



MEETING NOTES: January 6, 2020

Call to Order: The meeting opened with Hogey H. leading us in the salute to the flag. We then watched a lovely video of "This is Our Land" for our patriotic song.

Sunshine: Report by Jean D. Jean told us that Ruth R. is ill possibly with Covid and encouraged us to all send cards.



Thought for the Day: John King read quotes from a variety of well-known people. They ranged from Dr. Seuss, Mark Twain, Joan Rivers, Will Ferrell, Rodney Dangerfield, and Jimmy Kimmell.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

PROGRAM



The program today was about the Rotacare Clinics of the extended San Francisco Bay area. Our speaker

was Steve Polcyn. Steve is an Alamo Club past president and has served on the board of the Rotacare Clinics since their inception. He has been responsible for obtaining both district and global grants for the clinics. There are 11 of them from Santa Cruz to Martinez.

There are three in Contra Costa county, Richmond, Martinez and Concord. The closest one to us is in Concord. There are volunteer opportunities for medical personnel and non-medical folks.

RotaCare Bay Area Clinics

- Started **30 years** ago by Rotary Club of Campbell
- 3 Decades of helping the uninsured and under served
- 3 Decades of support from numerous Bay Area Rotary Clubs
- 10 FREE clinics across Bay Area
- Clinics are run 95% by Volunteers (1 -2 PT paid staff/clinic)
- Located out of shared space for most of the clinics, with one Mobile Van
- Receives no reimbursements from state or federal government
- Receives no insurance reimbursement
- 100% funding through grants, Rotary donations, corporate and individual donors



The mission of the clinics is to provide medical services for the uninsured and the underserved. The services are performed by 95% volunteer labor with just a few paid positions. They mostly meet in shared spaces and there is one medical mobile van. The services include urgent care and chronic care for diabetes, hypertension.

Covid-19 has had a major impact on the operation of the clinics. They are mostly shut down. They are moving to Telehealth. The most recent grant was for \$52,000 some of which was used to obtain personal protective equipment. There was also a \$167,000 grant from the FCC to buy the equipment and licenses to set up the Telehealth going forward.

The clinics partner with John Muir, Stanford, UCSF, and Sutter to provide externships to student RNs and Nurse Practitioners.

The website is www.rotacarebayarea.com

CALENDAR

Jan 13	10:30 Club Board of Directors via Zoom
Jan 13	Rev. Dr. Rodney Lemery: Prison ministry and criminal justice
Jan 20	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting