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Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan are giving \$100,000 to each of their eight favorite restaurants

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When Seiko Alba got an email from Mark Zuckerberg in late March, she was sure it was a scam.

The Facebook CEO, a regular at her Palo Alto Japanese restaurant Dohatsuten, asked how she was doing. He and his wife Priscilla Chan had decided to personally give \$100,000 each to Dohatsuten and seven other local restaurants to help them stay afloat during the coronavirus and support their efforts to provide meals to healthcare workers, first responders and people in need.

"I couldn't believe it," Alba said.

The eight restaurants are among Zuckerberg and Chan's personal favorites, a spokesperson said. The funds went to Dohatsuten, Palo Alto Sol and Fuki Sushi in Palo Alto, Chef Chu's in Los Altos, Vesta in Redwood City, Sushi Sam's Edomata in San Mateo and La Ciccia and The Liberties Bar & Grill in San Francisco. (Fuki Sushi and Palo Alto Sol catered the couple's backyard wedding.) The restaurant owners can use the money at their discretion, whether it's to pay employees or cover rent, to be able to continue to provide donated meals.

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Vesta in downtown Redwood City was one of seven local restaurants that received \$100,000 from Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan. Photo by Veronica Weber.

Because of the funds, Alba is able to keep Dohatsuten open every day for takeout and has brought most of her kitchen staff back to prepare donated meals for local hospitals and shelters. Before, she was watching the numbers in her bank account dwindle. Her staff had been assuring her that she shouldn't stay open for them, especially if the labor costs exceeded the restaurant's sales.

"They made me cry," she said about her staff. "Thanks to Mark and Priscilla, we can keep going."

At Chef Chu's, the money means all employees of the longtime Chinese restaurant, even those who have been laid off, will continue to receive health insurance, general manager Larry Chu said.

Chu (who also initially thought the personal email he received from Zuckerberg was a fake), said the money propelled Chef Chu's meals effort, and was soon followed by other community contributions. Through donations, the restaurant is providing free meals to local hospitals, first responders (who can get free takeout meals from Chef Chu's on Wednesdays), homeless people, seniors and others in need. Chef Chu's has provided more than 1,000 meals to healthcare workers alone.



Larry Chu with donated Chef Chu's meals for staff at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View. Photo courtesy Larry Chu.

Because of Zuckerberg and Chan's contribution, "we haven't said 'no' to anyone who's come to us" asking for meals, Chu said.

"So many restaurants are not going to be reopening," he said. "To be able to do something to keep us working and feeling like we're doing something good is very positive for the owners and everyone."

The sense that "we're all in this together, from someone as high of ranks as Mark to someone as low of ranks as a busboy who is getting their insurance taken care of, is reassuring," Chu added.

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Posted by **Cordelia**, a resident of Old Mountain View, on May 11, 2020 at 8:05 pm

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For me, this is not a feel good story. All employees and businesses should be receiving help. The fact that some people have so much money they can just donate a million on a whim is not a good thing. I fear it's a return to the terrible times when the aristocracy did as they pleased and the rest were under their thumb. We left Europe and fought the Revolution to escape that terrible, hopeless existence. Let's not celebrate a modern day version of serfs, peasants, and lords. Instead, let's fight for equality of opportunity, economic mobility, a ladder for success for everyone who works for it.

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Posted by **Tailormaking the Bay Area**, a resident of Charleston Gardens, on May 11, 2020 at 9:19 pm

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It sounds like someone is tailor-making the Bay Area. By paying and supporting the restaurants and institutions of their choosing, they're opting to weed out everyone else. But hey, if you use Facebook you support their donation. I quit nearly a decade ago, and you never needed to use "their" website in the first place.

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Posted by **Rebecca Eisenberg**, a resident of Old Palo Alto,
on May 11, 2020 at 9:24 pm
Rebecca Eisenberg is a registered user.

