **Tom Boag**, **David Schreibman** and plaintiff in "the badge dispute" **Bud Daveiro**. Your scribe took this opportunity to chat up the Honorable **Judge Bob Boyd** about an impending dispute over badge numbers. Taking this opportunity to get on the good side of the judge & finding out that his favorite ice cream is chocolate mint. That's a good thing to know when you're going to court.

Oh-Oh, there seems to be a problem with the Rotary tribe being able to virtually assemble in the virtual- zoom-Roto palace. Famed Roto-zoom master, **Tom Boag** and past President **David Schreibman** are on the job fixing the invitation's link.

Double Oh-Oh, my yellow Labrador, Amber has just bolted our property and my wife is off looking for her and I'm worried.



Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234

🍎 AT THE BELL 🍎

Back to the meeting, **Tom & David** have re-invited Roto-members to the zoom meeting and they're starting to drift in and, TA-Da! **President Dan Rasmus** miraculously appears on my wife's I-Pad and at exactly 12:15 and bangs the bell to start our meeting.

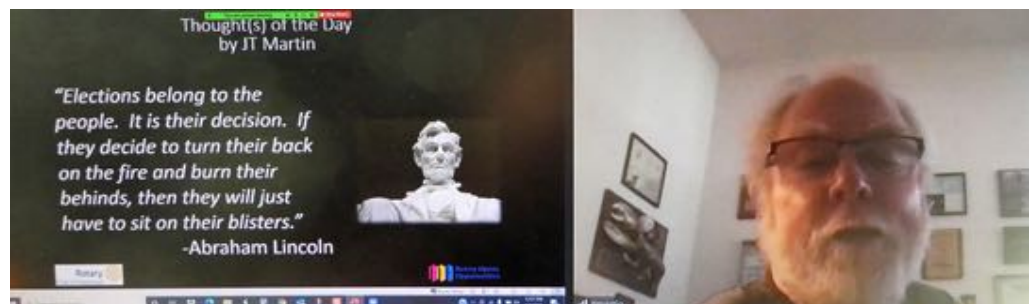


Did I tell you that concurrent to my private Zoom meeting at home there was a Live-Meeting taking place at Russian River Vineyards and -----There they are at Russian River Vineyards, Rotarians I've not seen in person for.....a year.



Ellen Harrington led us in the flag salute .

Ellen was followed by the thought for the day courtesy of my longtime friend **J.T. Martin**.



🍎 Future Programs 🍎

February 12
Renee Schomp
Accessory Dwelling Units

February 19
Shirlee Cunningham
Journey to the DeYoung

February 26
Lynn Hunt
Pacific Air Museum

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

Redwood Empire Food Bank
Workday
February 25
1-4pm
Cindy Carter

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On-line Make-Ups:
www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:
707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

🍎 VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS 🍎

President Dan then asked visiting Rotarians to be recognized and there was



Past President Gary Kimes



and Past Presidents and Past District Governors Bruce & Helaine Campbell on the I-pod screen along with Lu Frazier's grandson Jack and a face I've not seen in ages,



Past President Brad Benedetti.



President Dan then turned the spotlight on Ann Morkill, the Executive Director of the Laguna Foundation. Ann said she was happy to join the meeting.

🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

Crab feed donations : Our appeals for donations in lieu of the actual event has brought in over \$5000 and we were encouraged to send out an appeal for more donations to fund the Mark Sell teacher's mini-grants.

Dictionary program: **President Dan** announced that the dictionaries have been ordered and will be distributed again this year.

Super Bowl Board: **Aleia Coate** and **Torrey Olsen** say all of the squares are filled and everybody needs to get their \$\$\$ to them or they will hunt you down.

Ground Hog Day: **President Dan** showed a clip of a bunch of old white men in top-hats holding a cute furry critter known as a Ground-Hog. The long & the short of it is that we will have 6 more weeks of winter. Your scribe hopes those six weeks will be filled with just the right amount of abundant rain that will soak in and recharge our aquafer.

🍎 THE BADGE DISPUTE 🍎

President Dan then brought up a trumped-up charge that there may have been some mistake in that Past President **Bud Daveiro**, alias, "The Bud-Man" may have been badge-line-jumped by **H.H.** alias, **H.H.** This dispute needed to be settled in the court of the Honorable **Bob Boyd**, who likes chocolate mint chip ice-cream.

