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Claremont Rotary Year 92 | Week 30 | January 22, 2021

Program: Our Neighboring Rotary Clubs

Submitted by Christine Hayes

We had the pleasure of having three Presidents of local Rotary Clubs join us to share what is going on in their clubs. Buff invited them so that we could discover what they're doing in our backyard, and to see how our Clubs might work together to do a community wide project with the four clubs.

Buff laid out the ground rules from our Policy 972.35 – shameless promotion is acceptable. Shameless recruitment is not! And then she asked each one to introduce themselves:

Andy Dale, President of **Claremont Sunrise**, owns the Last Name Brewing in Upland, which used to be Dale Bros. The Club sprung the presidency on him last year! Buff showed a beer glass from Dale Brothers from a Sunrise event years ago.



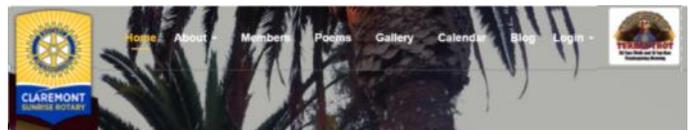
Sandra McLaughlin, President of **LaVerne Rotary** has moved to Washington and will stay around as long as she can with her club by Zoom. She was invited to be president by Garbis der Yeghian. **Lyn Childress**, a former President of her Club, also knew Garbis, who died on Jan 11th of COVID. Sandra thanked Andy for Camp Fire donations from Last Name. (Sandra is the executive director). She acknowledged that **Bonita Ramos** is her Beach Boys concert buddy.



Ronald Vera was invited to join **Pomona Rotary 20** years ago, though he lives and works in Claremont and has an office between US Bank and the School of Theology. Pomona, a wonderful club, is in the throes of planning for their 100th anniversary and putting a book together for years 75 to 100 of their club. Steve Graber is working on it. BTW, Ron completely violated the ground rules, suggesting that he will give our members a free year for transferring. He was muted and will be fined (if not banished) for that!



How would you summarize the focus of your club?



Andy commented that Sunrise club projects now seem to come out of emergencies that need to be addressed. In the past, their Club was dedicated to enabling youth sports. They had supported Leagues and sponsored individuals who could not afford the fees or equipment. There is not a lot going on right now with youth sports, so they have transitioned to working with Homeless

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Watch It!

Here is the [link to the recording](#) from this program in case you'd rather watch! Passcode: =36wwrhP (include the = sign!)

(available til 2/8)

Next Zoom Meeting

The next meeting, January 15, is the Club's Mid-Year Assembly to discuss what we've done and what we'd like to do.

[ZOOM LINK](#)

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ROTARY, THE ZOOM MEETING

President Buff began the meeting reminding us that last week's program was about our Club. What we accomplished during the past 6 months, and what we want to accomplish in the next. Today we hear from the Presidents of three area Clubs. What do *you* think we might accomplish together? We went off to break out rooms with that thought in mind.



WELCOME GUEST AND VISITING ROTARIAN

Frequent guest **Bill Gershon** was in the house!

Frequently Visiting Rotarians: **Sharon Douglas**, from the Big Sky Club in Wyoming, and **Randy Pote**, PDG and member of Las Vegas WON.



We heard a homey, jazzy rendition of "Smile" by the [Fayetteville](#), Arkansas Club. **Cameron Troxell** will have to help step up our game when we get him back to the keyboard!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RYLA, the high school student leadership conference, will not be held again this year. The venue is not open to hundreds of teenagers striving to lead....and have fun. This is a real loss for our students.

Mark Carson related that the President Elects plan to talk about fundraising at their district meeting in February. (The PEs meet monthly.)



The Board met this week and took several actions. (See inset on page 3) We elected **Rich Laughton** to fill out the last 6 months of Nona Tirre's Director term as she moves through the Presidential chain. Rich has served on the Board before and is a key figure in the Taste of Claremont and Together We Prepare.



Sean Harrison stepped up last week to take notes for the Clarifier. Thanks! Buff encourages other red badge members to contact her about filling in to meet this one of their requirements to go blue!



At the next meeting **January 29**, we will hear about a dental clinic project in Guatemala, spearheaded by the San Clemente Rotary Club and named for **Ned Paniagua's** mother. Ned told us a little bit about the project before his audio went on novocaine. We'll hear more next week! (The audio difficulties were the hilarity highlight of the meeting! Thank you Ned!)

