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Thursdays 7:00 a.m.
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**CREATE OPPORTUNITIES THAT
STRENGTHEN THEIR LEADERSHIP,
HELP PUT SERVICE IDEAS INTO
ACTION, AND IMPROVE
THE LIVES OF THOSE IN NEED.**

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:



Juan Felipe Herrera U.S. Poet Laureate

“Juan Felipe Herrera was born in Fowler, California, on December 27, 1948. The son of migrant farmers, Herrera moved often, living in trailers or tents along the roads of the San Joaquin Valley in Southern California. As a child, he attended school in a variety of small towns from San Francisco to San Diego. He began drawing cartoons while in middle school, and by high school was playing folk music by Bob Dylan and Woody Guthrie.

Herrera graduated from San Diego High in 1967, and was one of the first wave of Chicanos to receive an Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) scholarship to attend UCLA. There, he became immersed in the Chicano Civil Rights Movement, and began performing in experimental theater, influenced by Allen Ginsberg and Luis Valdez.

In 1972, Herrera received a BA in Social Anthropology from UCLA. He received a master's in Social Anthropology from Stanford in 1980, and went on to earn an MFA from the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop in 1990. In 2015, Herrera was named Poet Laureate of the United States.

His interests in indigenous cultures inspired him to lead a formal Chicano trek to Mexican Indian villages, from the rain forest of Chiapas to the mountains of Nayarit. The experience greatly changed him as an artist. His work, which includes video, photography, theater, poetry, prose, and performance, has made Herrera a leading voice on the Mexican American and indigenous experience.”

<https://poets.org/poet/juan-felipe-herrera>

Juan Felipe became interested in poetry from a very young age with his mother challenging him often with solving riddles. His work in writing poetry evolved through the utilization of Healing Circles sometimes referred to as a mind-map (drawing a circle with the main idea and attaching spokes to the circle with supporting ideas. “Your thoughts come out immediately. There is no, ‘What am I going to say?’ I guess because it is a circle. The thoughts and words come out immediately.” This technique is



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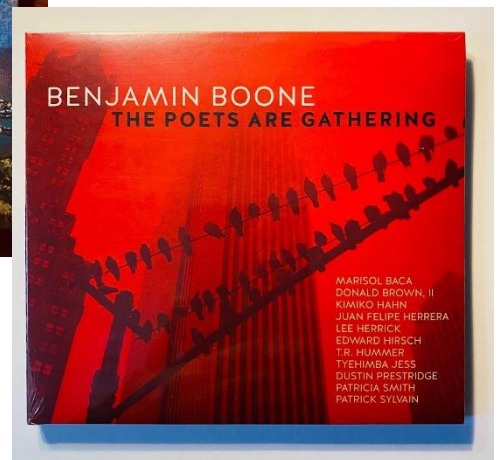
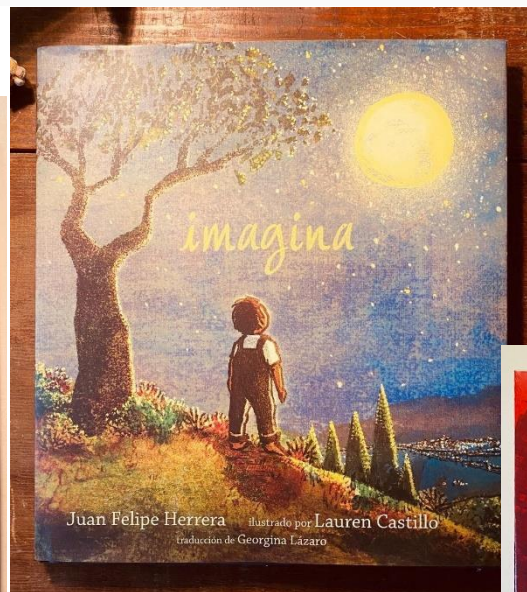
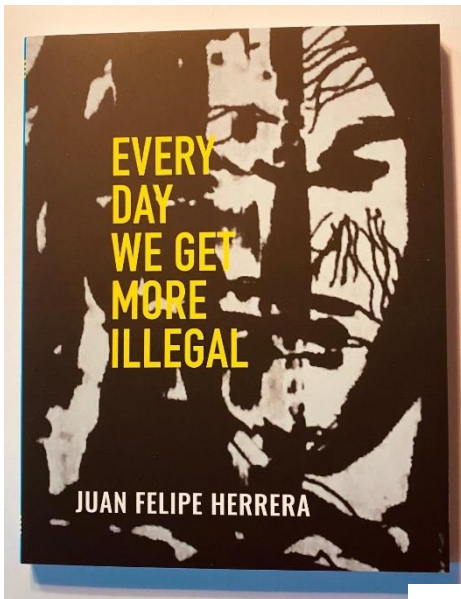
so successful that he was able to write a poem for Laurie Goodman after hearing of Laurie’s cancer treatment.

