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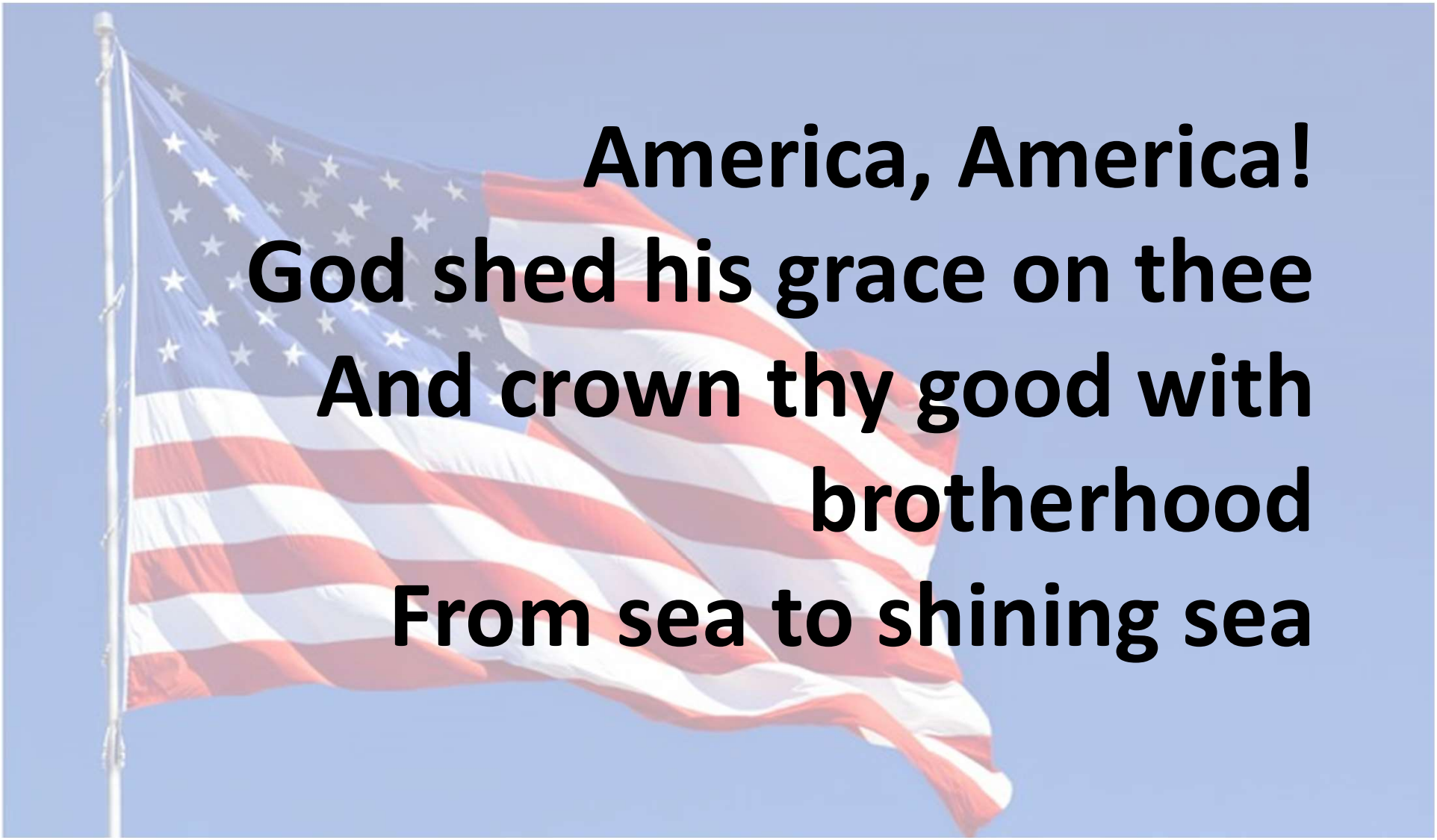
America the Beautiful

-Katharine Lee Bates

O beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!

