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THIS WEEK

Speaker: Jimmy Weldon

Topic: The Grand Old Flag

Chairman: Jerry Smith

88 years young and going strong, he is the prototype "Energizer Bunny". Jimmy is best remembered as the voice of Yakky Doodle. Welcome back, Jimmy. We are very glad that Jerry met you at Baldwin Park years ago, when you were both younger.

LAST WEEK



Thank you, Jon, for sharing the trip and its impact on your family, the Cambodians, and Covina Rotarians. A true Rotary story, told by a real Rotarian.

NEXT WEEK

Craft talks have been a wonderful, entertaining part of the Covina Rotary programs. We are delighted and proud to announce that Kirk Wright has graciously agreed to restart the craft talk tradition.

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PEARL HARBOR, December 7, 1941

Seventy years ago, I was standing in the living room, talking to my father, when the radio announcer said in an excited voice that the United States had been attacked by the Japanese at Pearl Harbor. Our lives were immediately changed in a manner few could have anticipated. Later we drove past the internment camp in the parking lot at Santa Anita racetrack every time we drove to Glendora to irrigate our orange grove. Later we passed the camp at Manzanar outside Lone Pine., on a fishing trip. Two of Shirley's friends didn't show up for school the following day, at Montebello High. My commanding officer during the Korean War was interned with his family in Colorado. We had searchlights and an anti-aircraft battery in our neighborhood and shell fragments landed on my grandparents area. We stood in the backyard and watched the targets fly overhead, higher than the anti-aircraft fire could reach. Mom tried to get us to come inside so we wouldn't get hurt. The son of my Dad's friend at Union Oil Co. was captured and had to survive the Bataan death march. Corregidor and General MacArthur were everyday words. The submarines shelling our coastline off Santa Barbara are now mere memories. The United States reacted to Pearl Harbor in a decisive manner and that is the rest of the story.

Tough Times Now??? Nothing new, it seems.

Rotary has been around for 96 years and has been witness to many political and financial events. Now, we are inundated by seemingly difficult times. Just for fun, stop and think about some random thoughts from the mind of Thomas Jefferson, president, lawyer, writer, thinker extraordinaire.

At 16 enrolled at College of Wm. And Mary. At 23 started his own law practice. Wrote the Declaration of Independence at 33. At 60 doubled the size of the U.S. With the Louisiana Purchase.

Jefferson's quotes

When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe we shall become as corrupt as Europe.

*The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give it to those who will not.

*My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.

*To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.

*The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.

*It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one half of the wars of the world.

*I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property.

