

"All the News that Fits We Print"



This meeting took place at a very lovely lawn under aged shade trees at the home of Troy McAdams at Discount Alley on Route 116. There is a lovely well-kept home close to but separated from the busy highway and from the convenience store. Face masks and social distancing were the order of the day.



Rotarians enjoyed "breakout rooms" before the meeting began.



President Dan Rasmus rang the bell promptly and loudly at 12:15- the meeting was underway.





**Steve Prandini** led the group – both in person and on remote computer screens – in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dan read the "Thought for the Day "- a quote attributed to Albert Schweitzer

"One thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."





It was a beautiful day at the Rotary meeting for the Zoomers but especially beautiful for the attendees.

#### Future Programs



## State Senator Mike McGuire

**September 18** 

Ben Allen

**Memories in the Making** 

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Gil Sanborn

**Coming Events** 

Redwood Empire Food Bank

Sept 17

Laguna Fdn Workday

Sept 26

Thirsty Thursday

Sept 24

#### Miscellany

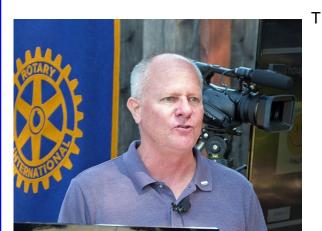


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### **VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS**



There were two visitors made welcome today:

<u>Gary Kimes</u> – a visiting Rotarian and past member of our club – joining in from his home in Colorado



Roseanne Prandini, wife of Steve Prandini.







The serious program came first, before the usual games and announcements:



**Pam Graber** introduced both the speaker <u>Congressman</u> <u>Jared Huffman</u>,

and moderator **Gene Nelson.** 



<u>Congressman Huffman</u> chairs the *Water, Oceans and Wildlife* committee in Congress. He was elected to Congress from this district in 2012.

**Gene** asked <u>Congressman Huffman</u> to speak on three topics - (1) the current wildfires in California, (2) The Covid 19 pandemic and (3) fisheries and wildlife issues.

Congressman Huffman made these comments about the recent and current fires:



There were two major fires in this general area and hundreds of fires, large and small, around the state. It was not possible to send firefighting crews to every small fire. The lightning storms that occurred are unusual and caused most of the recent wildfires. Smoke from the wildfires was and is a problem. Congress approved a disaster declaration. Claims by evacuees must be submitted by this weekend. So Appleknocker readers – it is too late when you read this! Maximum help for evacuees is \$500.

Regarding the pandemic, Congressman Huffman said:

The federal administration was late to take meaningful national action. The result has been chaos and a terrible death toll. Do not expect any new measures before the election.

The President likes to pretend that the pandemic is over. We have record levels of unemployment, and a huge drain on the economy. A national response is needed.

There is a "black hole" before the election. "Don't hold your breath" for help from Washington now. The congressman chairs the **Water**, **Oceans**, **and Wildlife** committee and discussed the committee

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revitalized.

work. The Magnussen Act is a federal law governing fisheries in national waters. It is the gold standard of such laws. He is leading an effort to amend the law.

The Russian River has been affected by the fire, causing a high mortality rate of salmon in the river. There will be an issue of sediment in the river in the rainy season. A "strike team" is needed to take action to manage the river. The existing dam in Potter Valley is a "toxic asset" for PGE. There is a huge effort to remove the existing Scott dam and to continue the diversion of water from the Eel to the Russian rivers. This will cost money and will take time. The congressman has been and continues to talk with and to meet with all stakeholders, a huge administrative

undertaking. The existing Klamath River dams do not have fish ladders. And the reservoirs have record high algae growth. These dams provide hydroelectric power. They are not for irrigation or recreation. The dams are owned by Pacific Corp, which is a Warren Buffett company. Pacific Corps is getting "cold feet". The congressman is appealing directly to Warren Buffett. Questions and answers:

- 1) Smoke from the wildfires on the current grape crop. The congressman does not have specific data on the extent of the problem but there is a possibility of crop loss.
  - The Post Office must put aside money for employee pensions fifty years ahead. This is one aspect of the current Post Office financial problem. Mr. Huffman said the Post Office can be and should be revitalized. The issue of funding employee pensions is just one element of the problem. The Post Office is the most popular piece of the federal government and must be
- 3) Energy. He favors more energy from solar, wind and oceans. The natural energy is there to be used. Solar is least desirable because the sun doesn't shine at nighttime. He anticipates a tough



fight with the fossil fuel industry. We can push more green energy on the grid. There has been an issue of poor planning. We can make it happen. We still need to develop an answer for the source of the final 20% of energy to meet projected demand.

**President Dan** announced that the club was donating to the "Learn to Swim" program in the speaker's honor.



Past President and Past District Governor **Bob Rogers** reported on a new Program to raise money to fight polio. This is a program of the entire Rotary Zone – with thirty Districts. Africa is now certified as Polio Free. The only remaining cases are in Pakistan and Afghanistan.



