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REGULAR FEATURES

Word of the Week

Ramblings of Rick

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the minister of humor*

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Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better
friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

LAST WEEK – Financial presentation by Kurt King

THIS WEEK – We meet at Sunrise Bistro

**All great things are simple, and many can
be expressed in single words: freedom,
justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope.**

- Winston Churchill

From President Rick:

Save the date!

The Pittsburg Diamonds Pro Baseball team is once again holding "RotaCare Pittsburg" night for their last game of the 2018 Season.

Friday 8/31/18. More details coming late spring.

FROM: Diablo Valley Rotary Club Presidents and AG's Murleen & Sheryl!

"Thanks once again for letting Alamo Rotary President Joan Grimes and me attend your 8 Club Presidents meeting today. As requested, I have attached materials detailing the 2018-19 district grant we are proposing to benefit Choice in Aging, the adult day care center in Pleasant Hill. Also attached are Choice in Aging materials, brochures and even a sample calendar of events to show the breadth of their services. The grant is initially estimated to require \$28,500, half of which we need in club

contributions. We already have \$9,000 in pledges from the Rossmoor, Alamo, Danville, Danville/Sycamore, San Ramon, San Ramon Valley, and Dougherty Valley Rotary Clubs. We are asking each of your clubs to help support this project with a monetary contribution and perhaps with Rotarian Work Day workers. We anticipate that a couple of Saturdays worth of easy labor will be sufficient for the Rotarians at Work parties. (The preliminary grant proposal is due in May, the final proposal due in June, and if approved by our district, the club donations would be requested in July, 2018.)

Tours are available upon request at Choices in Aging and some of your clubs are already familiar with and supportive of this fine and long standing organization. If this “Sensory Room” project at Choices in Aging in Pleasant Hill is as successful as we anticipate it will be to relieve the stressful symptoms and perhaps enhance the memory recall capacity of Alzheimer and Dementia clients, we will consider doing a replica program at the Choice in Aging facility in Antioch, enlisting the aid of the Delta Force Clubs, as well. Should you have any questions about this project or the progress of this grant application, please feel free to contact me by email or phone. We look forward to working together with you all to make Choices in Aging an even more outstanding community service facility than it already is!”

Please review the Grant Evaluation request emailed on January 30th.

From Your Editor:

Low Savings: A GOBankingRates survey finds 57% of Americans have less than \$1,000 in a savings account. Even more alarming is the fact that included in that percentage is the 39% of people with absolutely nothing saved. (when we talked about this before some members speculated that these folks owned stock. What do you think?)

Greater Growth: The IMF increased its global growth projections for 2018, driven by the US tax cut effects. It expects US growth to reach 2.7% in 2018 vs 2.3% prior.

Debt Burden: Studentloans.net research finds the average debt burden carried by a college graduate as of the end of 2016 was \$27,857.

Economic Growth: Bank economists from the ABA Economic Advisory Committee project the unemployment rate will fall to 3.8% by the end of this year as the Fed raises rates 3 times.

The latest car tech features were unveiled at the consumer electronics show earlier this month and one of them was pretty mind-blowing. It was announced by Nissan and seems to connect the driver’s brain to the vehicle. This new “brain to vehicle technology” is supposed to actually use driver brain waves to sense when the person is going to brake or swerve a fraction of a second faster.

Memo to Joseph: Bitcoin Squeeze: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) filed fraud charges in three new cases relating to virtual currencies. These are the first cases since the CFTC first allowed bitcoin futures contracts in December. On news of this, bitcoin fell 40%.

Memo to male Rotarians: recent study shows that women outlive men in almost all populations. Males and females were studied in seven different populations with harsh conditions such as famine and epidemics. At every age, women were found to live longer than men. While social factors and environment have varying effects on female longevity, extremely high infant mortality populations showed “fundamental biological underpinnings” of female survival.

Rotary Calendar		Team Leader	Event	Location	Speaker	Subject
February	7		Meeting		Okizu?	Supporting families with Childhood Cancer
February	28		Meeting		Cindy Gershin	Sustainable Cooking



THE HUMOR OF MURELEEN

Will return

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WORD (Phrase) OF THE WEEK

On Retirement...

“Men do not quit playing because they grow old; they grow old because they quit playing.”

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

The Team Assignment List

SET UP RICK CALLAWAY

GREETER ALL

SPEAKERS ALL (COORDINATE WITH RICK)

COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECTS

** HOMETEAM COORDINATE THROUGH MIKE BALL