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CLUB 470 - ORGANIZED APRIL 29, 1926

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Meeting Date: 4/14/26

Today's Meeting:



President Aniek Pflager rang the bell and asked **George Burger** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Dan Stroski** and **Jim McGibbon** took the lead for Rotary Grace before **President Aniek** thanked **Tabb Randolph** and **Don Huff** for set-up, **Shawn Seyk** for technology and **Dan Stroski** and **Carl Rodegerdts** for their work at the back table.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:



Our infamous guests **Don Sharp** and **Byron MacConnell** from the Woodland Sunrise Rotary Club were in attendance. **Marie Galbo** brought her son, **Mark**.



Announcements:

President Aniek showed the club a new form of raffle that will generate \$5,000 in revenue for the Centennial Project, the Treasure Chest: 100 Wall.



Cards are numbered 1-100 and the number you draw is what you pay for your entry into the raffle. Once all 100 cards are sold, a final



number is drawn and the winner receives a treasure chest full of goodies from local businesses.

Our 100 Acts of Service is coming along well and we are on our way to hitting 100 acts. Thank you to **Angela Lynn** for taking the lead on that!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- ▶ **April 15- Headcount for Centennial Celebration Due. Please confirm use of your dinner tickets.**
- ▶ **April 25- Centennial Celebration-** Join us in celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Woodland.
- ▶ **April 28- No meeting.** Resting up after the Centennial!
- ▶ **May 1-3- D5160 District Conference-** Santa Rosa, CA. Register today!
- ▶ **June 11-16- Camp Royal-** Rotary Youth Leadership- BOD approved Leah Pinkston
- ▶ **June 13-17- Rotary International Convention** Taipei, Taiwan. Safe Travels Nick!
- ▶ **June 30- Demotion-** @ 6pm- Backyard Tom Schwarzgruber. Dark for lunch. More to come.
- ▶ **August 7-16- Beer Booth-** Fair will be 2 weekends in 2026 creating 50 new shifts. Confirmed!
- ▶ **Membership- Grow Our Club and Keep Rotary Strong.** Every member starts as a guest. Who will you invite?



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Birthdays:



George Burger: April 9th

Anniversaries:



Steve Venables: April 15th
Preston Schaub: April 21st

Recognition:



Jayne Williams was in charge of recognition today and she asked the group some questions about previous missions to space in honor of the recently successful Artemis II mission. Before any space related questions, she asked about happy/sad times which sparked a chain reaction of first and second hand college memories. **Eric Zane** told the group about his trip to the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) with his son, who is deciding on where he wants to go to college. Once his son saw a young lady tanning on the beach, it did not take him long to make a decision. This story caused **Christian Sherrill** to stand up and recount a few fond memories of his time as UCSB. **Marie Galbo** informed the group that her son, **Mark**, also went to UCSB. **Don Huff**

let us know his son attended the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). **Aniek Pflager** excitedly announced that her daughter is expecting and she is going to be an Oma. The baby is due July 4th. **Jim McGibbon** shared that his granddaughter recently took 9th place in an Irish dance competition.





Jayne kicked off the Q & A session of recognition by asking everyone who remembers the moon landing to stand up. She asked some people where they were when the moon landing happened. **Clyde Brooker** was in the Army and stationed in Germany. He watched the landing on one of the many televisions that businesses had in their windows. **Barbara Sonin** watched in the breakroom at her job. **Jim McGibbon** said he was also working during the moon landing.

Jayne then asked everyone who remembered the Challenger mission to stand up. She asked what was significant about this mission to which **Lori Ross** stated the rocket tragically exploded only 73 seconds after its launch.

Jayne then lightened the mood by asking if anyone knew what issues the Artemis II crew faced and **David Pinto** said the take-off was delayed due to a helium leak. This was not the answer **Jayne** was looking for and **David** quickly realized she was referring to the toilet breaking due to its contents being frozen. The Artemis II turned towards the sun and once the contents melted, the blockage was removed.

Rags to Riches:



With \$225 in the pot and 20 cards in the deck, **Marie Galbo** won a free lunch.



Today's Program:



Today our very own **Marie Galbo** shared details from her trip to Russia with us. **Marie** was lucky enough to go to Russia in 2000 as part of a Rotary exchange program called Center for Citizens Initiative, which was a US based non-profit created to improve relations between the US and Russia. **Marie** hosted 6-8 exchanges of about 15 Russians and after her Rotary Club president, Ed Duarte, went to Russia, he organized a three week trip that **Marie** was lucky enough to be a part of along with her husband and son. On their trip they had a full-time interpreter, Andre, which made communication with the locals much easier. She said their three week trip cost around \$2,000 which she thought was cheap. **Marie** brought a few rolls of Sacagawea coins to give out as gifts and the locals loved them.

Marie's group flew into Moscow, they took a train to Volgograd(formerly Stalingrad), then they flew to St. Petersburg. **Marie** shared a few stories about her time there and was amazed by the hospitality of the locals and how excited they were to meet Americans. **Marie** told a story about getting pulled over because the driver of their van added an extra seat to accommodate the whole group. After some negotiations with the officer, they were charged a fine of \$6 and sent on their way. They tried to pretend to be Russian to get cheaper museum tickets but the attendant immediately saw through their plan and made them pay full price. They even faced some discrimination when they were told they had to sit separately from their Russian friends in a restaurant and pay more for their food because they were charged the "American price".

In general, **Marie** believed the locals did not like their living conditions but this did not stop them from being friendly to **Marie** and her group. After her stories, she got some questions from the crowd. **Bob Nakken** asked if Volgograd had been rebuilt after being destroyed in the war and **Marie** shared that it had been rebuilt. **Ernie Hodges** asked if Putin was in power and **Marie** said he was. **Ernie** shared memories of having problems getting through

immigration services during his two trips to Russia but **Marie** did not share the same difficulties.







NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM



Brendan McShea, Business Relations
Manager, Yolo Food Bank;
Yolo Food Bank Update

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