*May your wife be healed
with all of our flowers,
with all of our lives.
She will heal.
In flower soft.
Life to life.
All life comes to her now.
May your wife be healed.*

In Phil Esparza’s introduction, he stated that Juan Felipé would help us to heal during this touch time in our nation and throughout the world. Juan Felipé expressed, “You were talking about, what do we do now? Let’s do this. Let’s help each other by whatever we can do through a few words. This is all done with a healing circle. All we have to do is say it with our heart and with love.”

As Poet Herrera’s presentation was so very inspirational, the reader should take time to watch the full video of his remarks. Please click on

<https://wetransfer.com/downloads/2fd2ebf0d944826cb91a95bfb3cfc820201109182326/26712ab>



**DONATIONS to OUR
AUCTION by
JUAN FELIPÉ HERRERA**



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OUR ZOOM MEETING (Week 37)

HAPPY ROTAIANS on November 5, 2020

25 MEMBERS PRESENT!!!

Andrew, Annette, Art, Bob, Casey, César, Chris, Don Boys, Don Reynolds,
Donna, Jackie, Jessie, John, Jorge, Luis, Michael,
Michele, Paul, Phil, Rae, Rosa Fernandez, Rosa Loayza, Tom, Vicki, and Wayne

THIS WEEK'S MEETING:

Inspirational Quote:

"What if 2020 isn't cancelled?

*What if 2020 is the year we've been waiting for?
A year so uncomfortable, so painful, so terrifying,
so raw – that it finally forces us to grow.
A year that screams so loud,
finally awakening us from our ignorant slumber.
A year in which we finally accept the need for change.
Declare change. Work for change. Become the change.
A year we finally band together,
instead of pushing each other further apart.
2020 isn't cancelled,
but rather the most important year of them all."
- Leslie Dwight -*



VISITORS

VISITORS
Glenn Maxon
Cristal Gonzalez
Irene Guevara
Laurie Goodman

HOST ROTARIAN
Phil Esparza
Phil Esparza
Rosa Fernandez
Paul Goodman



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**WE WISH
LAURIE GOODMAN the VERY BEST
as SHE CONTINUES HER CANCER
TREATMENTS at UCSF.**

Announcements:

Rotary Club Events & Information:

- ❖ **Family Giving Committee Meeting:**
Following general meeting
- ❖ **Family Giving Donations:** Vicki sent an email to all members asking for donations. Phil challenged Rotarians to match his \$200 donations. Many did and others donated other amounts. Send donations to Rotary SJB @ P.O. Box 823, SJB or call Bob w/credit card number.
- ❖ **Fundraising Committee Meeting:**
Following general meeting

San Benito County Events & Information:

- ❖ **SB Health Foundation Give You the Smile Project:** Jorge showed a video regarding this event scheduled for Feb.

SJB Rotary Annual Family Giving Project

Our Rotary Club has been managing our giving program for over 14 years with the generous help of our community.

- SJB Rotary Club coordinates with the ASJUSD's Migrant Education Program in our school district to select multiple families to celebrate with memorable gifts.
- Once we have the wants and needs lists from our families, club members shop for each individual family member.
- Rotary members meet to wrap each gift and these are delivered with the help of the ASJUSD staff to our local families just before Christmas.

