In the Beginning...

Pres. Peian was away at the District Conference so Past Pres. Peter Oser rang da bell and Penny Hansen led us in the Pledge.

P.P. Gary Bramon was supposed to provide us with a “Thought for the Day” and all he could think of was “Snips and snails and puppy dog tails”… So Gary asked P.P. Al Angulo to give us a thought. Al looked around the room and said “How happy and blessed we are to have great friends and also wonderful families.” Acting Pres. Peter reminded Al of the Square Dance Convention they attended along with Dave and Bunny Milano where Kate Smith sang “God Bless America.”

But we all hoped Gary Bramon was not injured when he stumbled badly over the “Thought for the Day.” He was at least terribly bruised.

**Surprise!**

Next with no warning, Peter turned the meeting over to Prez Elect Phil Dougherty. Phil immediately announced that he was amending the Club By-Laws and proclaiming himself President for life!

**No Visitors**

P.P. Anne was intro’d as a guest and P.P. Chris DeGabriele intro’d our speaker as a guest.

P.E. Phil noted there were a number of retired Rotarians in the room and first called on Nohemi Beissmann-Mason who had been President of Rodex Pest Control. Nohemi was born in Mexico City and studied languages in college. She moved to New York and met her future husband there. They eventually moved to Marin County and started a very successful business here. Nohemi’s husband died in 1985. She eventually married Jerry in 1997.

P.E. Phil then recognized birthdays in April including Moses Jacob, Fred Anderson, Mike Morrissey, and Phil did not mention his B’day of April 21 until later.

He did not mention my wife Jo’s B-day of April 20. Happy Birthday, Jo!

Then P.E. Phil got into some history of Past Presidents. He asked which Past Pres served in both the 20th and 21st centuries.

P.E. Phil said Gary Bramon in 1999 and 2000. WRONG! Google search says:

“While the period 1900-1999 is of course a century, as is any period of 100 years, it is incorrect to label it the 20th century which began January 1, 1901 and ended on December 21, 2000.”

So… This means whoever was President in 2000-2001 served in 2 centuries… That’s me! Dean L. Heffelfinger.

**Speaker**

P.P. Chris DeGabriele intro’d the speaker:
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Contact Bill Vespa

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Where to Make Up
Contact the Club you wish to attend for dates, time and virtual meeting code. The District website lists the Clubs and websites for contact info at:
Rotary5150.org/clubs/rotary-club-directory/

May 2023

- May 5: Ryan Yerkey: Ocean Voyages Institute
- May 12: Teacher’s Recognition Luncheon
- May 19: Leonard Weingarten / VP of ESCOM Council: ESCOM Presentation
- May 26: NO MEETING

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The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:
1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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2022/2023 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
Tony Williams, manager of the North Marin Water District which Chris used to manage. Tony told us all about the history of the District. Tony explained our sources of water:

- Sonoma Water imports 70% - 85%
- (Russian River) 8% - 20%
- Stafford Lake 7% -10%
- Recycled Water

Tony then talked about the cost to increase water flow such as capture storm water.

**Raffle**

Penny Hansen won the 25 bucks.
North Marin Water District CEO Tony Williams explains where our water comes from.