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I agree with Cordelia. Mark Zuckerberg pledged to give away a large amount of his \$83 billion net worth. Right now given the economic crash, what is there for him to spend his vast wealth on? How can anyone spend \$83 billion in their lifetime, even with an economy that is open, as opposed to our current economy which is virtually closed.

In an environment where almost 35 million Americans are out of work, and where millions of Californians are either homeless or very home-insecure, this \$800,000 gift to 8 restaurants feels cruel. Zuckerberg could house 3 million unhoused Americans -- something that is essential for us to escape the lockdown, BTW -- and still have enough money left over to be as rich as multi-billionaire Sheryl Sandberg. And that is not even considering the below-market rent that could be generated by the 3 million units that could be built for the cost of \$30,000/head.

It's typically tone-deaf of Zuckerberg to commendation for these 8 gifts, as deserving as these restaurants clearly are. If you have the money literally to give \$100,000 to 800,000 restaurants, or \$1,000,000 to 80,000 restaurants, why just choose 8? \$800,000 is less than 1-one-hundred-thousandths of Zuckerberg's \$83 B net worth, or the equivalent of a regular person giving a nickel. And unfortunately, in today's climate, most regular people need to hold onto their nickels.

Where are our Carnegies, our Rockefellers, our Lucile Packards? Now is a great time for one of today's billionaires to step up in a material way and be a hero. Who wouldn't want to leave that kind of legacy? And specifically, why do none of our 100 or so California billionaires want to be a hero?

It's not their obligation, obviously... but didn't most of them swear that would give back?

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Posted by **Zuckerberg is against Philanthropy**, a resident of Evergreen Park,
on May 11, 2020 at 9:29 pm

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Just take a look at this article on Zuckerberg and Gate's view on billionaire philanthropy:
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Posted by **Mark Weiss**, a resident of Downtown North,
on May 11, 2020 at 9:39 pm
Mark Weiss is a registered user.

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I bought \$45 takeout from that same Chef Chu's and left a \$5 tip. As a percentage of my actual cash on hand, this would be equivalent to Zuckerberg giving away \$100.

The Covid-19 could be a deal-breaker for capitalism. Revolution, crime or LLCs to DAF's and a pledge -- your call, RichieRichieRichieRichie Rich.

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Posted by **Mark Weiss**, a resident of Downtown North,
on May 11, 2020 at 9:49 pm
Mark Weiss is a registered user.

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There could be a dish named for him at the ramen place called Veruca Salt.

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Posted by **Mark Weiss**, a resident of Downtown North,
on May 11, 2020 at 9:55 pm

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Mark Weiss is a registered user.

You see, there are five types of broth at Dohatsuten: Soy, Salt, Spicy Miso, Tonkotsu, Vegetarian Soy.
Whereas Veruca Salt, before it was an indie band, was a bratty rich girl in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" movie.
So I'm riffing on two or three pop references and calling Zuck a brat, ok?
I have a yolk about Oompa Loompas but it's too rich for these pages.
Seether.

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Posted by **Mark Weiss**, a resident of Downtown North,
on May 11, 2020 at 10:06 pm
Mark Weiss is a registered user.

6 people like this

I heard that one of the PayPaly mafia just gave a bilion dollars to Bird Dog Restaurant, the former Mandarin Gourmet the former El Dorado Mexican although it will be paid out in avocados from a special tree, one avocado per year for 125 million years -- it's an \$8 avocado.

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Posted by **Mark Weiss**, a resident of Downtown North,
on May 11, 2020 at 10:32 pm
Mark Weiss is a registered user.

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Which reminds me: it was five years ago to the day that EK bid adieu to Jacquetta Lannan, who ran an upscale hot dog stand in the site of the former Know Knew Books, which i wanted her to call A Confederacy of Dunces but was actually called Chez Franc.
Coinkydinky, when I was an undergrad at Dartmouth, a wee bit before Jacquetta's time, we used to have a yearly contest called The Smith College Weiner Queen.

