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Terry McGrath would have been proud. He would have been happily in his element as the meeting was warm and a bit rowdy. Several members donated sad bucks and said how much they miss him. We all do.

Attendance continues to lag. We barely surrounded two tables until **Bill Gordin** arrived. **Bill** walked around each table passing out dues owed statements.

Harold Petersen led us in salute to the flag. **Don Ahrens and Jeremiah Williams**, dubbed “ivory and ebony” managed to lead us to a tolerable variant of God Bless America. Jeremiah’s thoughtful prayer included an appeal “for those who shall make it (to the meeting) next week”

Craig Haupt announced the Crab-Cioppino feed set for March 19th. He has tickets for you to buy and sell. He passed around a signup sheet to provide help for the event.

There were no birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate so we went directly to Happy and Sad bucks:

John Hertle said he spoke with **Terry’s** widow, **Pat Glatke**, before the memorial service. She is dealing with waves of grief and recognition of her loss.

John Thoming said they enjoyed two weeks in Mexico but were bummed by the extremely slow TSA process before being allowed into the flight gate at SFO. **Carol Thoming** added to his remarks about a hassle regarding the covid caused protocol over seats on the plane. **Carol** said they enjoyed watching the Green Bay Packers get beat although it was in Spanish. Oddly the referees spoke in English.

Paul Hearst is also back from Mexico. He and Cathy were in Cancun. In lieu of a present Paul made a financial donation. I didn’t hear the amount.

Ron Freitas had a “mixed bag” of happy and sad. He lamented that his barber has put the part of his hair on the wrong side. So he needs a new barber. Like an increasing number of us **Ron** has an extremely wide part.

Don, our own climatologist, explained that tomorrow, February 2nd, is Groundhogs Day which set halfway between the first day of winter, 12/21, and the vernal equinox which is known as the first day of spring. What feels like spring is actually quite variable, sometime in March or April. **Don** is happy that he and his daughter Ashleigh will be attending a musical at the Gallo Center tonight. Generous **Don** distributed an amazing array of 2022 calendars from a wide variety of organizations.

One wit remarked that he withheld the Playboy calendar. When many were left **Don** offered to pay \$1 for each calendar we would take!

Jeremiah noted that **Terry McGrath** had been an exemplary Kiwanian and contributor to our community. It was mentioned that an impressive number of Kiwanians from several clubs attended the impressively presented memorial service held at the Graffiti Museum.

There was a row regarding bets made on the Professional Football playoff games played over the weekend. **Craig and John Field** were into it. Someone was reputed to be “a cheap bastard”. I believe the payoffs went to the club.

Bill Gordin made a donation because “the Raiders didn’t lose.” They had lost a squeaker so they didn’t make the finals.

Craig was saddened by having seen his failing mother in law for what is likely the last time.

Jerry Jackman told of his daughter’s good fortune in that a “nor’easter storm” blew down a tall dead tree that could have done severe damage to their home. Instead the tree fell across the dirt side road and a neighbor, needing to get through, put his chainsaw to work and removed the whole downed tree. Such luck!

John Hertle was reminded that a city hired crew recently trimmed a tree on his property which has been dead for three years! **John** said he first asked the city to remove the tree five years ago!

John Field paid off his football debts. He is happy that his wife will have her knee replacement surgery done next Monday. He is also pleased that his son in law has been put on the list for kidney transplant.

Auction item! **Carol Thoming** showed off a beautiful ceramic ladle holder they bought in Mexico. The bids ramped us to \$20 and it was sold to “the guy with the big mouth”, the dentist **John**.

The spirited meeting wrapped up with Jeremiah reminding us that Michael Baldwin will return as we kick off Black History Month. See you then.

Jerry Jackman,
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