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In the Beginning...

President Ron called the meeting to order. He hopes the participants are at the right Zoom meeting place and reminded everyone today is National “Kissing day” ~~~ but no more kissing due to Covid-19.

Larry Harrison led the Pledge followed by **Maggie’s Shao’s** ‘Thought of the Day’: “What did the left eye say to the right eye? Between you and me, something smells.” Following that, **Maggie** gave us three more jokes.

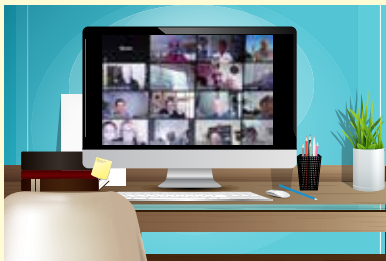
Visiting Rotarians & Guests

John Reuscher (from Novato Sunrise Club), along with **Joy Fillman**, **Roberta Dunham**, **Vicky McDill**, **Diane Spilman**, **Kathy Ketron**, and **Homa’s** grandkids, **Sophia** and **Eli**.

Announcements

Larry Harrison gave a personal shout out to **President Ron** for running our Zoom meetings during this difficult time.

President Ron also thanked **Larry** for being Assistant District Governor this year which is not an easy job either.



Check your email for links to our upcoming Zoom meetings!

Frank’s Trivia Time!

After that **Frank Bruno** jumped right into the Trivia. There were 5 categories of questions and each group had 4 questions.

Question 1: History

- 1) How many stripes does the US flag have?
- 2) Which invention revolutionized trade in America?
- 3) Which state in the US has the shortest ocean coastline?
- 4) Which President purchased the Louisiana Territory from France?

Answer: 13 / The Steamboat / New Hampshire / Thomas Jefferson

Question 2: Sports

- 1) What 3 movements are required for an athlete to successfully complete a triple jump?
- 2) In bowling, what do you call it when a player makes three back to back strikes?
- 3) A sporting event is held every year on Memorial Day. What is it?
- 4) What was the nickname of US Olympic sprinter **Florence Griffith-Joyner**?

Answer: Hop, Step and Jump / A turkey / The Indianapolis 500 / Flo Jo

Question 3: Movies

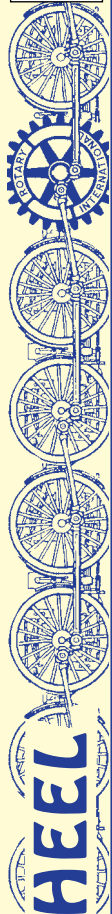
- 1) Which movie was the title song “The Eye of the Tiger” from?
- 2) Who or what was the first female monster to appear in a movie?
- 3) In the movie, “The left handed gun”, **Paul Newman** played who?
- 4) What was the name of **Tom Cruise’s** first box office film?

Answer: Rocky III / The Bride of Frankenstein / Billy the Kid / Risky Business

Question 4: TV Programs

- 1) Before the starring in the hit TV series “Baywatch”, **David Hasselhoff** starred as a crime fighter in what 80’s TV show ?
- 2) In homage to his native city, **Tom Selleck’s** character in “Magnum P.I.” wears a baseball cap of what team?
- 3) **Merv Griffin** cited that roulette and the game of hangman was an inspiration for what TV show?
- 4) In the TV sitcom “Laverne & Shirley”, what was the name of the fictitious Milwaukee Brewery?

Answer: Knight Rider / Detroit Tigers / Wheel of Fortune / Shotz Brewery



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"Rotary Connects the World"

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?"

WHERE TO MAKE UP:

All Clubs meet at 12:15 p.m. unless noted

MONDAY

- Central Marin
- Left Bank, Larkspur
- San Rafael
- Marin Yacht Club
- Santa Rosa West
- St. Rose School

TUESDAY

- Novato Sunrise
- Moylan's - 7:15 a.m.
- San Rafael Harbor
- Whistlestop Wheels - 8:00 a.m.
- Mill Valley
- Mill Valley Golf Clubhouse
- San Francisco #2
- Sir Francis Drake Hotel
- Santa Rosa East
- Flamingo Hotel
- Terra Linda - 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday of Month
- Embassy Suites San Rafael, Ross Room
- Marin Evening Club
- Clubhouse at McInnis Park - 6:30 p.m.
- North Napa
- Wine Train Commissary - 6:30 p.m.
- Rohnert Park - Cotati
- Double Tree Hotel - 7:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Marin Sunrise
- Cafe Verde - 7:15 a.m.
- Tiburon-Belvedere
- San Francisco Yacht Club
- Petaluma Valley
- Rooster Run Golf Club
- Ross Valley
- Cafe Arrivederci
- Napa
- Mira Vista Country Club
- Santa Rosa
- Flamingo Hotel
- Sonoma Valley
- The Lodge at Sonoma
- West Marin
- Toby's Feed Barn - 8:00 a.m.