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Posted by **Hank**, a resident of Downtown North,
on May 11, 2020 at 11:22 pm

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"\$800,000 is less than 1-one-hundred-thousandths of Zuckerberg's \$83 B net worth, or the equivalent of a regular person giving a nickel. And unfortunately, in today's climate, most regular people need to hold onto their nickels."

This is so true!!! I have heard it said: To much who is given, much is expected. Mark and Prissy were given (okay, they earned it via their smarts and a bit of luck) very much indeed! So they give back to society (uh, no... to the favorite restaurants) the equivalent of what is five cents to most of us.

How cheap can you be? If I were Prissy & Markie, I'd be I'm-bare-assed!!!!
Sorry, but I only had a half a bottle of Chard, unlike Mr. Weiss, who looks like he has drunk three times what Hillary had on election night!

Keep writing, Mr Weiss, I like it!

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Posted by **Paul**, a resident of Cuesta Park,
23 hours ago

15 people like this

The last sentence is so hollow. We are not "all in this together." Yes, we all face the same pandemic. But we all saw how only the uber wealthy could obtain a coronavirus test the same day they wanted one. There's a kid in the local high school who desperately wanted to be tested. Her parents said she had all the worrisome symptoms. She never got tested and her story ended up in the SJ Mercury News. Since we can't get tested, we tell ourselves that testing isn't useful anyways. This is utter baloney. As with most serious illnesses, early identification is key to getting early treatment. There are some treatments that are only possible the first two days. Reducing the viral load before it's established a foothold can save your life. We were exploited by a corrupt system. And now we are being slaughtered. Am I exaggerating? I wish I was.

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Posted by **Mark Weiss**, a resident of Downtown North,
23 hours ago
Mark Weiss is a registered user.

 2 people like this

Actually I went to Peet's for the first time in months, and that was 12 hours ago -- -and then on my own blog I was recalling that the guy who wrote Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure was in my Hebrew School Carpool....I actually met Zuckerberg on the night that he commissioned David Choe to paint a mural on his first office space, above Jing Jing. I gave Choe \$20 for a calendar of his art work -- years later it was revealed that Choe was offered \$20K cash for the mural or FB stock options which he took and made him a millionaire but I reckon that if I hadn't come along with that \$20 he might have taken the cash from Zuck and shorted himself the stock options. Meanwhile, when I tried to fact check my own story Choe had posted that the coda of the story is that the City of Palo alto had sent FB a fix-it letter claiming that FB was liable for the damages caused by Choe dripping paint on the sidewalk -- so rather than Palo Alto being an incubator of tech somehow, which we sometimes claim to be, we were actually a nuisance to FB. But I don't use that social media -- don't want to give the broth the satisfaction of my data -- and I know the difference between a 501c3 and a Donor Advised Fund via a LLC. The reason the article says that it was a gift from his personal account and not from his ZCI fund is that that fund is subject to audit, and restricted to 501c3s. If these billionaires gave away their entire fortunes except their primary residence and tried to get by just on their wits, their contacts and their good name, I'd be impressed. But i'm not impressed with giving away a billion dollar if you got a billion dollar hole card, so to speak. hot dog! Some one once said "I'd rather be lucky than good" -- I say "I'd rather be funny than good lucking"

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Posted by **musical**, a resident of Palo Verde,
23 hours ago

 3 people like this

Any tax experts who can tell us how that gets structured?

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Posted by **NeilsonBuchanan**, a resident of Downtown North,
16 hours ago
NeilsonBuchanan is a registered user.

 6 people like this

This article is not about food. It is about something else.

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Posted by **Small Business Owner**, a resident of Adobe-Meadow,
15 hours ago

 23 people like this

I agree with Cordelia wholeheartedly. The Weekly has done such a horrible biased job reporting venerating those with money that giving it away as though they are saints, and bullying and vilifying the small business like the Menlo Park Art Dealer calling her "rogue" for trying to stay open. It is a shame and I am ashamed of the Weekly and this disgustingly biased portrait bullying the small businesses just trying to stay alive calling them "rogue" but painting the Zuckerbergs as saints while Facebook censors all speech opposed to the lockdown.

