… on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, **President Mark** was still on an extended vacation, so **President Elect Chris** stepped in and opened the meeting at 7:10 a.m. **Oliver Grenham,** our Family of Rotary Rotarian, was also nowhere to be found, so **Mark Clark** led us in the Pledge. **PE Chris** presented a very meaningful and thankful invocation. **PE Chris**, being on top of things, then jumped right in and introduced our very efficient Assistant Secretary, **Ryan Holocher,** who introduced guest speaker, and other guests.

 **President’s Announcements:**

* **PE Chris** reminded us that there will be no meeting next week. The meeting on January 3rd will be at Legacy Ridge Grill. Please make a not of this.

**Other Announcements:**

* **Brian** reminded us that the next social is coming soon. It will take place at Neeces on Jan. 6th.
* **Brian** announced that we were approved for a $7,000 grant from Temple Buell as arranged by our own **Gary Cooper**. Thank you, **Gary**, for your tenacity.
* **Brian** also told us of a very important program sponsored by Up With People.
* **Judge Moss** reminded us that the Open World groups originally scheduled will not be here this coming summer.

Presented this morning was a very informative presentation by **Eric Mott** who told us a harrowing story about the Category 5 Hurricane he and his family survived recently in Puerto Rico. And a great program it was!

**Rick**, our Sgt. at Arms this week, made some sizable extractions from the few, but very energetic, Rotarians who attended the meeting. Don’t forget, you can makeup missed meetings at any of the Rotary Clubs in our area. Get the app, **Rotary *Club Locator***, for your smart phone. You will find clubs you can attend located all over the world.

 **Oliver** was extolled by **PE Chris** who thanked him for being an important member of the 7:10 Rotary Club and who has missed more meetings than he has attended. His prolific profile as the Family of Rotary Rotarian can be found on the front page of the Bemis award winning, Frameable, Ineluctable, ***EarlyWord*** newsletter which was profusely available on all of the tables in its elegant 11x17" format. It can also be found on the 7:10 web site at: [www.westminster710rotary.org/newsletter.cfm](http://www.westminster710rotary.org/newsletter.cfm).

**PE Chris** presented our next Rotary Moment. **Click or tap here to enter text.** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Joe T.** had a Thought for the Day.

 We closed the meeting right on time with a rousing rending of The Four Way Test.

 Yours in Rotary Service, Loren