Rotary Fresno Sunrise Club

Minutes

November 4, 2021

Members present: Joe Villareal

Christine Maul

Phil Blohm

John Moore

Robert Howk

Michael Renberg

Jacque Smith Garcia

Robert Garcia

Timothy Conboy

Alan Uyemura

David Doyle

Guests: Jackie Meador, Central Valley Paranormal Investigators

President Joe Villareal called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:32.

President Joe asked about services for Betty Goertzen, a former Club member, who passed away recently. No one has any information, but will look into it. donations to be made in her honor to is the Wounded Warrior Project.

Happy Dollars: Bob Garcia $1.00

Robert Howk $1.00

David Doyle $3.00

Christine Maul $1.00

Announcements:

Christine Maul reported that she has been in touch with the principal of Rata, LaToya White-Chapman, who asked for the Rata Prom to be held on Friday, May 13 in 2022. She then contacted Vincent, the facilities manager at the Dante Club and found that they need to have a midweek date for donated facility fees. Christine then relayed that information to LaToya and is awaiting a reply.

Alan Uyemura reported on several projects. He announced that John Moore had become the first sponsor for our Chocolicious Run, and he encouraged everyone to get all of their sponsorship requests out soon. The Board of Directors decided to donate $500.00 to the Fresno Mission sock drive, helping toward their goal of purchasing 70,000 socks. A representative will come to the meeting on November 11 to receive the check. The Salvation Army bell ringer project will be conducted this year, after an absence due to the pandemic. Alan also mentioned that at Christine and Joe’s wedding, he was sitting by Pete Pulos, principal of Cambridge High School, who said they are ready to go forward with the Holiday Basket project and will come up with a date soon.

Robert Garcia announced that the Camp Royal project is back on this year. Last year, Marilyn Bamford was going to do it, but of course it fell through due to the pandemic. We will check with Marilyn to see if she would still be interested in carrying through.

Michael Renberg then introduced Jackie Meador, principal investigator for the Central Valley Paranormal Investigators organization. She has studied paranormal activity for many years. She was the guiding force behind a 2009-2012 television series on paranormal activity in the Central Valley.

Jackie then told us a bit about her organization, a group founded in 2001. Eighty percent of their caseload is residential, with the remaining 20% composed of restaurants, businesses, and so forth. People just give her a call, and they investigate free of charge, because they want the data, to answer the question, “Do ghosts really exist?” Jackie believes they do. Activities conducted by CVPIT include community events, such as Zoo Boo, and she has taught classes at local community college, and just started teaching at Fresno State. They have produced documentaries, and she has written numerous articles.

There are expert teams they use, composed of law enforcement officers, nurses, teachers, and some psychics. No specialized equipment are used; just ordinary cameras, pen, paper, and tape recorder. They never go alone. Evidence is not concrete; when they go into a place to investigate, there are things they hear and see. She relayed stories regarding her experiences with the spirits of the places she has investigated. Her first experience was at the Sierra Sky Ranch, back in 2003. There is usually an emotional connection between a spirit and a place, which explains why some places are haunted, and some are not.

President Joe adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Christine Maul, Secretary

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