INSPIRATION OF THE DAY

Jim Lehman

Quoting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."

"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."

"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but he must take it because his conscience tells him it is right."

"A riot is the language of the unheard."

"Not everybody can be famous but everybody can be great because greatness is determined by service... You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love."

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: "What are you doing for others?""



Brett O'Connor let us know that **Dr. Julie Olesniewicz** who served as principal at Chaparral Elementary School and most recently as Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, has been appointed Interim Superintendent of the CUSD. She is a member of Kiwanis (we'll work on that).

Nona Tirre and **Susie Ilsley** brainstormed the idea of having a MardiGras celebration on zoom, Tuesday, February 16, 5-7 pm where a small team of Club members will (for \$10 per person) bring drinks and party bling, and maybe even beignets to your door for the celebration. (**Anita Hughes??**) More than a dozen people volunteered in the chat, and we hope that others will join in. Watch for a formal invitation from Nona. It seems like a good year to celebrate FAT Tuesday.

Bonita Ramos updated us on **Together We Prepare**, this year it is a two-day virtual program on emergency preparedness and CPR for 8th graders at El Roble. Planning is still happening! It will be the week of Feb 22. We will now have a regular meeting on February 26 since we won't all be required for TWP.

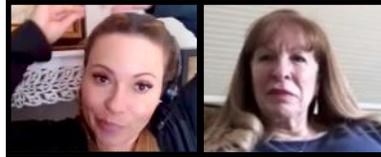
Sergeant Zoe TeBeau



Zoe wished **Chuck Cable** a Happy Birthday! Chuck is celebrating quietly, topped later by key lime pie. Fine!



Zoe noted two anniversaries on the same day, same year, seven years ago for **Nona Tirre** and **Chris Shaner**. \$7 each...and Congratulations!



Steve Schenck was fined for the beautiful picture of the home of Barbara's late father, Jim Heuter, on the back of the Claremont Courier. The photo was taken by Barbara. **Bernadette Kendall** is working with them to sell the house. The house is a beautiful Claremont treasure embracing designer James Heuter, architect Everett Tozier and builder Walt Sasse.



The new house was on the front cover of the Courier in 1966! Watch for an open house. \$5 to you, Bernie! (more, once it sells)



Zoe gave **Bernadette** a price of \$30 for a 1960's Sunbeam percolator from John Tulac's family cabin and fined John \$2 for the extravagant gift. Bernadette will be giving \$500 to the Rotary Foundation for the privilege of selling the house, and threw **Paul Steffen** under his skis for loaning them for the staging. Paul used them at least once to fall down a hill.

Anita Boling shared news that her daughter was designated a person of the year for surviving with 5 little kids during the pandemic. Her daughter is a medical doctor and a professor.



Ron Coleman was fined \$5 for not muting while talking over the phone.



Zoe gratefully fined **Rich Laughton** for filling out Nona's term on the Board.

Paul Steffen took his daughter up to San Francisco for a new job. He's counting on using her house for getaways to the city.



Steve Schenck's ever changing background was a Bernie meme staged at Scripp's College. Bernie's meme is really getting around.



Juli Minoves Triquell announced that his son Diego, 5, has learned how to read! They are reading Ferdinand the Bull, a book often banned by bullies.



The Club's Board of Directors Meeting

Board met January 19 and took several actions. The Board passed two bylaw changes renaming the Member Development Committee and enabling Members who have transferred into the Club after significant service in another Club to be eligible to be elected an officer after 2 years, upon achieving their Blue Badge. The Club will vote on these and one passed earlier in the fall to make clear that active Honorary members are welcome to participate actively in Club committees. The Club will vote on these at an upcoming meeting. Watch your email for the language.

Jim Marchant is doing three jobs now after a reorganization. What are they Jim? He's pleased to be working in the lovely resort atmosphere that is Pitzer College. It seems **Kebole Dengu-Zvobgo** landed at the same resort!



Blanca Aguiar volunteered a fine. She and her husband Ian got the vaccine Thursday in San Bernardino County, though they live in LA County. They seem not to care where you live as long as you register at sbccovid19.com/vaccine. **Rich Laughton** and his wife got their vaccines at the Fairplex, **Bonita Ramos** in San Bernardino, and **Lee Goldstein** at Disneyland. All report that it was very well organized. Others chimed in on the chat. Very Fine! (Following are almost safe!)



Sylvia Whitlock signed a deal with her publisher for a new book! This is not a book about how Sylvia became the first woman President in Rotary. Its title is "Relatively Close."



