

ROTARY CLUB OF MENDOCINO

Notes of Meeting of April 28, 2022 and the Ukraine Benefit on May 1, 2022

A hybrid regular meeting was held in Cafe Beaujolais at 12:00 on 14 April 2022. Rotary club members physically present included Toby, Jerry, John Cottle, Matt, Gary, Ray, and Harold. Leona Walden and Dave Gross were also present. Jeff, Carsten and Suzanne joined by zoom. We had a total of 12 persons in our meeting.

Following the pledge, fines, happy dollars and thoughts for the day we talked about arrangements for the Ukraine benefit to be held in the Park on May 1, to be jointly sponsored by David Gross, Meredith Smith and Rotary. Harvest Market would provide 125 bouquets of sunflower-Meredith would provide food, wine and soft drinks. Dave was arranging the silent auction, music, stage and other logistics. Arrangements were made with Rotary for selling tickets for the silent auction, drinks and food, and for setup and cleanup.

The benefit was a huge success, with several hundred attendees a singing of the Ukraine national anthem, a Ukrainian folk singer and several local bands. A guesstimate puts the amount we collected on the order of \$25,000 or more. We broadcast the meeting on zoom, and Carsten and Suzanne watched quite a lot of it.

We assigned responsibility amongst members for selling tickets for the dine out raffle, and began to sell tickets at the Ukraine benefit. We are aiming to have the raffle by mid to late August. Leona designed and printed up the tickets as well as advertising posters.

We are looking for a permanent venue for lunch meetings and decided to explore the options. Little River Inn looked like an option, as does Prescott Hall. In case of the latter, Harvest Market could provide food.

Toby announced the dates of our next meetings, which will be for regular lunch meetings on May 5, 12 and 19 and for a special meeting on 26 May with Jennifer Strong, our District Governor-elect. That weekend or thereabouts we will have our retreat to discuss amongst club members what they would like the club to do next year, and to identify officers.

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

Prepared by Jeffry Stubbs, Acting Secretary, May 2, 2022