## **Orange Peel**

Rotary Club of Orangevale District 5180 Feb. 25, 2022 Meeting

#### Welcome on Zoom

--Mairy, Colleen, Dezy, Sue, Kirk, Dianna (confused as Bert last week - started on Zoom then came)

#### Announcements

--*Prez. Dennis* reminded members that next Friday from 9 to 12:30 is our shift at the Food Bank. Please consider helping, both Russ and I work every month and we are gone for March....someone needs to take our places! --The Fireside Chat on Tuesday was a delightful evening with most newer members and the board attending. Dennis created an excellent Thanksgiving type meal complete with wine. Thank you to all who came.

--The Rotary Foundation (TRF) goal set by Prez. Dennis was \$10,000. To date, we are at \$6,600. It is really important that the club reach its EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) goal of \$25 per member. If you haven't completed this, please go on line and do it, or talk to Bill W.

--*Don R.* reminded us that March 15 (Tuesday) is our next Dine Around at Out of Bounds...also the club anniversary dinner will be in April or May. Three locations are being evaluated...Sutter Street Steak House, Scotts, and Cattlemens --The speech contest is March 8 at the Round Table Pizza at 9500 Greenback Lane. Questions??? Call Ann Hively. --District Conference is April 29 in Tahoe. If interested, please talk to Dennis!!!

--Catrina handed out forms for members to sign. It is a release so that photos can be posted on the Orangevale Rotary FB page and possible other uses. Please be sure to sign it and make her job easier!

--Mitch was presented a hand crafted pen to take as a memory of his time here in Orangevale. Hopefully we will still see him on Zoom!

--*Don R.* talked about members please donating at least one bottle of wine, or more for the raffle for the BBQ fundraiser. Value around \$20 or more.

--**David** managed to get Mia on the phone from Ukraine. Fortunately, her home is on the Western side of the country. Still it is all very frightening. We are trying to find out if she needs anything. David promised to get her contact information so we can follow her. For newer members, Mia Sorokotyaha was an RYE exchange student a few years back. She was so amazing in how she jumped in to be involved. She even tried out in the Speech Contest despite her difficulty with English. She volunteered on projects. Just a great kid! As **Audrey** said in this morning's invocation, we pray for Ukraine...the people who through no fault of their own are in harms way. When we have a family in that country we are certainly afraid for her safety. Such is Rotary...our children are all over the globe.

<u>Prospector</u> –*Mitch* was funny. It maybe his last meeting or next week. But he was out hunting for funds to help the club fulfill its dreams. To the people on Zoom...\$2. That can be billed by Treasurer Jim. Jonathon left early that was \$5. Catrina was late so she paid and she gets a special breakfast. Bill W. paid her fine because she was bush shuffling all her papers to get everyone signed off on their photos. Mike Mc. paid when asked how many grants were there. Bryan was fine free for helping to build a mantle for the house for Mitch and Kari. Happy people and fines...Audrey got her CCW permit plus her son and some girls are coming tonight... Prez. Commented that he and Catrina both signed up for the Clubrunner Seminar but never could get on, and had a delightful one hour conversation instead. As the job of prospector was auctioned off and the lucky winner is Barry Ross! Good luck!!! Be sure to feed him some dirt!

### Guest Speaker

**Col. Tom Keegan** was our speaker. He was born in Carmichael, graduated Del Campo. Served in the Marines as a helo pilot back in 1987. In 2009 he was awarded a DFC (Distinguished Flying Cross) for his work in Afghanistan. He is married and has three kids. When he was a kid, he was smart...raised by parents who were cops but lacked something. The Marines gave him focus and direction in life. He went on to get his Bachelors, PHD and law degree. He's a firm believer that politics starts at the local level with a lot of behind the scenes work. Currently, Tom is the Director Of Operations for the National Guard. There are 5 different Wings, and each one is about a thousand people. On the home front, he is

very involved with football, baseball and pretty much whatever his kids are doing. Trying to be a role model. He believes in helping teens who are looking for something and supports some academies that support at risk kids. He was a delightful speaker, down to earth and a good example of our Military. Thank you Col. Tom!

#### <u>Raffle</u>

With 8 balls and \$67 in the pot, *Bill* couldn't find the Orange ball. He knew it was there. But..... Sorry!

#### Upcoming Speakers for February

- --Mar. 4 Jim Cassio talking about Friends of Lake Folsom & Natoma
- --Mar. 11 Nick Anderson talking about Orangevale Farm
- --Mar. 18 Bob Clouse talking about the Orangevale Grange
- --Mar. 25 Phil & Donna Horner talking about Family Search

<u>Jobs for Next Week</u> Greeters – *Bill & Jim* Invocator – *Jim* Vocational – *Mitch (or maybe the Prez.)S* Raffle Ticket Seller – *Joni* (be there at 6:30am)

Thought for today...regarding peace for Mia and her family

# *"No matter where we each stand, together we can look upon the same sun, the same moon, and the same sky, so we are forever one family. So distance gives us a reason to love harder."* –Anonymous

Note from the Crazy Editor: As you know we will be gone for the month on March. Please take the time to reach out to eachother and be on the look out for ways to serve to make other's lives easier. If you find a moment, find the music, "Go Make A Difference". It's a wonderful song much of which applies to Rotarians. Just Google it, it comes right up.

The beginning is.... Go Make A Difference We can make a difference Go make a difference in the world....

> I wish you peace... Lorie

Pictures following thanks to **Bob K.** 