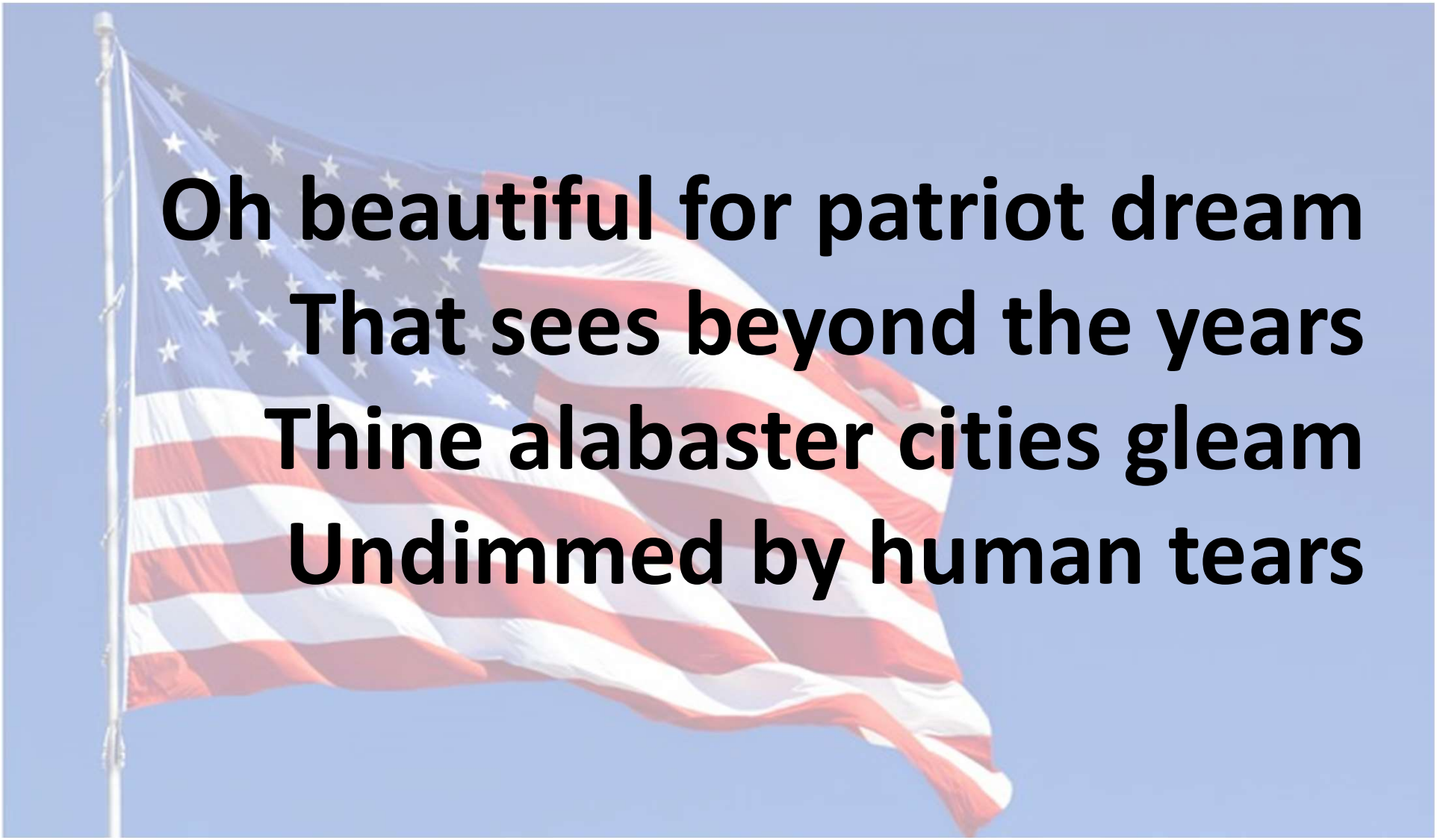
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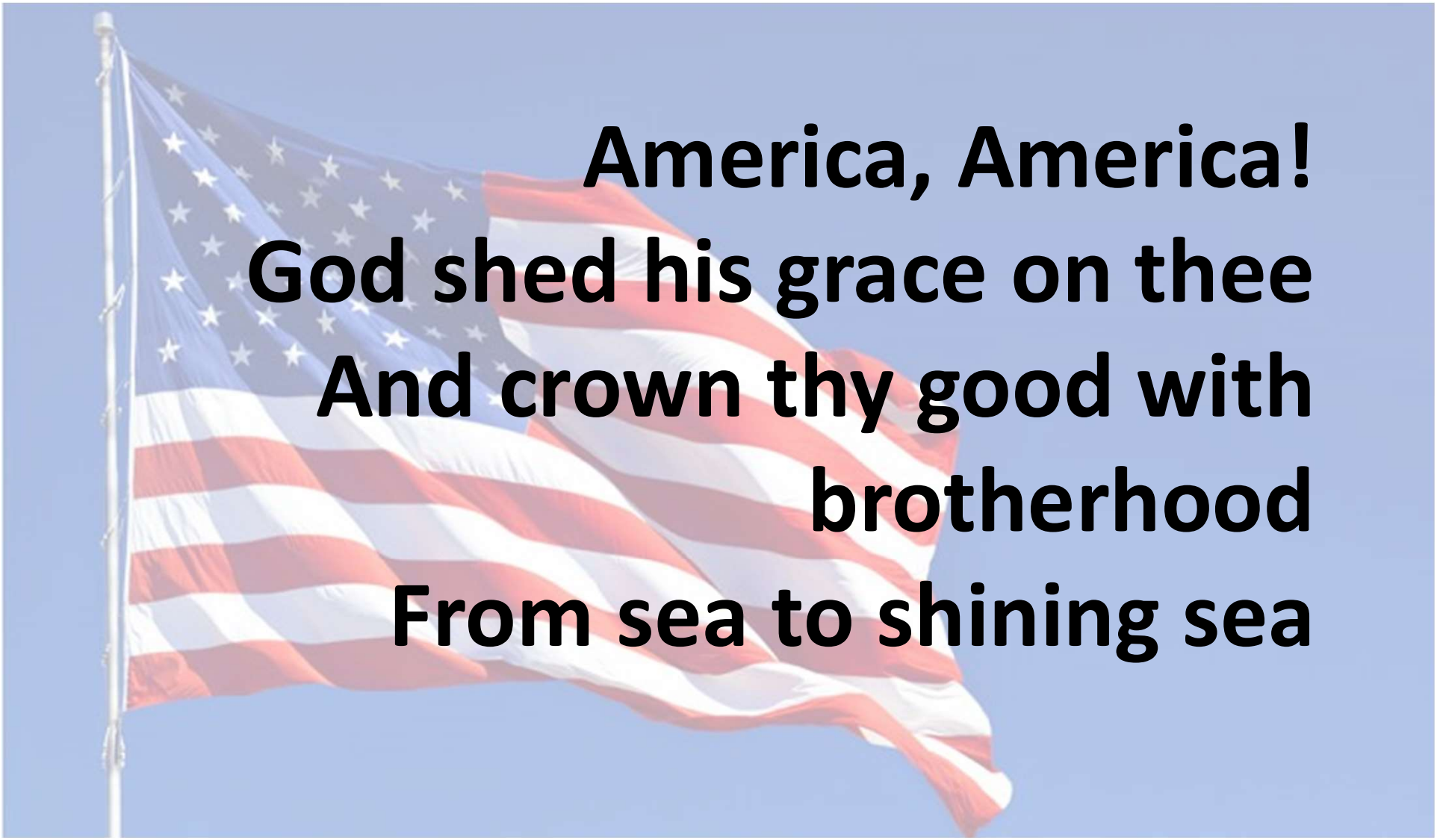
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Many thanks to today's Club Service volunteers!