The aforementioned Honorable **Bob Boyd** then proceeded with his view of the contested badge number that would put either the Bud Man or H.H. one step closer to the top of Death Row:

"As the presiding judge, the evidence has been heard... the arguments have been presented... and I find we have not one but two precedents to draw from. The first takes under consideration that both parties... in this case, **Harvey**, who will from here on be referred to as "**Harvey**", and **Bud**, whose real name very few know, so we'll stick with "**Bud**"--- lay claim to the aforesaid badge number #6... Thus defining this case as one of "disputed custody". In usual custody hearings, possession or claims are relegated to a "shared"



responsibility." Through this reasoning, I would award custody of the number to one party during the months with an "R" in them, and the other party to the other six. And for those who know that would make SEVEN for one plaintiff, we all know that neither **Harvey** nor **Bud** ever spell "February" with an "R"... it's always "Febuary" to them, so we'll call it six and six. If this is acceptable, let the plaintiffs speak to it.



[Responses in the negative,]

In that case, the court finds another alternative- that in the 1906 ruling on "Paul Harris vs. The Chicago Three", wherein the four founding members of Rotary--- Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram E. Shorey, and Paul P. Harris could come to no agreement on who got what badge number. All four argued, correctly, that they were ALL present at the certification of the first Rotary Club of Chicago---thus, all four laid claim on the highly prized "#1 of #1" honor. Court records indicate that they attempted to settle the matter by...let's see what it says here... yes... an "arm wrestling match".

And while Paul Harris successfully beat the first challenger, Gustavus Loehr, two out of three, he then claimed a muscle sprain wherein he could not evenly take on the others. It was resolved, in due fashion and through gentlemanly accordance to rules, with a simple "Rock, Paper and Scissors" competition... last member standing... or sitting in this case... would lay claim to the coveted number. Is this procedure acceptable to the two plaintiffs? <Respond> If so... let the match begin."

At this point **H.H.** threw himself on the mercy of the court claiming 41 years of having badge #6, one ahead of the Bud Man #7 who never even contested the enumeration in all of those years thereby declaring Prescriptive rights to the said badge number.

President Dan then brought in Past President **Harry Polley** to be an Character Witness and **Harry** provided the following information.

"I believe **Judge Boyd** to be fair and honest. The complainant and the defendant will get a fair and equitable hearing; however, a good bottle of wine might help. I do know the Club Secretary made the decision as to the order of badge numbers. Having said that, let it be known that both of these gentlemen, over the years, have proven to be outstanding Rotarians, serving the Club and the Community, unselfishly. Furthermore, **Harvey** and **Bud**, like all inductees during my term as Club President, are above reproach."

What **Harry** forgot to mention is that a nice ½ gallon of Vanilla mint-chocolate ice-cream would be appreciated by the judge with his wine.

Editor's notes

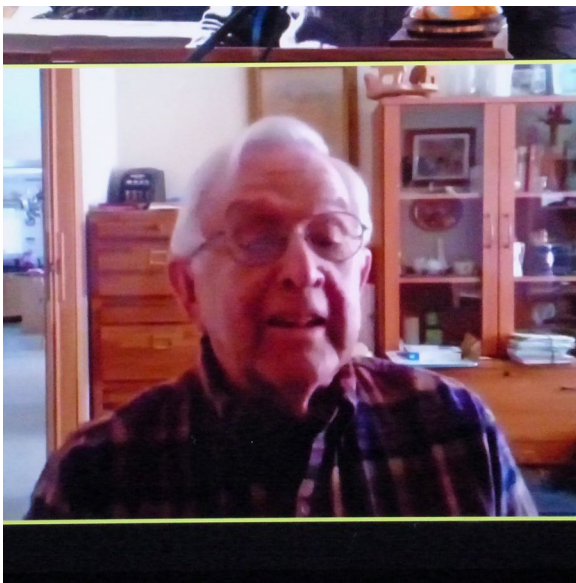
Apparently doing double duty as scribe and witness in court overwhelmed **HH**. That, and perhaps the fact that his dog had run away. Here is how the court challenge ended.

Of course, being gentlemen, both **HH** and **Bud** offered the other the right to badge #6. Of course, being gentlemen, both declined. So **President Dan** had them do a couple of rock-paper-scissors over Zoom and it was determined that **HH's** paper covered **Bud's** rock. So **HH** remains proud owner of Badge #6 and Bud still holds lucky #7.



🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

The Reverend Clean-**Gene Nelson** recounted a birthday filled with.....Dinner-to-go.....and socially distanced family celebrations. **It's been that kind of year.....Doncha-Know!** But that's OK because Norwegian bachelor farmers have been known to go through most of their lives while socially distancing everything!