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Posted by **Elena**, a resident of Another Mountain View Neighborhood,
14 hours ago

 61 people like this

wow, what a bunch of poopers and complainers! The guy supported a few restaurants, which in return were able to give food to those in need and still got slammed. And these comments about capitalism and revolution?! Seriously? I came from a country that was building communism. NOBODY is helping anybody there. And people are as sad, lazy and pathetic as the commentators here.

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Posted by **Caroline**, a resident of Old Mountain View,
14 hours ago

 20 people like this

Mark Weiss, you do not even tip enough so please do not berate the generosity of others.

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Posted by **LarryR**, a resident of Old Mountain View,
14 hours ago
LarryR is a registered user.

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"The guy supported a few restaurants, which in return were able to give food to those in need and still got slammed."

Thank you Elena. You articulated what I was thinking.

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Posted by **Paul**, a resident of Cuesta Park,
14 hours ago

[+](#) 19 people like this

Elena, I grew up here a long time ago and I remember when capitalist and socialist rules both meshed more harmoniously here in our country. In the 50s, 60s, 70s, into the 80s we used to tax our uber wealthy at 90% because they benefited the most from our society. And those taxes paid for help with education, housing, and food for all. That still left the wealthy with millions.

Did you ever wonder why CEOs choose a \$1 salary? It's so they can receive payment that gets taxed at 10%. The current system is rotten. However, nobody is saying capitalism is evil. What we are saying is that these ridiculous donations feel like sponsorships at a Roman gladiator event. People are dying and suffering. Helping everyone is the right response. Helping a few and celebrating that is horrific.

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Posted by **Show Me The Money**, a resident of Community Center,
13 hours ago

[+](#) 8 people like this

Quote> "Mark Zuckerberg pledged to give away a large amount of his \$83 billion net worth. Right now given the economic crash, what is there for him to spend his vast wealth on? How can anyone spend \$83 billion in their lifetime, even with an economy that is open, as opposed to our current economy which is virtually closed."

^^ Excellent point. If Zuckerberg gave \$1M to every U.S. citizen (approximately 375 million people), he would still have plenty of money leftover & this 'gift' in turn, would go a long ways towards re-stimulating the American economy.

Mayor Bloomberg could have done the same...instead of blowing \$500M of his personal & readily available CASH reserves to finance a failed presidential bid.

In either case, both individuals would win a presidential campaign hands down as a declining state of the economy is usually what gets a POTUS fired.

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Posted by **Justsayin**, a resident of another community,
12 hours ago

[+](#) 26 people like this

From posting by "Show Me the Money"

"Excellent point. If Zuckerberg gave \$1M to every U.S. citizen (approximately 375 million people), he would still have plenty of money leftover & this 'gift' in turn, would go a long ways towards re-stimulating the American economy."

Uh, I suppose this is why we need better mathematics education:

$\$1M \times 375 \text{ M people} = 375 \text{ Trillion } (10^{12}) \dots$ so I'm afraid even this is even beyond what Zuck is capable of doing

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Posted by **ASR**, a resident of College Terrace,
11 hours ago

+ 34 people like this

Mark and Priscilla

Thank you for your kind hearted donation.
Businesses appreciate your help during these tough times.

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Posted by **Mark Weiss**, a resident of Downtown North,
11 hours ago

+ 2 people like this

Mark Weiss is a registered user.

Well it's been a while since I've seen Gene Wilder in the Charlie chocolate factory movie but if not Veruca Salt which spoiled rich child does Mark Zuckerberg remind you of?

And I'll double check my math but if I tipped five dollars and have \$5000 in my savings account for either saving or investing or discretionary spending, That is like a billionaire or someone with \$5 billion liquidity giving away \$5 million.

But I don't generally then discuss it on social media or here at the library of Alexandria I mean Palo Alto weekly website.

But I will repeat COVID-19 might be a game changer for capitalism. Or maybe life will go back to normal I have no idea I am not an economist a tax expert or even an actual comedian I play one on TV.

