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Magazine Project: **Ailish NicPhaidin**

Christmas Caroling: **Bob Visconti**

Nominating: **TBD**

Fun: **Jean Hender**

Historian: **Bob Underwood**

Publicity: **Linda Nelms**

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SARAH CULBERSON SIERRA LEONE PROJECT

By Ailish NicPhaidin

First, Sarah was an incredible speaker. Secondly, her story is fascinating. She was adopted by (Dr.) Jim Culberston and his wife Judy. She liked basketball, track, dance in school. She was awarded a full scholarship to study theatre and dance. She moved to Los Angeles and up to that point had no real interest in her biological parents. She already knew that her mother was a white woman from the U.S. and her father was a black man from Sierra Leone who had met in college in Maryland. She also knew that her biological mother had passed from cancer and she knew nothing about her biological father. While in college she joined the Landmark Worldwide Education class which emphasized mixed-race children and coping skills, amongst other skills. Sarah was terrified to find her birth father in case he rejected her. She contacted a Private Investigator friend of her father who said he would find her father. Four days later she had a phone call. She found out her great grandfather on her biological father's side was a Clan Chief in Sierra Leone, and that in his tribe she is considered a "Princess", thus she is now Princess Sarah Culberston. Through various machinations, contacts in the U.S., especially in Maryland, and the Caribbean, Sarah was put in contact with her birth father. She received a telephone call from him and his first words were: "Please forgive me, I didn't know how to find you". That was in 2004. (At this point, there wasn't a dry eye in the house!!) He wanted Sarah to come to Sierra Leone and he apologized for giving her up for adoption. Sarah reassured him that she had a wonderfully joyful and fulfilled upbringing with Dr. Jim and Judy Culberston. A trip was planned for her to visit Sierra Leone together with other family member from the U.S. whom she had met. When she arrived in Sierra Leone, her father's first words to her were: "It is so good to finally meet you." She told him that she called Dr. Jim "Dad" and she would call her biological father "Father". She also met her brother and sister and her father's wife. He gave Sarah a beautiful green dress and asked her to wear it for her first visit to his village. When she arrived at the village all the women were dressed in the same green dress as her and everyone was singing and dancing and welcoming her with open arms. This amazed her.

Sarah talked about how the "Blood Diamond War", 1991 – 2002, that was so destructive in west Africa, especially Sierra Leone and how this war affected her father's village of Bumpe. She talked about the world-class boarding school that was there where students from across west Africa came to study. The war ended all that and the school was destroyed. She found out that her father was the school headmaster. She told the story of one young graduate from this school met with President Obama in the

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Meet with Other Rotary Clubs

Cocoa—Tuesday 12:15 PM

Brevard Community College, Cocoa

Cocoa Beach—Wednesday 12:15 PM

International Palms, Cocoa Beach

Cocoa Beach Day Break—Tue. 7:15 AM

Roberto's Little Havana, Cocoa Beach

Eau Gallie—Tuesday 12:15PM

Cuizine, 1790 Florida A1A, Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Melbourne—Thursday 6:30 PM

Island Pasta, Melbourne

Melbourne Beach—Tuesday 7:30 AM

Ocean Side Pizza, 300 Ocean Ave., #6

Merritt Island—Thursday 5:15 PM

Island Lincoln Mercury Jaguar Land Rover

1850 E. Merritt Island Cswy., Upstairs

Merritt Island Breakfast—Wed. 7:15 AM

Victoria's Restaurant

Palm Bay—Thursday 12:00 PM

Broken Barrel Tavern

Rockledge—Thursday 7:15 AM

Twisted Birch at Turtle Creek Golf

Suntree—Friday 7:30 AM

Suntree Country Club

Titusville Sunrise -Tuesday 7:15 AM

River Lanes, 800 Cheney Hwy.

Titusville—Thursday 12:00 PM

LaCita Country Club

Viera Club—Wednesday 12:00 PM

Amici's—The Chef's Table, Suntree

Rotary Web Sites

Rotary Club of Indialantic:
www.indialanticrotary.org

Rotary Leadership Institute:
www.rlittraining.org

District 6930 Web Site:
www.rotaryfoundation6930.org

Rotary International:
www.rotary.org

Rotary E-Club One:
 (on-line Rotary, need to make up
 a meeting - great resource)
www.rotaryclubone.org

Need Rotary shirt or other Rotary Items:
ruh.com/rotary

SARAH CULBERSON, continued...