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The Agenda

Calendar
New Member Induction
Check Presentations
Rotarian of the Month
Twenty for Twenty
Table Talk
Speaker – John O'Connor
Door Prize – Kona Coffee
Adjourn

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EVENTS:



September 11 **HPP Diaper Bag Assembly**

September 13 **HPP Baby Showers**

September 13 **Last Twilight Golf**

September 15 **Rotary Meadow Cleaning and Greening**

September 17 **Dinner Club at the Arc**

September 18 **Rotary 101 following the regular meeting**

September 29 **Rotary Day Cal/Berkeley vs Oregon**

October 7 **Italian Heritage Parade**

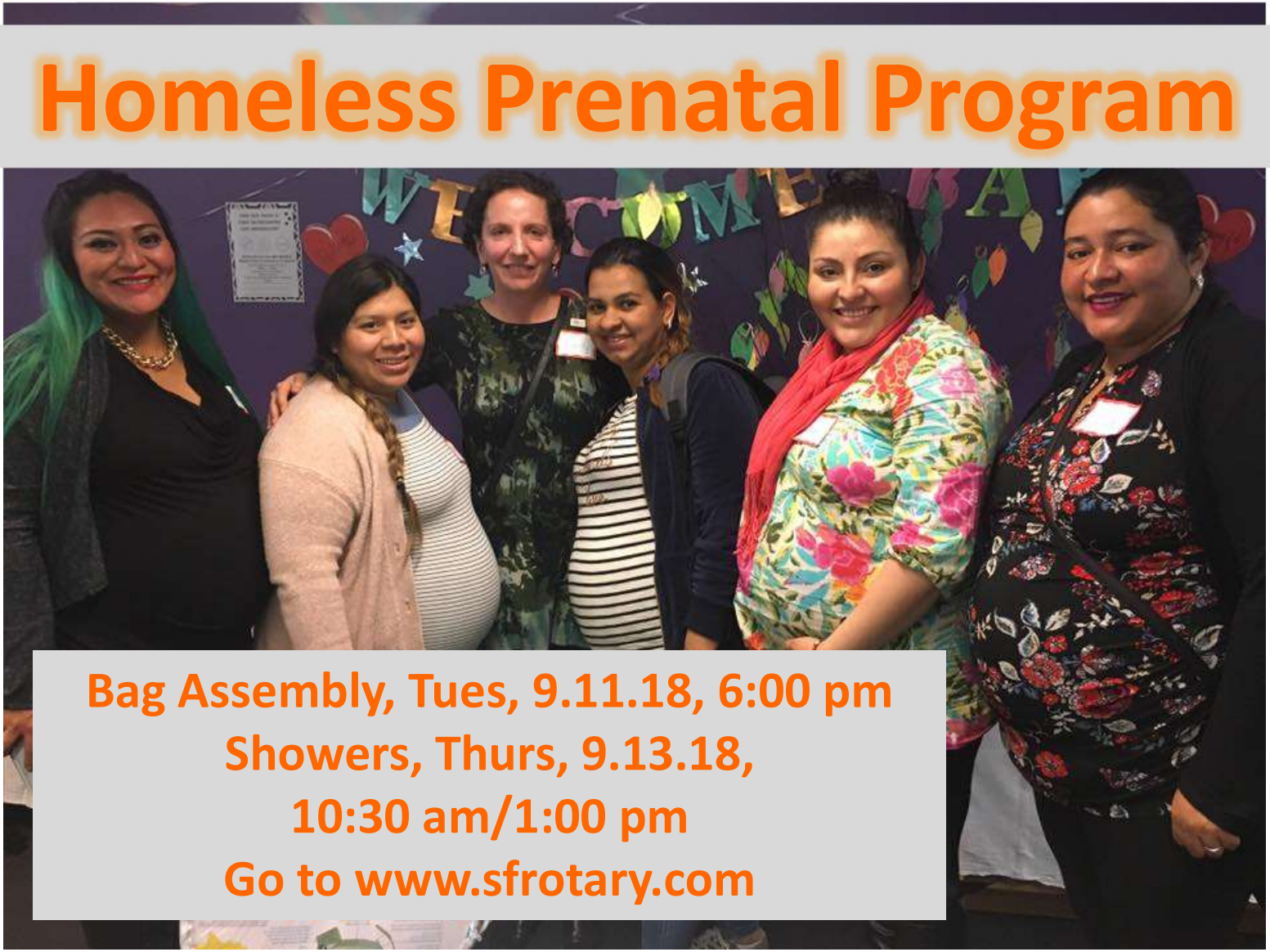
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Homeless Prenatal Program



Bag Assembly, Tues, 9.11.18, 6:00 pm
Showers, Thurs, 9.13.18,
10:30 am/1:00 pm
Go to www.sfrotary.com

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ROTARY MEADOW WORKDAY







Saturday, 9.15.18, nine to noon

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The Arc San Francisco Friends Like Me Dinner Club



Monday, 9.17.18, 6:00 pm
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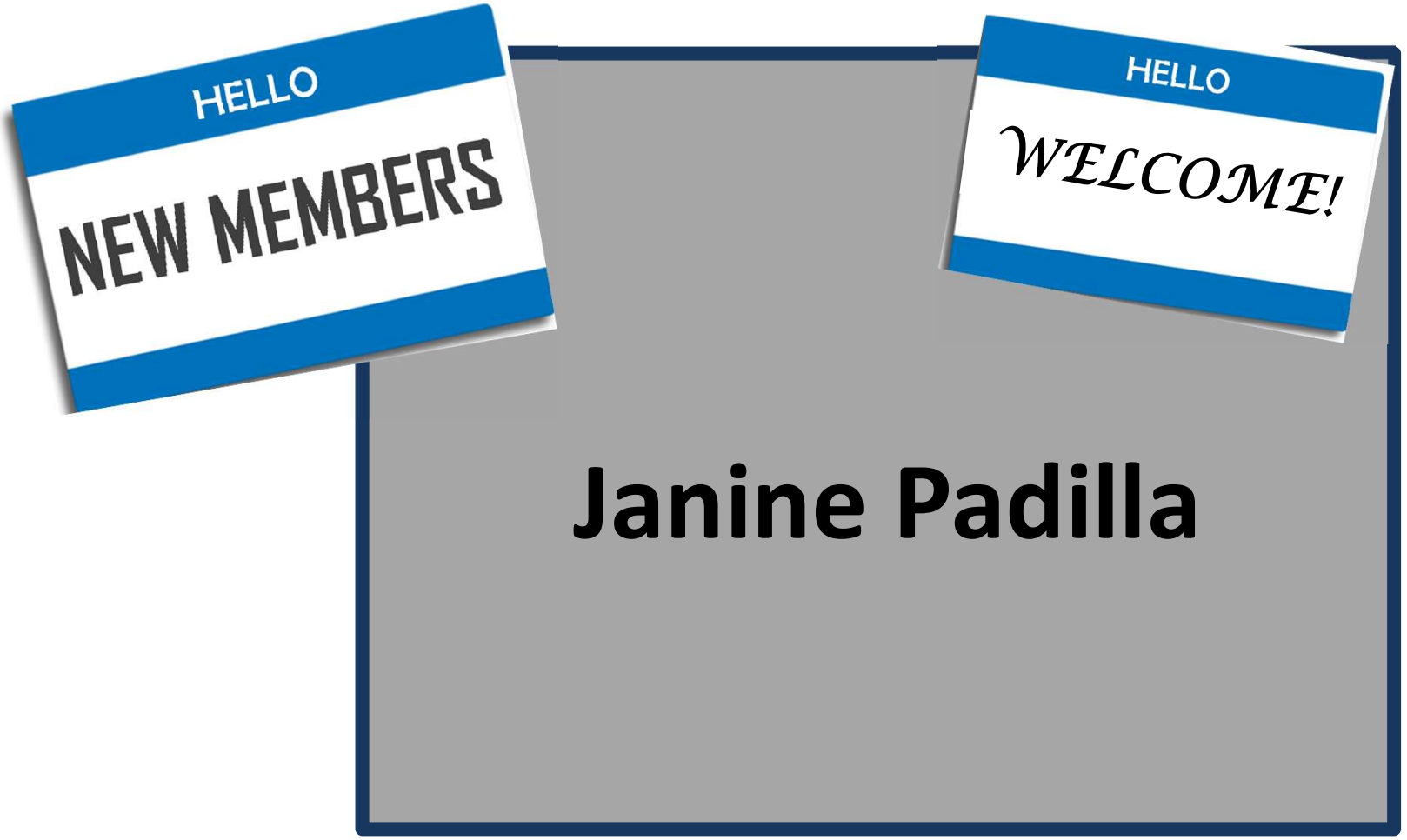
The Rotary Parade of Flags at the Italian Heritage Parade

