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President's Message

We are certainly reaching a point in the Covid-19 Pandemic where we can actually see improvement in the numbers of people being hospitalized with the disease. I know we are not "out of the woods" yet but we certainly are beginning to see a faint "light at the end of the tunnel."

Our meetings will continue to be virtual, as in ZOOM, for the next few months. By the end of April most of us should have received the vaccine and society will be on its way to achieving Herd Immunity. I am looking forward to seeing you face to face sometime later this year, and the sooner the better.

We had a very nice outing in February at the Canyon Inn and I am looking forward to more like it in the coming months. I will be out of town for most of the month of March. At the present time I have no plans for a Club event in March or April. However, Spring is here and the weather is improving. It is time to get the car out of Winter storage and back on the road. If you have any ideas regarding on event or outing, bring them to the March Zoom meeting on Thursday March 11.

Keep in touch. See you at the meeting.

Barry Kinney

Virtual Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Walter Caplan. President Barry was recovering from the after effects from his second Covid-19 vaccination. There were 5 Zoomers in attendance.

The President's Lunch will be held Tuesday February 23 at the Canyon Inn in Redwood City. It will start at 1 pm.

John Bettencourt reported from Florida that the Ospreys are starting to hatch. He also reported that his daughter and son-in-law are going to be stationed in southwest Germany.

Walter has a new miniature Doxy puppy Morty. Morty is 11 weeks old and weighs 6.8 lbs. He showed him to the group, and he's very cute.

The group then discussed dental work for pets. Walter, Joan, and Gary are going to be brushing our pets teeth soon.

The group moved on to the Super Bowl. There were a ton of parties in Tampa. Most of the revelers were close together with no masks.

Other topics of conversation included public transportation, getting one's car serviced, and smart phones.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Peterson, Secretary

Canyon Inn Outing

We had a great little outing down to the Canyon Inn in Redwood City on Tuesday February 23rd. The Canyon Inn is a cozy little place well known for its burgers and fries. We sat outside in an open area beside the restaurant protected from the sun and wind, with sufficient room to distance. Of the twelve members who came to lunch only two brought their old cars. Kev Enderby came in his beautiful Model A Roadster and I brought my '57 T-Bird.

Of course, the roll out of the vaccinations was a big topic of discussion. Only two Club members had not been vaccinated and those of us who had were much less fearful of being close to others. There is a definite sense of relief in all of us who had been vaccinated. We still, out of caution and the safety of others, wore appropriate PPE and maintained some distance.

Those people who attended included: Kev Enderby, Don Barnes, Mike Cunneen and his friend George Robinson, Joan Peterson, Walter Caplan, Cynthia Torres, Kathy and Joe Higgins, and Jeanine and Gunard Mahl.

Thanks to Tim and Ray, the owners and managers as well as the staff of the Canyon Inn, for the warm weather, great service, and wonderful food and drink all in a safe semi-private setting. It was certainly good to get out into the world again. We are looking forward to the day, in the not to distant future, when we can return to our pre-pandemic lives.

Barry Kinney



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Al Thomas	March 5
Joan Peterson	March 7
Paula Escher	March 11
Jennifer Grafelman	March 14
Tom Escher	March 15
Robert Peterson	March 16
Josie Calabrese	March 19
Johanna Bettencourt	March 29
Barry Kinney	March 31
Nick & Josie Calabrese	March 25