



Rotary Club
of Bonita Naples

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Club Meeting

Bonita Naples
Meets at Artichoke & Company -
11920 Saradrienne Ln, Bonita
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Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

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Events and Speakers

Meeting Notes August 20, 2020 - Zoom

Link to Zoom meeting video:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/adaokyayg5rx3q1/August%202020%20Zoom%20Meeting.mp4?dl=0>

Greeting and social minutes from 11:45 to noon- Gary

Members in Attendance: Jim F., Dee F., Gary D., Lin D., Janet D., Kim A., Dick B., Bob B., Sam B., Joanne Z., Stuart S., Tam M., Dave M., Mike P., Mike R., Don B., Cindy C., John W., Sonny G., Prinya S., Phillip R., Betty Jean C., Ally M., Joe G., Kenny S., Chris M., Cindy H.

Guests: Peter Schmieding, Dhruv Bavaria

Open Meeting at Noon ♦ Jim Fabry

Invocation ♦ Sam Black

Pledge of Allegiance ♦ Art Nor

Health and Welfare information- Mike R's son is doing fine Jaw is still sore. Joanne Z is also doing fine.

District News:

- **August 28, 1 pm** with Speaker Jennifer Stotts, Host Rotary International Director Peter Kyle and Co-Host Past District Governor Vanessa Ervin [Register NOW](#) for **Infinite Possibilities - Women in Rotary**
- **September 25, 1 pm** with Speaker Past Rotary International VP Dean Rohrs, Hosted by Past Rotary International Director John Smarge and Past District Governor Cyndi Doragh
- **RLI Part 1 sessions are available online now. Register on DACdb.**

Learning Opportunity of the day:

Tsering Fund ♦ Pete Schmieding

Pete comes from Bozeman, MT. He has 2 dental offices. Attended Johns Hopkins and University of Florida. He became involved with the Tsering Fund when he met his wife. He and his wife adopted 5 daughters from Nepal and have three biological sons.

Pete is a Rotarian in Big Sky, MT. The Tsering Fund protects girls from child/sex trafficking. He got involved with my wife who is a mountain climbing. She began going to Nepal after college. Tsering goes back 30 years. My wife met Tsering Lama, who is a Buddhist monk. She leads our team in Nepal. The Tsering Fund



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combats child trafficking. We enroll them in boarding school through high school. They are taught English and are not at-risk due to their safe environment and being educated. We have 260 girls in school now. We have 18 ♦ 20 in professional school or college. Some sponsors continue to support the girls in higher education.

Does the fund pay for college? Cost of the high school is \$600 - \$1200 a year. Cost of college is about the same. All money donated pays directly for tuition and goes only to the girls ♦ education.

Pete showed multiple examples of children who were ♦rescued♦ by sponsors. It changes not only the child♦s life, but the family and community. Our concentration is in Northern Nepal. The region has been known over 100 years for child and sex trafficking.

Our main focus is locating the girls and finding sponsors for them. The school is 6 miles from the Tibetan border.

The individual sponsorship is \$1,200. That is for room, board and tuition and school clothing and materials. Normally, the families pay for their bus transportation back home.

On a personal note, we have adopted 5 girls. Pete showed slides of his family.

We do not go through Rotary to do this because we work directly with the schools. The government is Communist. The government is very corrupt. Our process is safe and ensures the money goes straight to the schools.

When a child is sponsored is there any support of the family? Not normally. Since CO-VID the kids went back home and we have purchased internet data for them.

To donate go to: www.tseringsfund.org

Peter Schmieding peter@tseringsfund.org

406-579-2911

Lin moved that we continue to support our two girls and we pass the hat. The club agreed. An email from Lin will be coming with instructions. Watch for it!!!!

If you want to send a letter or gift Pete will take them. Katmandu cannot receive mail. The country has been closed since early March. They are on lock down right now.

Bright colored tee-shirts with logos such as SW Florida, letters and photos of members and pets. Keep it very small since Peter will be carrying them.

Board Meeting Monday August 24th at Dick Blevin's office. Anyone can attend.

Attendance Raffle Led by Dee Fabry - Dick B won.

4 Way test ♦ Dick B.

Sam is sending an announcement about her garage sale after the store closes. Sam will send out an e-mail. Come and get the office stuff.

Adjourn

Picture of the week:

Gary and Jim present Gerard his Speaker Certificate from the club: (Is that whiskey in their glasses?) Not Gerard!!!