Ver-Zuck-a Salt. Too hip for the room but there's always hope

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Posted by **Joseph E. Davis**, a resident of Woodside: Emerald Hills,
11 hours ago

+ 33 people like this

Thanks to Mark Zuckerberg for doing something positive for the community. Shame on the negative Nancys in the comment section.

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Posted by **cheese guy**, a resident of Palo Verde,
10 hours ago

+ 27 people like this

cheese guy is a registered user.

Zuckerberg gave 100K to Dohatsuten, a wonderful local place of great informality and simplicity (and better Ramen than the trendy downtown places with long waiting lines)? I say wonderful, thank you Mark and Priscilla.

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Posted by **district teacher**, a resident of Midtown,
10 hours ago

+ 17 people like this

I am so happy for the staff at Palo Alto Sol, one of my favorite restaurants in the area.

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Posted by **Trolls are lame**, a resident of Mountain View,
10 hours ago

+ 29 people like this

It's pretty lame that people are bashing Mark and Priscilla on their gesture. Yes perhaps they can donate more, but they don't have to. There are so many issues happening around the world outside of this pandemic to which they do contribute. I can only imagine how many people and organizations are on their doorstep asking for money all the time. Why can't we commend people for their intentions instead of being so critical about how much they make and their contribution amount?

Yes it may be their "favorite" restaurants, but we can't dismiss the fact that these restaurants hire a lot of people. The article mentioned that it will allow them to keep folks employed and/or continue to provide healthcare.

Have any of folks that have posted negative comments donated money to 8 restaurants? I'm not

talking about ordering and giving a tip, I'm talking about donating cash to these restaurants? My guess is no. We can't control what others do, but we can control what we do individually. Instead of bashing others why don't we reflect on what we can do as an individual and try to do better ourselves.

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Posted by **Mark Weiss**, a resident of Downtown North,
10 hours ago
Mark Weiss is a registered user.

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I'm not sure what a "negative Nancy" is but I would say specially to all my fellow '90s indie rock people "can't stop the seether"
Take it, Nina and Louise:
[Web Link](#)

And once again though it goes without saying NB is correct that this is not merely a FOOD FIGHT!!!!

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Posted by **Diner**, a resident of Menlo Park: Felton Gables,
10 hours ago

[+](#) 13 people like this

Money is money, but keep in mind that Zuck isn't rich because he created a company that provides useful goods and services. Rather, he's rich because he figured out how to sell our private information to the highest bidder. That fact may color some of the comments here.

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Posted by **Joseph E. Davis**, a resident of Woodside: Emerald Hills,
10 hours ago

[+](#) 9 people like this

> Zuck isn't rich because he created a company that provides useful goods and services

Strange point of view to take in the middle of a pandemic where we rely on virtual social connections more than ever.

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Posted by **MM**, a resident of Woodside: other,
10 hours ago

[+](#) 14 people like this

I admit I felt a bit of sadness for those restuarants not winning the lottery but congratulations to those who did. Acts of kindness lead to further acts of kindness. That is was this is why try to read further into it. We all support our local businesses the best we can and our favorite charities. Why should the Zuckerburgs get slammed for picking who they would like to help. The negative energy here could be used for something more positive and proactive.

You can be anything these days so please be kind.

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Posted by **desull**, a resident of Menlo Park: Fair Oaks,
9 hours ago
desull is a registered user.

[+](#) 7 people like this

Why slam them for giving away money? The bigger question is, why is this newsworthy?

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Posted by **local**, a resident of Menlo Park: other,
9 hours ago

[+](#) 11 people like this

wouldn't it have been a bit classier to have made those donations more quietly ? How many dining places probably won't reopen & would have been lucky to have just had a \$10,000. shot in the arm.

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Posted by **Een**, a resident of Downtown North,
9 hours ago

+ 11 people like this

So surprised that I saw so many not so positive comments about Zuckerberg and Chan's action to donate \$800000 to 8 local restaurants. I really like and appreciate the action they did. The most important thing is they see the needs, the pains and took actions to help.

