

# Orange Peel

Rotary Club of Orangevale

District 5180

April 1, 2022 Meeting

## Welcome on Zoom

--Kirk and Bert

Welcome

--Miguel, an IT Specialist (I don't know his last name), Janice Howarth and Dewey Verheg

## Announcements

--**Prez. Dennis** shared that there is a walk at the Capitol, Seeds of Hope Walk, bringing attention to the plague of Human Trafficking. It is on April 23. Talk to Dennis if you're interesting in supporting.

--9 of the 11 Classroom Grants have been processed. Outstanding!

--**Don Glover** and **Sean Palmer** were given a leatherette Rotary Folder donated by Lorie. These newer Rotarians have shown dedication and leadership benefitting our club. Congrats to you both.

--**Don Russell** said he now has 46 bottles of wine for the drive thru BBQ. All members are asked to donate at least one bottle, valued at \$30 or more. Remember this is our fundraiser! We all need to be involved or we will quickly become uninvolved in our community.....sad face.....

--**Steve Blair** said the concrete is down and the equipment will be installed on April 23. There are 5 pieces being installed.

--**Russ** reminded everyone that the time has come. Tickets must be turned in with email addresses. Each member is expected to support this! So you have less than two weeks now... Sadly, we only have 5 auction items. Why is that? How can we possibly continue funding necessary and valued projects like Christmas Baskets, Classroom Grants and so many others if we don't have the funds. It is up to each member to get behind this fundraiser, or we are doomed to be a community social club, not a community supporter. Think about that.

--**Ann** shared that Brianna is attending her RYE orientation, the WAPI project event was well attended with over 350 WAPI's make. 200 of them will be going to Peru shortly. RYLA is taking applications for the leadership camp this summer. Do you know a teen finishing up their Junior year? Have them get in touch with Ann!

--David Shepard reminded new board members and new Rotarians that the District Assembly is coming up. It is at Twelve Bridges High School. Questions???---talk to David.

## Vocational Speaker

**Patty Wolff** was our speaker. She was employed at Aerojet for many years. She shared that a rocket project she was working on...the booster was 30' long and 12' wide! They did their testing in water, so as not to spook everyone in the nearby areas. Her best line was, "Problems need to be found on the test pad, not the launch pad". Very true. Lessons are always learned each step of the way. The Challenger that blew up occurred because the propellant froze. Yes, it was corrected, but still a sad time for everyone involved in the project.

Prospector --**Tommy** filled in. After the pin and badge check, Russ and Lorie were fined for enjoying a wonderful Vacation in Florida and Mexico. He has lots of questions and went table by table. Janice got in trouble for answering them out loud even when it wasn't her tables turn....guess she belongs with the rest of us! Happy fines closed out. He is always good for a laugh!

## Guest Speaker

**Mike McKibbin** was our speaker. He opened his presentation with the question he had been asking himself, "When did I agree to that". The topic was Pandemic/Endemic on the school situation. He made a comment which I thought was so valuable....If we don't learn from our mistakes, we lost an opportunity to learn. Too True! He shared the SJUSD has taken in 3,000 refugees. The district newsletter is sent out in 6 different languages. Often our immigrant students are the fastest learners. They are eager to belong. The family unit is different now. Two Thousand students are unhoused, sleeping on couches to be able to attend school. Interaction with parents is very different now as well. Technology is both good and bad. Zoom worked for some and not others. Still, every step was part of the learning curve. When the pandemic hit, 20,000 computers were put into student's hands. Over 240 Million dollars was received between Federal and State. Money could not be used to on-going expenses nor to pay previous expenses like bankruptcy. Sadly, 20-30% of families in the district live week to week while 25% of students are not attending class. The district faces many challenges trying to educate in a changing society. They are constantly evaluating and making changes to support the students and their families.

## Raffle

With 7 balls and \$79 in the pot, **Mairy** couldn't find the Orange ball.

## Upcoming Speakers for April

- April 8 – Suzan Gostovich – Growing Past Today
- April 15 – Mark Aring – Orangevale History Project
- April 22 – Casa Roble FFA
- April 29 -- Dark

## Jobs for Next Week

- Greeters – **Mike & Audrey**
- Invoker –
- Vocational – **Eileen Hernandez**
- Raffle Ticket Seller – **Mairy** (be there at 6:30am)

## Thought for today...

***"Now that we have learned to fly in the air like birds, and dive in the sea like fish, only one thing remains...  
To learn to live on earth like humans."*** –George Bernard Shaw

Pictures following thanks to **Bob K.**