October 7, 10:30 am



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Janine Padilla

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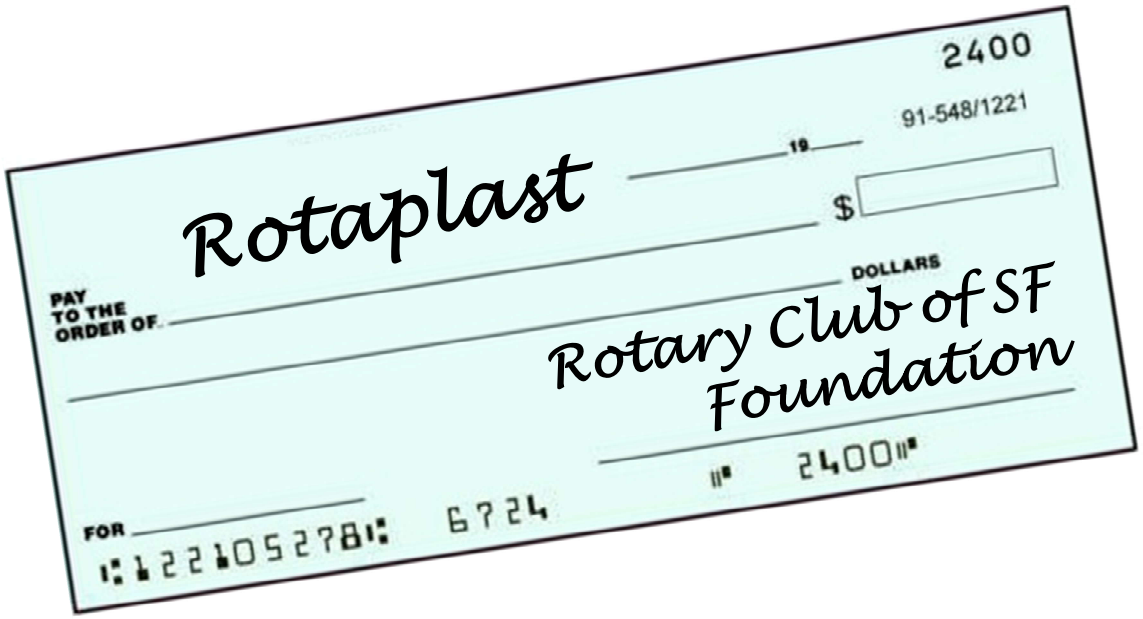
This week!