It's easy to pay fines! Donate or pay your fines through our [RCC website](#) or by check to the Claremont Rotary Foundation (memo: fines) at PO Box 357, Claremont 91711.



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youths in the immediate community. They have one international project in the works. The Club is now working on smaller projects that have an impact rather than giving funds to other organizations for their operating budgets. This is a small club, so to make an impact, they have to focus on pressing issues. For example, they are working on a project for San Antonio High School for homeless kids, taking a building constructed by our club, and creating a school "store" that provides free school and basic life supplies and help keep them in school. They just finished new flooring, painting and base boards and will be functioning by the end of the month.

Ron Coleman heard from someone that Sunrise is becoming a singing club and invited Andy to sing a tune. Andy's elaborate response: NO!



LaVerne Rotary was known for its big community events: Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Parade, and Senior Lunch at Hillcrest. **Sandra** noted that they were lots of fun, but COVID shut them down, so they turned to new projects. Last May they did a Nurse Appreciation Week at Pomona Valley Hospital, and a Grab and Go Lunch for Nurses and forgotten essential workers like janitors, office workers, and others behind the scenes. They also did a student care package with lots of cute things kids could use (sunglasses, bookmarks, pens, etc.) distributed to students on free and reduced lunch. For Thanksgiving, we typically made food baskets, and were not able to do so. So we bought and distributed gift cards from Mr. D's, Lordsberg, Warehouse pizza, and let families use them to help out the businesses. Instead of the senior luncheon at Hillcrest, they did a lunch for the staff. They also helped the Police Department to repair Neighborhood Watch signs that needed to be fixed or replaced. They're looking for more small projects that are creative and have an impact.



Ron Vera talked about the **Pomona Rotary's** focus on the homeless situation in Pomona. Once a month they had fed the homeless at the Shelter on Mission. Now they deliver food to families. One of their members has covered the cost of this program. Students are running an agricultural farm

on vacant land on Mission, producing food for the local food pantry. They award a Student of the Month, recognizing two students a month, giving out Scholarships five times this year. The club is looking at a health projects. Diabetes is running rampant, and so they are looking at a possible Mobile Health Van that could be a joint venture with all our clubs. Ron is connecting with CGU's School of Community and Global Health and the new KGI Masters in Community Medicine (starting this fall) as the idea develops.

On a lighter note, Ron has bought a wine collection in Napa that was donated to CGU. They will soon pick it up for use as a fundraiser, maybe within all of our clubs. They do not know how good the wine is at this time. Stay tuned. They are still working on their 100th celebration. Again, stay tuned.

What areas we could or should work on together that we could do as an ongoing or pilot project?

For example, Chuck Cable says that LaVerne brought us into the Corazon Build project. It is now District-wide.

Ron is involved with Tri City Mental Health, which has been working with individuals impacted by COVID. Ron further described the idea of the health van in connection with CGU's School of Global and Community Health. As noted, KGI is starting a degree in Community Medicine in the Fall, and they will be doing these types of activities too.

Andy noted that the health van is a great idea!! He believes that we should find a project that requires interclub cooperation – bigger than a project a club could do on its own. It doesn't have to be a big dollar project, but a project that we can grow.

Sandra has talked with the Glendora club about possibly working with Shepherd's Pantry to assemble meals. She likes the idea of doing a project where each club has a part of the Puzzle to make the whole picture work.

Buff thanked all for coming, sharing, and providing some inspiration for the future.

Before ringing off, she mentioned Sandra's trip to India last year for Rotaplast, and invited her to come back and talk about her trip, a true Rotary moment!

Several people stayed on after the meeting. **Jerry Goldman** expressed an interest in the medical van project. Other conversation revolved around reading and language learning, including how Spanish speaking kids have often (and historically) been discouraged from speaking Spanish at school.

VIRTUAL MAKEUPS AND DIVERSIONS

A Valentines Day party is being offered by the Las Vegas Spring Mountains Club, including Vegas performers. It is, of course a fundraiser, but cheaper than a LV weekend, and for a good cause. Make a night of it! Watch your email for a notice from Buff.

