

Homelessness, houselessness, working poor, unfortunates, these are all words that describe a situation that is less than ideal. Whatever the story, whatever the situation, the final line is the same. This is about our fellow man in need. Enter from stage right, Holly Davis, one of our county commissioners, and AnnMarie Briercheck, from Daystar Life Center. Holly and AnnMarie brought to our club an idea, an initiative, that they wanted us to know about and hopefully support in some way. This idea is to create a place, a facility, that could be a safe haven and support center for those who are currently not housed. The proposal is called "Citrus Hope", and it is fashioned as a secured tent city with bathing facilities and other support services. Holly has her eyes on some land in the central Lecanto area where this could be located, and AnnMarie, along with the financial support from the Catholic Ministries, is working to get other resources in place. There are still many moving parts to work through as far as maintenance of the facility, manning, feeding, and transitioning. And in the future, there will be a host of "asks" along the way, as well as fundraising and grant writing. All in all, it is a compassionate vision with possibilities that work toward resolving a situation that is not good for anyone to be in. If you want more information, either of these two energetic and determined women would be more than happy to discuss their ideas with you.

Other News:

\*March 22 – Brewfest 9-9pm, all hands-on deck!

\*March 24 – Fireside Chat, 12 noon on zoom

\*March 29 – Six Club Social, 5-8pm, Washington Carver Community Center

Dates of Interest:

April 17 – Connors Gives Back

April 26 – Founder's Day Picnic 4pm, Whispering Pines Park

April 29 – Upward Bound (details to come)

50/50 – Jennifer Dempsey - \$30

Happy/sad - \$108

Thank you to everyone for making this club a happy, healthy and rewarding experience and for giving your time and treasures to make all our initiatives a success!