Rotaplast - $10,000

Radio Kenya – $5,000

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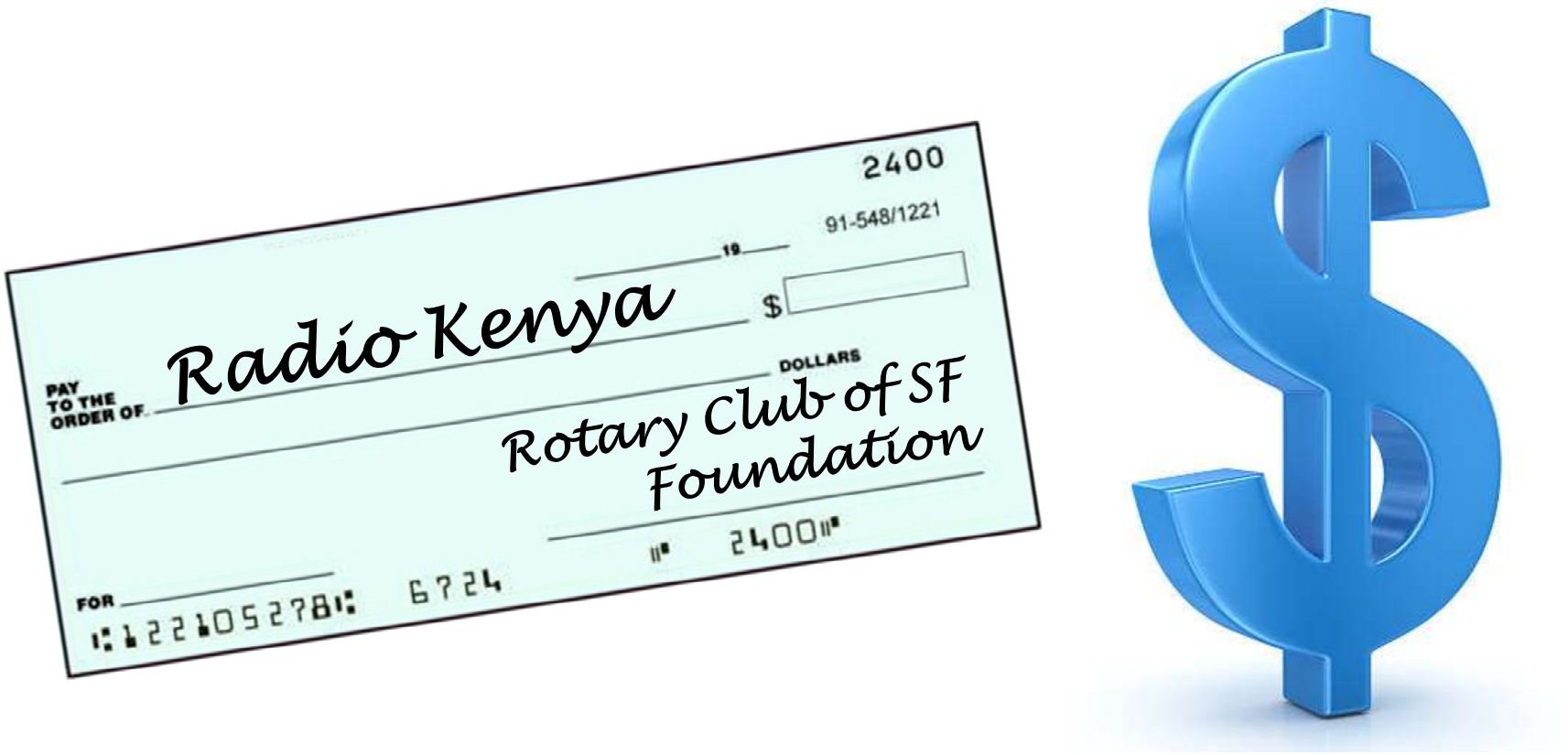




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NUMEROUS ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUNTEER HOURS

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September Rotarian of the Month, Fred Marschner

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Where were you…

living?
working?
going to school?
traveling to?
traveling from?

On September 11, 2001?

WATERGATE'S CURRENT PARALLELS AND CONTRASTS

By John D. O'Connor

Before 1924, the Bureau of Investigation was a cesspool of corruption and cronyism.

In 1924, the modern FBI was created, with young J. Edgar Hoover as Director, dedicated to reform.



The founding FBI documents approved by Congress had flowery pledges of political independence for the Bureau.

