

Announcements:

Guests this week were **Peter Cook's** daughter, Penelope and her friend Evelyn who are celebrating their first day of summer! **Sarah Madsen** brought Santa Cruz County's 2023/2024 Poet Laureate, Farnaz Fatemi who introduced Dina Lusztig Noyes, the recipient of Santa Cruz County's Youth Poet Laureate, who also came up and shared one of his poems.



Donna Maurillo invited all to attend the First Friday Art Tour featuring her photography tonight from 4:00-7:00 at Bottle Jack and Silver Mountain Tasting Room. President **Angelo** played a short RYLA promo piece and mentioned that plenty of volunteer opportunities were available. **Dave Ditto's** BBQ event will be held on June 27 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Mission Springs Conference Center in Scotts Valley. Donation of \$35 is suggested. Guatemala Grant Outcome was an amazing success! **Angelo** played a heartwarming and powerful video. Computers that were purchased with grant money have been a huge help. Amazingly, they're getting children to read within 6 months. **Angelo** pointed out **Jim Zenner**

for his involvement in the project. On June 7 – there was a Ribbon Cutting event in the courtyard at the Veteran's Memorial Hall. **Stoney** deserves much credit for spearheading this project.

Last Meeting June 7, 2024

Invocation: Tom Castillo read a beautiful prayer about the blessings of summertime.

Raffle: Russ Hobbs was the lucky winner today of a beautiful basket stuffed with four mini bottles of wine, gin, crackers, artichokes and more plus a gift certificate to Gabriella's. This basket of joy was generously donated by **Chas Eldridge**.



Detective Report: Joel Miller took a different spin on things and welcomed us to another day in Paradox.

He shared with us his first paradox experience when he was 10 and tasted sweet and sour pork - mixture of tastes. He introduced the 3 Paradoxes of change: Technological change, Adaptational change, and Profound change. Examples for each:

Technological: Joel - the car jack **Peter Cook's** example was email. While it originally made things efficient, today it has become time consuming sifting through hundreds of emails. **Adaptational: Joel** used the example of Lewis and Clark using their canoe as ski's to traverse the mountains. **Profound: Donna Maurillo** shared that she had a college teacher tell her not to go into photography, but this only motivated Donna to go on and earn her degree in Art with a specialization in photography at UCSC.



Program: Executive Director of Grey Bears, Jennifer Merchant, along with Development Manager Kayla Traber delivered a joint presentation on how they are working to improve the health and well-being of seniors in our community by offering a food pantry and delivery, as well as resource conservation and recycling. Grey Bears celebrated their 50th anniversary last year and held their first Harvest Festival in Watsonville this year considering this is where most of the food

is grown. In total, Grey Bears operates a total of 4 different programs including: Healthy Food Program, Recycling, Thrift, and Social Connections. The Healthy Food program provides 4000 Healthy Food Bags (weighing 8-10 lbs) throughout the county each week. They prepare 4,300 meals each month using gleaned produce and other items from the pantry. They get their food from local stores who would normally throw it away. The average customer is a 70-year-old woman living alone and 30% of recipients get their food delivered in Santa Cruz County. Last year Grey Bears provided 46,000 meals and this year to date they have served over 48,000 meals! **Peter's** daughter and friend stepped up with some quick calculations and estimated Grey Bears makes 2,400 monthly visits!

Club Calendar

Birthdays:

06/17 – Peter Huemer

06/23 – Sharon Caiocca

Wedding Anniversaries:

06/14 – Bradley & Brenda Bogard – 15

06/14 – Fred & Barbara Keeley – 1

06/16 – Blaine & Connie Brokaw - 40

Club Anniversaries:

06/19 – Wes Walker – 15

06/25 – Edward Penniman -- 31

Upcoming Program:

Whiting's Foods – Ken Whiting

6/21 Detective – Bob Ciappone

6/21 Invocation – David Dreyfus

6/21 Raffle – Wendi Hammand