We need your support to continue this project during this difficult pandemic year by contributing

Please send your tax deductible contribution to
SJB Rotary P.O. Box 823 San Juan Bautista, CA 95045
or Rotary Club of SJB Website (invoice upon request)
<https://www.rotarysanjuanbautista.com/>

by November 16th

Thank you so very much.




Rotary Club of San Juan Bautista | Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary Club of San Juan Bautista Holiday of Lights

**Home & Business
Holiday Decorating Contest**

Joy to the World

**Registration Dates
Nov. 1st - 30th**

Registration is required - No Fee
<https://www.rotarysanjuanbautista.com/>

**Vote for the best
Home and Business outdoor displays
Dec. 3rd - Dec. 18th**

List of participants & voting information to come

**Winners & Prizes will be announced on
Dec. 21st**





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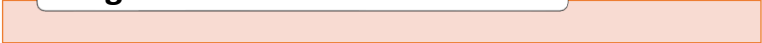
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END POLIO NOW!
2020-2021 Goal = \$2,100.00
PLEASE DONATE
**(Contact Treasurer Bob Quaid
ramquaid@gmail.com)**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING
MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- ❖ November 1st-30th: Joy to the World Holiday Decoration Contest Registration
- ❖ November 12th: Program: Steven Johnson, Aromas Sports Park
- ❖ November 16th: Family Giving Donations Due
- ❖ November 19th: Program: General Assembly
- ❖ November 19th: Club Board Meeting; following general meeting
- ❖ November 26th: NO MEETING – Thanksgiving Holiday
- ❖ December 3rd-18th: Joy to the World Holiday Decoration Contest Voting
- ❖ December 3rd: Program: TBD
- ❖ December 10th: Program: TBD
- ❖ December 4th-14th: Virtual Auction Online
- ❖ December 17th: Program: General Assembly
- ❖ December 17th: Club Board Meeting; following the general meeting
- ❖ December 21st: Joy to the World Holiday Decoration Contest: Winners & Prizes Announced
- ❖ December 24th & 31st: NO MEETINGS

Flag Salute: VICKI



Inspirational Quote: JESSIE



Programs: PHIL



**NOVEMBER
MEETING
RESPONSIBILITIES**

MONTH	SALUTE	QUOTE	PROGRAMS
December	Vicki	Blanca	Wayne
January	Paul		Don
February	Michele	Paul	César
March		Michael	Wayne
April			Phil
May			Don
June		Annette	César



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2020-2021 COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	CHAIR(S)	MEMBERS
Access	Phil	Annette, Jessie, Jorge, Michele, Rosa Fernandez, Wayne
Anza Trail	Jim	Wife Gayle & Community Crew
Area 6 Aromas Community Project	Annette	Casey, Jackie, Paul, Rosa Fernandez
Beer/Wine Garden	Vicki & Wayne	Heidi, Andrew, Art, César, Donna, Phil
Digital Club Engagement	Jorge	Art, Jackie
Finance (Ongoing)	Bob	Andrew, Art
Fundraiser Committee	Jackie, Phil, Rosa	Andrew, Art, Blanca, Bob, César, Jessie, Jorge, Larry, Luis, Michele, Tom
Fundraiser Subcommittee: Virtual Auction & Concert	Art	Casey, Heidi, John, Luis, Michele, Phil
Ghost Walk	Rosa	Casey, César, Don Reynolds, Phil,
Holiday of Lights Parade	Michele	Heidi, Don Reynolds, Donna, Jessie
Holiday Family Giving (Ag. Worker Force)	Vicki	Annette, César, Donna, Jackie, John, Nazhat, Phil, Rosa Fernandez, Wayne
Meeting Format	Michael	Annette, Blanca, Casey, John, Jorge, Vicki
Rotary City Benches	Annette	Bob, César, Heidi, John
Technology (Websites)	Jorge	Heidi, Jackie, Jessie