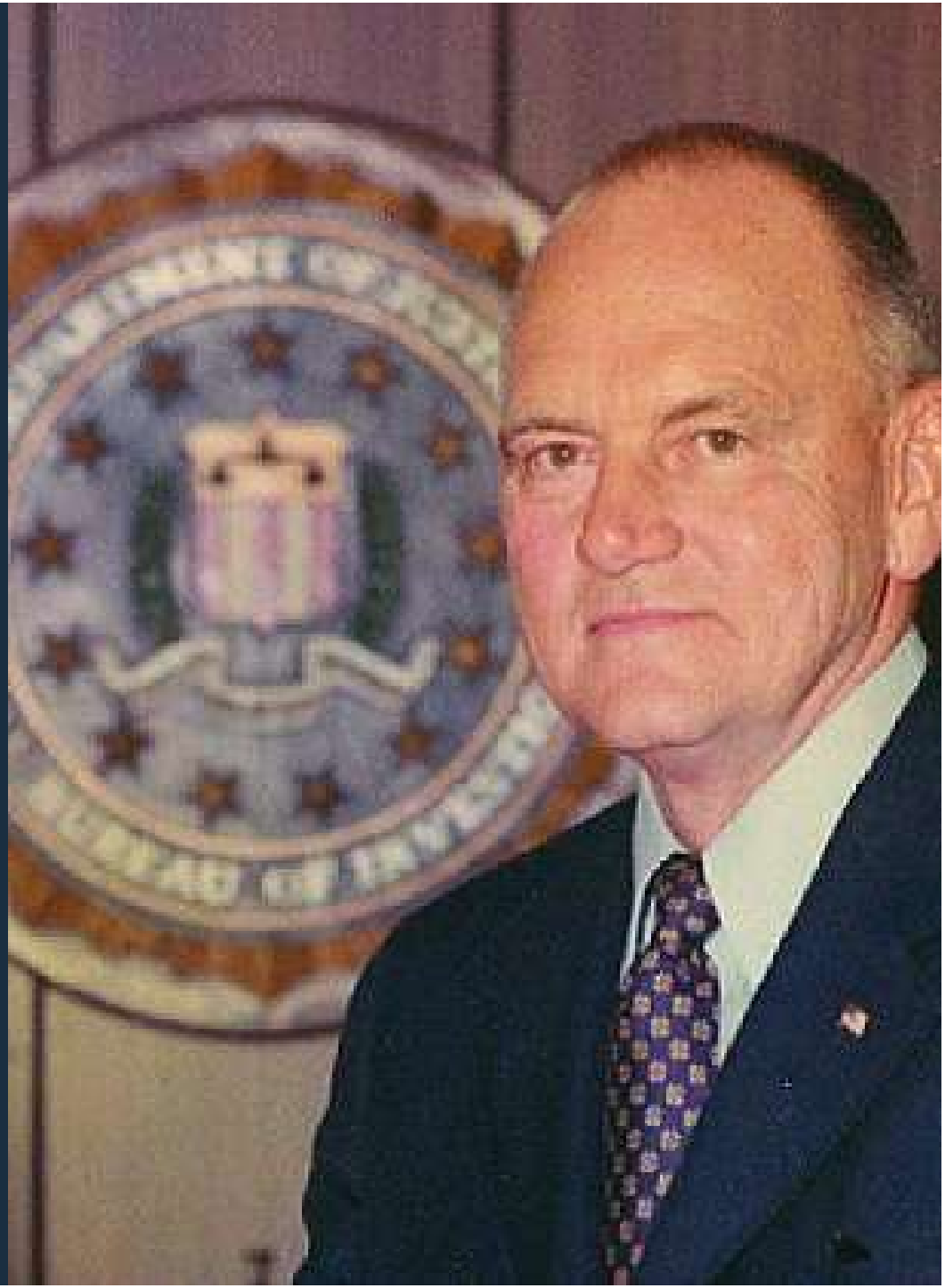
PROBLEM: The FBI Director still reports to the Attorney General, a political appointee, who reports to the President.

The history of the modern FBI is a history of struggle between an independent FBI and a political White House, with FBI often refusing or resisting seeming political directives. Much leeway if "national security."

EXAMPLE: the FBI, per Mark Felt, refused to declare a forgery in an incriminating memo about a corrupt ITT-Nixon Administration deal (through lobbyist Dita Beard)



After Hoover died in May 1972, Felt was passed over and political Patrick Gray takes over as Director of the FBI.



Felt leaks to Woodward when the Watergate investigation was politically restricted to the original seven burglars.

Woodward on Deep Throat:

“He knew too much literature too well.”

The DOJ and White House had engaged in a “silent obstruction”; highly effective until Deep Throat engaged.

It was reprehensible, but not criminal.

