

ROTARY CLUB OF MENDOCINO
Notes of Meeting of March 24, 2022

A hybrid regular meeting was held in Cafe Beaujolais at 12:00 on 24 March 2022. Rotary club members physically present included Toby, Jeff, Ray, Pete, Gary, Brandt, and Donna. Carstens and Suzanne joined by zoom, a total of 9 persons of whom 8 were members.

Following the pledge, fines and happy dollars we asked Carstens to bring us up to date about what his club is doing about the tragedy in Ukraine. He thanked us for our contribution of \$7,700, and said it would be used for counseling and care of refugee children with disabilities or needing special care. His club had gotten off a shipment of medical supplies already, and was preparing to provide housing for a refugee family. On our side, there was a discrepancy between the funds passed on by the Foundation/provided by members to the club and the funds sent off. There were other funds still coming in. We will reconcile with Kathy after April 15.

Toby said he and Donna had distributed dictionaries to Mendocino school children, several of whom were thrilled to get them, and they would do Comptche on Friday.

Toby said the acquisition of gift certificates for the dine out/take out raffle was complete, and finalization of the lodging exchange with Healdsburg was progressing. with participating restaurants being Silvers at the Wharf, North Coast Brewing, Fogeater Cafe, Mendocino Cafe, Albion River Inn, Little River Inn, Ledford House, Saltwater Inn, MacCallum House, Princess Seafood, Noyo Harbor Inn, Luna Trattoria, Trillium, Cafe Beaujolais and Cucina Verona, a total of 15 restaurants. Prizes would be issued for 10, 3 and 2, a total of 15 restaurants. We will issue 150 tickets, to be handed out to members. Leona will draft the tickets and get them printed asap.

We had learned that Fort Bragg was carrying out a similar raffle, with an expected drawing date of April. To avoid any overlap and encourage cooperation between the two clubs we decided to postpone our raffle slightly.

We talked about a retreat to be held at Toby and Leona's home in Albion, and said it would be held on Thursday April 21. Jeff observed that we would need a full afternoon for such an event, and it might be difficult for some working members to attend during the week. However, at least one working member said he could not do Saturday.

We missed the participation of new member-elect Mike and new member candidates Margaret and Tim, and resolved to reach out to them.

We resolved to find a replacement for Pam as Programs Chair during her leave of absence. This was a good chance for new members to step forward.

Toby said PETS had been useful and initiated a practice of handing our "Rotarian of the Month" awards with Jeff being the first recipient.

The District Assembly would be on Friday April 1 and Saturday April 2, in Ukiah. Toby and Donna are going. Other members, particularly new members, are encouraged to go. To encourage participation the club will pay the cost of registration, \$50 for Friday and \$50 for Saturday, for all participants.

Matt is going to Savusavu, Fiji about May 1, and we have received a request for funding from Savusavu Rotary for water filters for a school, in amount \$500. The meeting was positive about

supporting this, and it was decided we could issue a check to Matt who would deposit the funds in his account and withdraw the cash in Fiji.

The meeting concluded at 1:00 with thanks to all.

Prepared by Jeffry Stubbs, Acting Secretary, March 25, 2022