THURSDAY

- Santa Rosa Sunrise
- Franchetti's Restaurant - 7:15 a.m.
- Petaluma
- Petaluma Golf and Country Club- 12:00 p.m.
- Sausalito
- Sausalito Yacht Club
- Ignacio
- Marin Country Club
- Mission San Rafael
- San Rafael Joe's
- Tiburon/Sunset
- S.F. Yacht Club - 6:15 p.m.
- San Rafael Evening
- George's Nightclub - 6:45 p.m.

FRIDAY

- Richmond
- Mira Vista Golf & Country Club
- Petaluma Sunrise
- Boulevard Cafe & Grill - 7:15 a.m.

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Upcoming Programs

June - Gary Bramon

June 26 **Zoom Installation of Officers**
Debunking Postponed until October

July

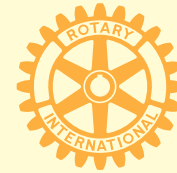
July 3 NO MEETING

July 10 **Moses Jacob Paul Schwarzbart:**
"Reminiscences of a Hidden Holocaust Child"

July 17 Rotary Scholarship Program

July 24 **Dan Dougherty** was in Germany in the 45th Infantry Division, the first unit to enter and liberate Dachau.

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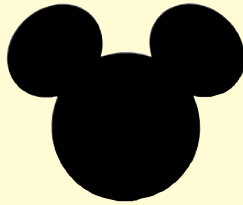
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Question 5: Disneyland Park

1) What's the name of the Tomorrowland ride based somewhat on Disney's version of "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea"?



2) In what year did Disney California Adventure open?

3) What area in the park is Club 33 located?

4) What monster lives in the Matterhorn ride?

Answer: *The submarine voyage / 2001 / New Orleans Square / The Abominable snowman*

The winner goes to **Maggie Shao** who got 12 correct answers which beat **Dean Heffelfinger** who got 11 correct answers.

Frank promised that he will give the key of a non-existing car to **Maggie** next time when he sees her.

President Ron thanked **Frank** for doing the Trivia which is the most popular game for our Club.

Speaker

Russ introduced our speaker who is our lovely member **Homa Rassouli**.

Homa was born in October, 1955 and grew up at Tehran, Iran. **Homa** has four siblings and she is the youngest. She had a great childhood with 100 cousins. At that time, it was safe and free, and she was able to go to disco dances to have some fun. **Homa** mentioned that school was hard and after graduating from high school, she went to business school. **Homa** met her husband who later got a scholarship to have the chance to come to United States. They were married in 1974 and came to US and lived Oklahoma.

One year right before Christmas, they decided to drive all the way to Pennsylvania and decided to move there. Later on they moved to Los Angeles. Life was a bit challenging at that time, and they went through a tough time. While living in Los Angeles, they had three children and decided they didn't want

to raise them there. That's how they finally ended up in the Bay Area.

Homa mentioned that in the late 1980's, Iran went through a revolution and lots of **Homa's** family were killed during that time. Due to the rough time then, **Homa** hasn't been back to Iran for 30 years and applied for asylum in US.

Homa then shared some old pictures, including her wedding photo, along with early school and family photos including her children and grand children.

Gary asked what **Homa** was doing back in Los Angeles? **Homa** said at that time, she was involved in protesting to get Khomeini out of Iran.

Joy asked about the relationship between the US and Iran? **Homa** replied she prefers that the US stays away and doesn't support Iran.

Moses asked if in 1955 they try to get rid of Mosaddegh, but **Homa** mentioned she wasn't born yet.

Thank you, **Homa** for sharing your very interesting life story.

Rotary International Convention

President Ron reminded us that tomorrow is the Rotary International Convention (On-line only) and invited everyone to check it out.

Installation of Officers

Next Friday, June 26 is our Installation of Officers meeting. There won't be a speaker. Please come to the Zoom meeting to celebrate the end and beginning of new Rotary year.

The Winner

The 25er goes to **Reggie Winner**, AGAIN and she decided to pass on someone else.

The 2nd winner goes to **Suzanne Bales**...



Rotary District Club Awards for 2020

Congratulations! Our Club received Awards for our Community Service Committee and International Service Committee in combination with Management and Media.

Penny Hansen



Statement from Rotary International

At Rotary, we have no tolerance for racism. Promoting respect, celebrating diversity, demanding ethical leadership, and working tirelessly to advance peace are central tenets of our work.

We have more work to do to create more just, open and welcoming communities for all people.

We know there are no easy fixes and that challenging conversations and work lie before all of us. Rotary's strength has long been our ability and commitment to bringing people together. We will tap into that strength now as we stand with those who are working for peace and justice.

Rotary will do our part to listen, learn and take action to ensure that we continue to contribute to making positive change.



Zoom Meeting Trivia Contest with Maggie Shao beaming!

Friday, June 19th
Zoom Meeting
Trivia Contest
and Speaker
Homa Rassouli



Homa's grandchildren.



Homa's family.



Frank Bruno's Trivia Contest