Yes, they are rich but not every rich persons will do the things they did. Additionally, rich is not a sin and it is no requirement that rich persons are obligated to help out other people. We should thank everyone no matter he/she is rich or poor when s/he does a good/nice thing to others or to the society. No matter how harsh the environment is we should all try to be our best to be fair, kind and respectful to others.

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Posted by **PeaceLove**, a resident of Shoreline West,
8 hours ago

+ 7 people like this

Whenever billionaire "philanthropy" gets positive PR in the press I refer people to this incredible side-scroller which shows you just how much money the .0001% are hoarding. [Web Link](#)

There is nothing noble about this gift, which is literally a rounding error for the Zuckerbergs (and probably a tax write-off as well). It's nice for the chosen restaurants, I guess.

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Posted by **Nayeli**, a resident of Midtown,
8 hours ago

+ 18 people like this

Nayeli is a registered user.

It is crazy to think that a good deed like this is met with ridicule, mockery and mean-spirited sarcasm by so many Palo Alto residents.

Thank you, Mark and Priscilla.

I suspect that these restaurant owners are very appreciative during these difficult times.

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Posted by **Nayeli**, a resident of Midtown,
8 hours ago

+ 13 people like this

Nayeli is a registered user.

@ local - How do you know that they didn't offer this money discretely? There is nothing in the article that indicates that they did this for "publicity." In fact, the Zuckerbergs initially reached out to the restaurant owners privately via email (which they assumed was fake).

Contrary to what some other posters suggested, this doesn't seem to be a "tax write-off" either -- because those restaurants are not non-profits or charities.

The sad truth is that there is a bitter response by many people who seem unhappy with this man's business success. As someone who knows what it is REALLY like to be poor, I've noticed that greed and bitterness are often qualities of people who aren't highly successful more so than those who are.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could just be happy that a good deed was done even if we might not like the person or people who did it?

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Posted by **crybabies**, a resident of Midtown,
8 hours ago

+ 8 people like this

Funny how most of you bash Zuckerberg/Chan for how rich and ungenerous they are, yet you spend 14 hour a day on FaceBook. I canceled my account years ago.

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Posted by **PeaceLove**, a resident of Shoreline West,
8 hours ago

[+](#) 5 people like this

@Joseph E. Davis - Like many super-wealthy people, Zuckerberg got obscenely rich by figuring out how to set up a tollbooth to extract rent for every transaction going through his tollbooth. In his case, the rent is your personal information, which he sells to companies and others to be used to manipulate you to buy products, and for darker purposes as well.

There's no reason a Facebook-like service couldn't exist that **DOESN'T** extract vast sums to line the pockets of the few people who built it at the cost of our social fabric, and even to some extent our autonomy. It's just that the operating system of capitalism as it's currently practiced incentivizes this extractive and anti-social behavior. And then the obscenely wealthy are literally celebrated like royalty. Great King Zuckerberg bestowed 8 chickens on his worthy subjects? WOW, let's write a propaganda article celebrating this Great and Noble benign ruler for this **literally** meaningless sacrifice. (Check my previous post for a visceral idea of just how insignificant \$800K is to someone with his hoard.)

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Posted by **Mark Weiss**, a resident of Downtown North,
8 hours ago

[+](#) 2 people like this

Mark Weiss is a registered user.

Whether one gives ten dollars, ten billion or, in this case, close to a million, its a mitzvah, sure. But why did his spokesperson talk to the press? That's the part I'm making fun of.

Also, @Joseph Davis, I disagree. Social media has made this worse. We as a people or civilization or community facing an unprecedented threat would be more able to face the challenge were it not for the disruptive effects of the proliferation of digital fascimile, mediated experience and Facebook. I beleive we were hacked by a foreign power. I believe national leadership is inept. Maybe semiconductors will indeed help Dr. Porteus develop an RNA gene therapy cleaver to defeat future novel viruses, but in the here and now this stuff divides us and confuses us and discourages more than it helps us while the hours or actually work together or beat the virus, survive the pandemic.