"Kick polio out of Africa" was the slogan of Nelson Mandela when the fight against polio Africa started in 1996. Nine BILLION doses of vaccine have been used. There have now been four years with no cases of polio in Africa.

Join the new Polio

Plus Society. Donate \$100 per year. Donations are matched two for One.

Register at <u>MYROTARY.ORG</u> (best option) Or send a check to Lu Frazier (Second Best Option)



**Bob** will be sending a letter with all details to all members right away. Look in AFTER THE BELL for more info. Make a gift to the world! Help the next generation!





Thirsty Third Thursday Happy Hour at Balletto Winery – Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup> 4pm to 6pm. Food and wine will be available for purchase. Reserve a space – Contact **John Blount**.

Food Bank - - volunteer Sept 17<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 pm. Only ten people from our club. Check with **Cindy Carter.** Lots of email traffic on this one. Sign up at signup.com

Laguna Foundation Work Party – Saturday September 26; 9am to 12pm – **Cindy Carter** is in charge of this one too. Same sign up spot.

Sunrise Club has completed a project in Africa, see article in SonomaWest Times and News. It was done with a \$75,000 grant. Our club contributed to the project.

**President Dan Rasmus** announced an exciting new feature in your much loved AppleKnocker- a *Letters to the Editor* column. You have all read the cogent and insightful letters that Rotarians like **Frank Mayhew**, **Richard Power** and **Rick Wilson** write to the SonomaWest. Well- here is your chance to do the same. And we will probably print it too. Keep reading and see who wrote the first letter.





**Bob Cugini** celebrated his birthday with a quiet evening at home. \$ 5 Please !

Katy Spyrka also celebrated a birthday.

**Tom Boag** and <u>Ralph</u> celebrated 52 years of marriage. They had fish soup in Bodega Bay. Congratulations!



**President Dan** led the meeting – present and remote – in a game – "What's your Horse Name" in recognition of the Kentucky Derby. The idea was to connect a phrase associated with your birth month with a phrase related to your date of birth; to create a humorous name of an imaginary horse. A few examples:



Aleia Coate – One too many many Mint Juleps
Gene Nelson – Holy Financial Ruin (a fate if he gambles!
Cindy Carter – Gamblin' Ramblin' Loudmouth (as
announced by Rick Wilson)
Steve Prandini – A Taste of Badass

Dan Rasmus - Horsey McLoudmouth



**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** 



Dear Editors of this Wonderful Publication:

As much as I'd seen it on my computer screen, I still wasn't quite sure what to expect when I arrived at what I'm calling "McAdams' Meadow". It's a name much more befitting than the "backside of Discount Alley".

Like most all of you, I've been generally sheltering in place with occasion trip to the store or an infrequent backyard visit with a masked friend arriving through the side gate. I have to say I felt completely at ease and safe for my one hundred minutes in the physical company of fellow Rotarians.

The setting is actually pretty spectacular sitting below majestic sequoias that are much older than when a white man first found California. The gardens are well kept, but mostly, the familiar smiling eyes of friends are the reason to check it out yourself. If your health allows, I can whole-heartedly recommend the experience of this modified Rotary meeting. Do you remember the feeling you had as you used to enter the basketball court? Do you remember how you used to feel as you left the meeting? It's all available again.

David Schriebman









# The PolioPlus Society District 5130



A great opportunity to do good in the world.

To become a member all you need to do is complete the PolioPlus Society pledge form, scan and send to Bob Rogers at <a href="mailto:crobertrogers@comcast.net">crobertrogers@comcast.net</a>. As a member of the Society you pledge to donate a minimum of \$100 USD each year until the world is certified polio free by the World Health Organization.

Rotarians and their friends who join the Society will be honored with a special pin, certificate and an "End Polio Now" bracelet which will be presented at a Club meeting.

Of course, all donations will be matched 2 to 1 by the Gates Foundation making this an even better opportunity, as well as receiving Paul Harris Credit for your donation. If you donate before World Polio Day (October 24th), we will **DOUBLE** your recognition points.

The easiest way to donate is to go to go to endpolio.org/donate

or by "hovering" over the QR code on the bottom of this flyer with your smartphone's camera. You can then:

- Make a onetime donation of \$100 (or more) with your credit card by clicking on the "One-time donation" button and choosing the appropriate amount from the boxes below.
- The other choice is what we call the easy or "painless" way to become a PolioPlus Society member by utilizing the monthly payment option. Click the "Recurring Donation" button. For frequency choose "monthly" and for amount choose "other" and enter \$10 in the "enter other amount" box. If you wish to donate more, or quarterly or annually instead, you have those choices as well. (To donate online, make sure you have registered on myrotary.org for a My Rotary account for you and your club to receive proper credit. Signing up is quick and easy).

You can also donate by writing a check to "The Rotary Foundation" with "PolioPlus" in the memo section and submitting to Lu Frazier, our club's Foundation Chair. Help Rotarians reach every last child and achieve our vision of a polio free world.

Sign up today!







#### September 11, 2020: State Senator Mike McGuire

A GOLDEN STATE UPDATE: Pandemic, Wildfires and a Historic Election.