Oval Office in relation to her computer programming skills and how she was studying in the U.S. Through several organizations such as World Vision, various Rotary Clubs and Rotary International several programs have been set up in the village as well as rebuilding the Bumpo Boarding school. Some of the programs carried out and being carried out are making masks for the COVID-19 pandemic, sanitary pads, digging wells for clean water, solar panels for electricity.

An incredible story, loving, heart-warming, informative, educational and makes one realize that the entitled life of luxury so any of us enjoy in the U.S. should never be taken for granted. Thank you so much, Sarah, for an amazing talk.

UPDATE ON VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETINGS

The recording of the meeting from last week is here:

[Indialantic Rotary Meeting of 070820](#)

To attend this weeks meeting, go here:

[Weekly Meeting Zoom Link - Indialantic Rotary](#)

Meeting ID: 975-664-451

Password: 547752 Email Jack Fenster (jsfenster@earthlink.net) about Zoom.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

VISITING ROTARIANS

DG Els van Englenburg, Titusville Club

Jim Culberson, Morgantown, WV Club

Isaac Owolabi, guest of Julia and member of Rotary of Ashville, NC.

Sandy Burkart, Boca Raton Sunrise Club

NO GUESTS

SPEAKER'S INFORMATION: Sarah Culberson from Los Angeles, and daughter of visiting Rotarian, Jim Culberson. Sarah's work projects for and in Sierra Leone can be found at this website: www.sierraleonerising.org and her personal website is: www.sarahculberson.com and her email is: sarahculberson@gmail.com.

SPEAKERS

07/15—Casey Holliday—Paleontology

VIRTUAL DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

*It's not too late to join us for three nights of
 fabulous Rotary content! AND it's FREE!*

Tuesday, July 14th - 6:00 - 7:30 PM—International/Foundation

Wednesday, July 15th - 6:00 - 7:30 PM - Membership

Thursday, July 16th - 6:00 - 7:30 PM Theme: Public Image

Speakers include Marshall Butler and George Robertson Burnett, both of whom we've heard speak. Join now! Go to: <https://www.rotary6930.org/districtcalendar/> and click on the July 14 link to register. Or DG Els Van Englenburg has likely already emailed you about it. Click on that link in your email to register.



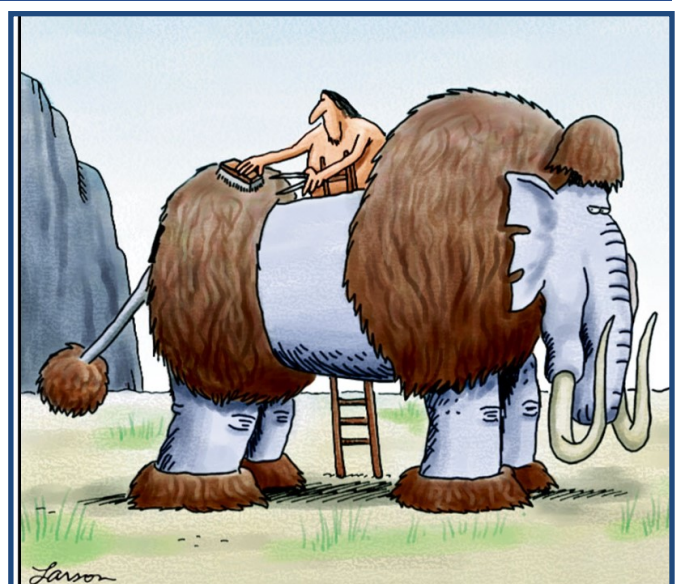
I went to the grocery store and they now have a parking spot for Fat guys that like to grill. That's so considerate.

**I WENT LINE DANCING
LAST NIGHT.
WELL, IT WAS
A ROADSIDE
SOBRIETY TEST...
SAME THING.**

**Told my wife I wanted
to be cremated. She
made me an
appointment for
Tuesday.**



And.. The Suzie's Choice awards goes to... GARY LARSON...He's BAAACCCKKK!!!!



French mammoth

ROTARY DIRECT

Rotary's recurring giving program



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Club number

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☐ \$25 ☐ \$85 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other

Currency (if not US\$)

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☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually (specify month)

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