Where did you get the story, Elena?

But what do you guys make of the idea that we might have a library shuttered for lack of the budget to unlock the doors, yet right next door, in theory, is some guy -- I don't mean Zuck -- or gal -- with \$500 million in stock, paper excess worth? Tough titties? Or does Covid-19 make us rework capitalism, along the lines of Piketty, Krugman, Keynes, Jesus Christ, Chomsky or Bernie Sanders????

(And I do think it's better to laugh than cry and yes, two women with loud detuned Fenders can cut thru the clutter on policy -- as a society our approaches to policy are too formulaic or Cartesian or Jack in the Box...I don't mean I support music in the sense of Nero fiddling while Rome burns, but people whose only education is 1's and 0's and coding and math are not flexible, cannot improvise or "speak friend and enter". It's a flaw. Steam not stem. Like steamed gyoza and dohatsuten)

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Posted by **Does Zuck deserve to be a billionaire?**, a resident of North Whisman,
8 hours ago

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@Joseph Davis...we can thank FB for getting Trump elected in 2016.


"Personally I think the idea that fake news on Facebook, which is a very small amount of the content, influenced the election in any way 💎 I think is a pretty crazy idea. Voters make decisions based on their lived experience."

💎 Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, in remarks at a conference, Nov. 9, 2016

Mark Zuckerberg's statement did not age well. Does he really deserve to be a billionaire? If yes,Why?

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Posted by **Hmmm**, a resident of Bailey Park,
8 hours ago

 5 people like this

What's with the free food going to health care workers and first responders? They're doing their normal jobs (and being hailed as heroes?) and getting paid for them while half the county is out of work with zero income. Are these the people most in need of free food?

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Posted by **Millionaire Super Liberal**, a resident of Cuesta Park,
7 hours ago

 1 person likes this

It's America folks the guy has a right to give to whomever he wants. What right do we have to tell him what to do with his money? Yes it would be nice to have people like myself and the Zuckerbergs help EVERYONE who needs help out but that'll be our choice. Those of you who are doing your part GREAT! keep it up. I understand this is everyone's opinion but I also wanted to voice my opinion and speak on behalf of the 1%.
Ok folks continue with your poo poo party.

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Posted by **Debbie**, a resident of Menlo Park: University Heights,
6 hours ago
Debbie is a registered user.

 6 people like this

My gosh - just stop. A gift is a gift. Wish I could do as much.

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Posted by **food**, a resident of Barron Park,
5 hours ago

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More restaurants should do what Cafe Borrone did. They were featured in a PA weekly article and opened a Go Fund Me fund. Many people have a sentimental connection with Palo Alto restaurants and want to save those memories.

Cafe Borrone is getting funded and shows how well liked they are.

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Posted by **1942Gal**, a resident of Los Altos,
5 hours ago

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I think the worst thing about this whole thing is that it was not done anonymously instead of through their PR firm AND including the names of the restaurants. Generosity (and I am not calling this an act of generosity) is without publicity.

If they want to be generous, why not work on the Zuckerberg Hospital in SF to get an A rating instead of the F they just received.

This is simply shameful in every way.

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Posted by **DTN Paul**, a resident of Downtown North,
5 hours ago
DTN Paul is a registered user.


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Jeez, people. The Zuckerbergs do one small nice thing, and it's a referendum on everything about them.

Like if you bought 3 boxes of Girl Scout cookies, and some bystander starts muttering about how you could clearly afford more boxes, and how you aren't doing enough for the world's youth.

Give it a rest.

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Posted by **ah...ah Chu! Sorry, just the Covid.**, a resident of Green Acres,  3 people like this 5 hours ago


Giving to Chef Chu's, hmmm, isn't his son the director of that independent film, "Crazy Rich Asians", and "Now You See Me 2"? It's good that Zuckerberg is supporting that restaurant as I don't know how Director John Chu could support his family.