Tom & Pat Dilley celebrated their *Febuay* 1st anniversary with a big night out to dinner at Fandee's with Rose & **Jim Pacatte**. **Tom** says soon it will be **Jim & Rose's** anniversary & **Tom & Pat** will join **Jim & Rose** in a big night at the local Burger-King take-out followed by dinner in separate cars in the Pacific Market parking lot. (or was it Catelli's?)

🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎

Patrick Dirden introduced our program and our presenter Breck Parkman retired State of California Archeaologist . Breck's mom named him after her favorite shampoo.

Breck's program was about the Olompali Park that runs right next to Hwy. 101. Historically it was a favored camping & living site for the Miwok Indians and they gave the name Olompali to the area. Breck said during Miwok time everything the tribes wanted for food was there, fish & wildlife + Acorns + no cars and no Hwy. 101.



Breck's program was mainly about the White House mansion of Hippiedom although he said that is a very short part of the park's history. The mansion was built out of adobe in 1834. In 1960 it was the Burdell Mansion and in 1969 it burned down, to the ground.

The residents of the White House called themselves "The Chosen Family." In 1966 Don McCoy resided there. In 1967, Don created The Chosen Family with several of his like-minded friends. Several of the guys in the family were Viet Nam vets. All family members had responsibilities and Don hired a teacher for the children. Don funded the commune with his own \$\$\$.

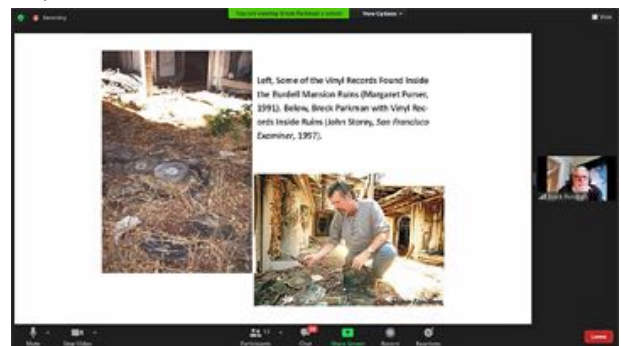


He was friends with Lou Gottlieb of Limelighters & Morningstar Ranch which was another commune out by Occidental. The Family was a happy well-functioning group of adults and children.

Lots of famous musicians including the Grateful Dead, Quicksilver Messenger Service, Big Brother and others went there to play and hang out during its heyday. These included Analy H.S. student Jerry Garcia who played in the school's Freshman band before transferring. Anyway lots of rock & roll stars came to Olompali and they partied on until two unattended young girls drowned in the swimming pool. Then things went to dark side as bad people started showing up and bad things happened.

The commune went from Ideal to Disaster in one year. As with most things in the Summer of Love, the commune went from glorious dream to dreadful nightmare in one years time. Oh Well, we still have the music.

Breck & his team have gathered and cataloged many artifacts of the burned WhiteHouse mansion & found lots of love-beads, records and other items.



Breck invited everyone to Olompali Park to get a taste of local history both ancient and modern.

 **THE FINAL BELL** 

And President Dan rang the final bell at 1:15pm sharp.

 **AFTER THE FINAL BELL** 

For those of you who read to the end, you will be happy to know that Harvey's dog came home around 5pm.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

February 12, 2021



Renée J. Schomp, J.D., is a Sonoma County native who brings with her nearly a decade of experience in the legal aid and nonprofit sectors. A lawyer by education and nonprofit leader by trade, she is the first Director of the new nonprofit Napa Sonoma ADU Center. Renée believes that by building an ADU, homeowners in Napa and Sonoma Counties are investing in the future of our community. Renée lives in an above-garage ADU with her husband in West Sonoma County, and enjoys meeting homeowners across Napa and Sonoma Counties to help them kickstart their ADU builds.

February 19, 2021

Shirlee Cunningham will speak on her journey to the De Young Museum.



De Young Museum of Art 125th Anniversary Show, San Francisco, CA, Bay Area, 2020 Origins of Extinction: Kiwi, 16x20

Holter Museum of Art, Helena MT, Juror Gerald Peters Gerald Peters Gallery, Award, Best Still Life of Show,
Bosque Conservatory of Fine Arts, National Exhibition, Texas
Isabelle Anderson Comer Museum, National Exhibition, NY

Sonoma Museum of Visual Arts, Small Works Sonoma Museum of Visual Arts, Group Show