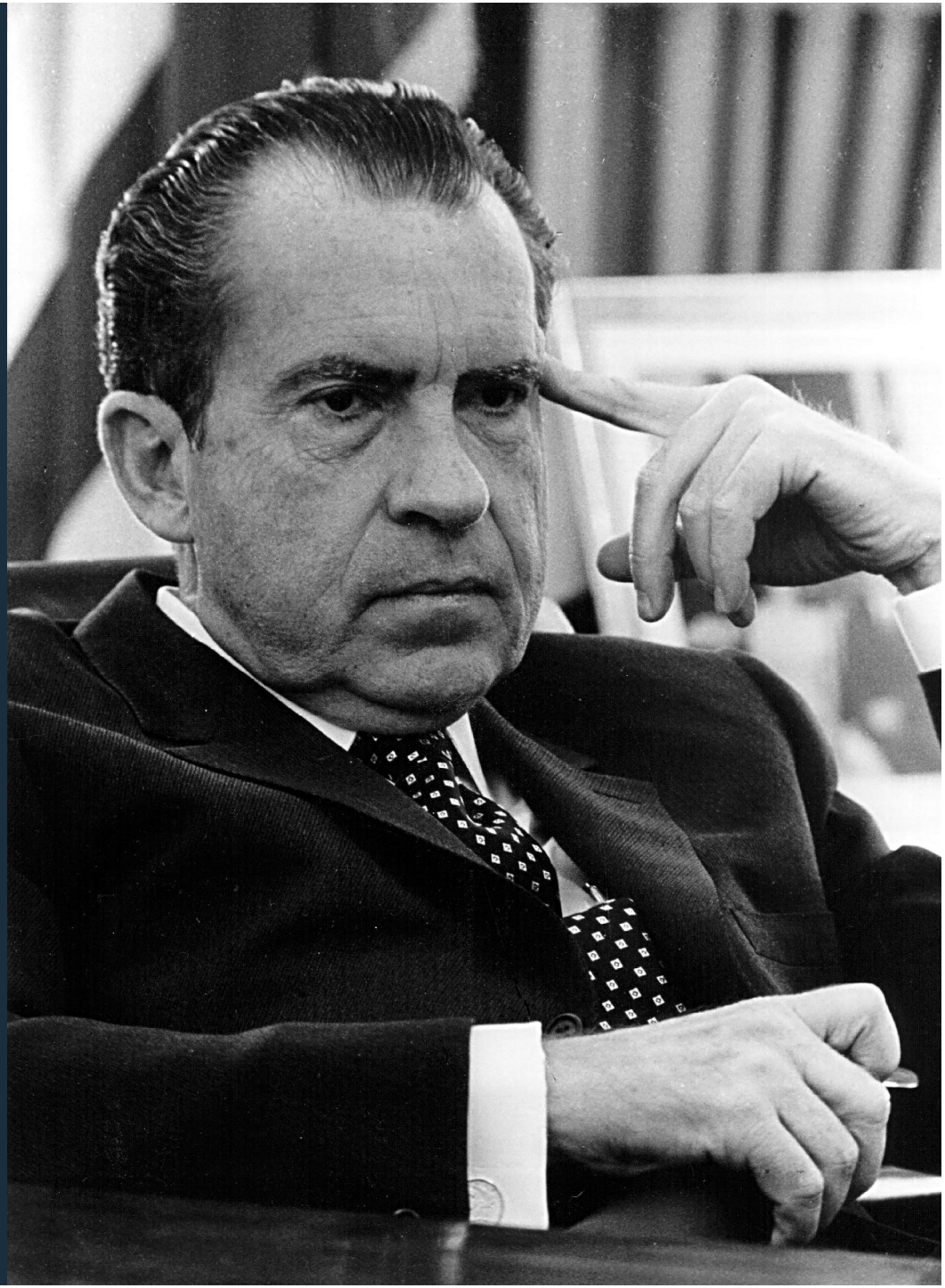
Felt caused publicity close to an election, against FBI and DOJ.

Informal rules, formal today.

This subjected him to criticism, but it wasn’t criminal.

Nixon impeached and resigned for directing the CIA to lie to the FBI on a minor part of investigation.

Therefore, criminal obstruction of justice.



DISTINCTION: One obstruction was “corrupt,” one wasn’t.

James Comey gives press conference July 5, 2016 exonerating Hillary Clinton.



Comey usurps DOJ function.

Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein and Inspector General Horowitz later criticized it as improper.

Therefore subject to discipline and criticism, not illegal.

October 28, 2016

Comey reopens the Clinton investigation. It may have coused Clinton's loss.

Clearly this was too close to the election, and can be criticized.
Why did he do this?

January 2017

Trump asks Comey to “let it go” regarding Michael Flynn.

Was Comey the correct person to ask?

Was this obstruction?

January-April 2017

Trump asks Comey to publicly clear him. Comey refuses, based correctly upon FBI rules and principles.

May 2017

Trump fires Comey.

Trump could have relied on Rosenstein's recommendation to fire Comey based on 2016 actions.

Tells Lester Holt, however, he was going to fire Comey anyway.

It is clear that Trump fired Comey for not publicly clearing him of Russian collusion, per request, like Comey cleared Clinton, and not for Comey's rules breaches.

Trump soon tells Russians that Comey's firing will take pressure off Russian investigation.

Is this obstruction of justice?

Do any other acts of Trump bear on this?

Mueller will write a report, not indictment, per DOJ rules.

What is the likely conclusion?

On what does it depend?

Who is Sergei Millian, and what does he have to do with this?

This will be important in the future.



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