Interesting restaurant choices to support:

(they're all restaurant favorites to Bay Area's Triads- the Tong Family, the Mafia and the Yakuza)


- Dohatsuten
- Palo Alto Sol
- Fuki Sushi in Palo Alto,
- Chef Chu's in Los Altos,
- Vesta in Redwood City,
- Sushi Sam's Edomata in San Mateo
- La Ciccia
- The Liberties Bar & Grill in San Francisco

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Posted by **Zuck won the IPO jackpot he did not earn it**, a resident of another community,  2 people like this 4 hours ago


Zuck can do whatever he wants with his money, but keep in mind that he 'won' the IPO jackpot, anyone who becomes a billionaire at 23 did not 'earn' it. Hopefully he realizes that too.

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Posted by **John**, a resident of Woodside: Mountain Home Road,  3 people like this 4 hours ago

Reading these comments... wow the anger in our community. I think everyone has been sitting home for way too long.


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Posted by **jpgftw**, a resident of Menlo Park: Sharon Heights,  Like this comment 1 hour ago
jpgftw is a registered user.

The envy and resentment in this comments section is horrifying.

Thank you Mark and Priscilla for pursuing your values and supporting the businesses you most want to see survive the lockdowns. That is exactly the right thing to do. You don't owe anyone anything💎"least of all the leaches trying to tell you what to do with your own money.

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Posted by **Absalom**, a resident of The Crossings,  Like this comment 58 minutes ago
Absalom is a registered user.

I have heard many times that Mark and Priscilla really do patronize our local restaurants and businesses.

A few years ago, my daughter Kai was a waitress at Dohatsuten. Kai comes home late one night and she is very excited. "Guess who I waited on tonight?" she asked, not easily containing herself! Wow, must be someone famous, I thought. I guessed Joan Baez! Noooo, she yells at me. "It was the Zuckerbergs, and they go to Dohatsuten frequently", my daughter said! "And they tipped me really

well!"

Some of the comments to this gifting story indicates that some folks think the Zuckerbbergs should do more! Well, I have absolutely NO doubt that behind the scenes they are doing MUCH more.

Several years ago my business decided to match donations from our customers for the Holiday Charitable Fund that is hosted by the Palo Alto Weekly. Employees and customers gave ten dollars, twenty five, fifty and sometimes even one hundred dollars!

Then one late afternoon on Christmas Eve a man walked up to a cashier and handed her an unsealed envelope and asked her to put it in the Holiday Jar! The cashier looked at it and then ran thru the store to find me! The cashier was so excited, the customer had just handed Sally a \$ 1,000 check!

A couple of days later I called the donor. I said, "Bob, did you really mean to leave us that money?". He said "yes, usually I donate to international charities and my collage and things like that, but this year I wanted to make a difference in my own community".

So the moral of this story is that you and the Zuckerbbergs can do similar acts of kindness. Whether it is \$ 100,000, \$ 1,000 or \$ 100, it still can hugely help the struggling restaurants in our community.

Go online and search for Covid-19 Relief Funds for small business in your community. One example is [Web Link](#)

All you need to be is creative with your giving instincts!

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Posted by **Jennifer**, a resident of another community,
57 minutes ago

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This was a kind and generous donation, and I'll never understand the mindset of people who can't appreciate generosity. What a shame.

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Posted by **Mark Weiss**, a resident of Downtown North,
53 minutes ago
Mark Weiss is a registered user.

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Washington Post reports today that Zuckerberg's company paid \$52m to compensate workers made sick moderating the content, all the disgusting crap that FB users try to inflict on society.

FB is evil.

Why do you promote them?

Was part of the \$100k the Weekly took as a bribe quid pro quo to promote the image of the founder?

[Portion removed.]

[Web Link](#)

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Posted by **Mark Weiss**, a resident of Downtown North,
33 minutes ago
Mark Weiss is a registered user.

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If the Weekly can prove the veracity of the "Kai...Bob...and...Sally" story above, I'll match "Sally's" \$1,000 donation to a 501c3 of their choice.

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