[togetherTalks](#) is a fortnightly series of online conversation events sponsored by Rotary of Great Britain and Ireland, presenting thought leaders across the globe from the worlds of business, humanitarian interest and more. **Sylvia Whitlock** was a speaker in the spring. Each togetherTalk is hosted on Zoom and then live streamed on the [Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland's YouTube channel](#). You can [register for all events via the official Eventbrite page](#). The next talk is **Dame Esther Rantzen, DBE - Presenter, Campaigner & Journalist** "Lifeline for Lock-down", *Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 11:05 am PT.*



ROTARY DIRECT allows you to help year-round by automatically giving each month, quarter, or year.

RECURRING GIVING

Rotarians can schedule direct monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions to the Rotary Foundation, empowering them to change lives in their local community or throughout the world. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation to its featured causes (Annual Fund, Polio Plus, World Fund or Disaster Relief) or the seven areas of focus (Peace Building and Conflict Prevention, Disease Prevention and Disease, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Community Economic Development, and Supporting the Environment) are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition, however, only those donations to the featured causes generate District Designated Funds (DDF) that come back to the Club as District Grants.

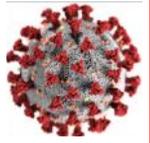
Enrolling in "Rotary Direct" can be accomplished through Rotary International's website by [logging in to MyRotary](#), or by contacting your District 5300 Rotary Foundation Chair, [Susan Johnson](#).

Don't know how to log in to MyRotary? Let Buff know. It is the secret to finding information about your own donation history, and many resources for Rotary causes.

The RI Foundation also offers several ways to structure your charitable gift, which may result in tax and financial benefits. Learn more about customizing your Rotary legacy. Become a Rotary Benefactor.

PLANNED GIVING

COVID Vaccination Information



Whoa! More COVID-19 Vaccines came available in LA County on Sunday and appointments were gone by Monday. A number of early birds from the club jumped online on Sunday and secured times. Last week, seven reported (in the chat) that they had already received the first dose, and others, particularly those at Pilgrim Place and the Gardens, have as well. Rotarians worldwide have engaged in distributing Polio vaccines. It is now time for us to take our turns and be vaccinated against COVID-19 to do our bit for personal and public health. Here is information about where to find information about the phases and timetable and locations for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. The Fairplex and Disney sites both received kudos from members.

From the [LA County Public Health Website](#):

Los Angeles County has already vaccinated groups including staff who work in acute care hospitals, residents and staff at Skilled Nursing Facilities, and emergency medical technicians and paramedics. **People 65 or over are eligible now.**

Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have been shown to be [safe](#) and very effective in large studies that involved a diverse mix of people. These vaccines prevented 95% of cases of COVID-19 disease. While the vaccine stops people from getting sick, however, it is not yet clear if it stops them from spreading COVID-19 to other people. It is also not yet known how long they will be immune. So, everyone ***must still wear a face covering***, physically distance, and not gather.

Find out when you can receive a vaccine.

The COVID-19 vaccine will be free for everyone and will be offered to different groups in [phases](#). It is now available to the general public in Tier 1B (including people 65 and older or who meet other criteria). The general public will be eligible in Spring/Summer 2021. LA Public Health encourages people to talk to your doctor or [sign up](#) for their email updates to find out when vaccine will be available to you.

Information about vaccination in [San Bernardino County](#)

Information about vaccination in [Orange County](#) [Statewide information](#) and updates.

A list of [all county information sites](#).



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Buff Wright

Claremont Rotary
President
2020-2021



UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Jan 29	Rotary Dental Center in Guatemala Klaus Schadow, San Clemente Rotary
Feb 5	Tax Returns and Tips, John Johnson
Feb 12	How to Talk about Race Eugene Whitlock, UC Berkeley Asst. VP for Human Resources
Feb 19	Four Way Speech Contest



Bernie's meme visits Scripps College

Photo of the Week by Steve Schenck

Put your fines and donations in my linked mittens, please



JUST CLICK HERE!

Bacon Bits

Let's fill up the pig!



Sergeants committee gathers before each meeting by email. Anyone is welcome to share information!!

Nona Tirre, chair

Clarifier Committee

- Mike DeWees
- Bill Burrows
- Sean Harrison
- Bobby Hyde
- Jim Lehman
- Steve Schenck
- Chris Hayes Shaner
- Harry Sparrow
- Peter Weinberger
- Buff Wright, editor



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January Birthdays

- Frank Hungerford 1/16
- Anita Boling 1/17
- Butch Henderson 1/21
- Chuck Cable 1/22



Notes by Chris Hayes Shaner and Buff Wright. Pictures by Steve Schenck

The Claremont Rotary Club meets on Zoom at 12:00 on Friday until further notice