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## CLAREMONT ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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### *The Debunking of President Elizabeth C. Wright*

*submitted by Jim Lehman*

#### Featuring the Mighty Claremont Rotary Players

After sending the assembled members to breakout rooms for 15 minutes of socializing, **Immediate Past President Cameron Troxell** brought us back for the main event. The theme from Masterpiece Theater resonated in the background as **PP Ian Standley** droned on in his British accent to the effect that this time we would do a debunking that had all the trappings of high culture. Then we were treated to the image of **Queen Elizabuff**—Elizabeth I with **Buff Wright**'s head superimposed. It worked! Court Jester and **PP Ron Coleman** lamented that it was the best of times, or the worst of times when the world was plagued by a pandemic and prepped us for the story of the short reign of President Elizabuff. Ready for a dignified, quality send-off, we got a rethinking of the plan:

#### A DEBUNKING IN THE BUFF



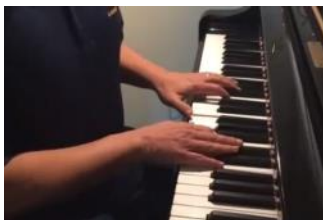
It seems the Claremont Players quickly thought better of the whole dignity thing and proceeded with a Debunking in (or of) the Buff.

We then got the start of a "regular" meeting. The "welcome" song with **Cameron** on the piano and the

Claremont Rotary Players singing along:

*Welcome every visiting vulgarian  
Visigoth or Hun or even Frenchian  
If you're not one of us, you are barbarian  
We're glad you're here today!*

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#### Watch it!!

There will be a Link to the meeting recording after technical difficulties are resolved.....

#### Next Zoom Meeting

July 9: Featuring  
President Mark Carson's  
Annual Assembly  
[ZOOM LINK](#)

#### Inside This Issue

The program goes on and on.....turn the page....

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Then, a Pledge of Allegiance (said by nearly all of those citizens present) and a patriotic song (God Save the Queen).



The program was then paused for an inspirational moment.

## INSPIRATION OF THE ERA

*Submitted by Rev. Karen Sapio*

Go placidly amid the noise and waste,  
And remember what comfort there may  
be in owning a piece thereof.  
Avoid quiet and passive persons, unless  
you are in need of sleep.  
Rotate your tires.  
Speak glowingly of those greater than yourself,  
And heed well their advice, even though they be turkeys.  
Know what to kiss, and when.  
Consider that two wrongs never make a right, but that  
three do.  
Wherever possible, put people on hold.  
Be comforted that in the face of all aridity and disillusion-  
ment,  
And despite the changing fortunes of time,  
There is always a big future in computer maintenance.  
You are a fluke of the universe.  
You have no right to be here.  
And whether you can hear it or not,  
The universe is laughing behind your back.



Inspirational indeed!

Now a new theme—film noir mystery with **Harry Sparrow** in a fedora as a hardboiled Private Eye. **Chris Hayes-Shaner** comes in with a photo of a missing trailer and person—Buff. **Harry**, skilled PI that he is, found the trailer site, an empty bag of potato chips and a chip trail that led to **Magnolia Wine Bar!** **Chrissy Paniagua** showed him to a pile of wine bottles, evidence Buff had been there, but not much else. Then in quick succession, new clues: Buff on a camel, Buff in Wisconsin, Buff in Seattle, Buff in Port-



land, Buff in Portugal, even a rumor of Buff in South Africa, but, despite Harry's deft interrogation, Biffy wouldn't crack. Then new clues: India; Germany; a mud run...and then the trail went cold.



Here the Players cut to a Pledge Break: **Cameron** led us in another Pledge of Allegiance, claiming there were only 42 more to catch up for the year! Then a song—to the tune of the "Happy Wanderer: "

*We are the Claremont Rotary  
We like to eat and sing  
And when we put our minds to it  
We can do most anything  
Rotaree  
Rotarii  
Rotoroo  
Rotor Ah ha ha ha ha ha  
Rotary, Rotary, We're Claremont Rotary.*

Then **PP Bonita Ramos** offered an assessment of **Buff's** (over) preparation. At Club meetings and other events, Buff prepared many, if not most, of her remarks in advance and read them. Even the simplest announcements were written. Things like:

"Welcome"

"We are adjourned."

**Bonita** continued, we were able to get a recording of Buff practicing for the her presentation for the District Conference. She practiced for three hours for her four-minute slide presentation. She gave meticulous attention to detail, beginning with her opening. Let's watch her practice:

## PREPARATION Hello

And now, **Susie Ilsley** (as Buff):

Hi! ... No, too perky.

Hell, I'm ....oops...

Hello, ....No too dull.

*[emphatic!]* Hello!

*[very dignified]* Hello... No, too formal

*[flirty]* Hi, I'm Buff Wright .... No, too sexy



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[the truth] Hi, I'm Buff Wright and I wish were somewhere else.

I'm', um, um, um Boof Wright, ... oh for heaven's sake

Hello, I'm Elizabuff ... erk

Hello, I'm Elizabeth C. Wright and ....

Hi, I'm Buff Wright and you aren't.

OK, you had to be there, but **Bonita** said she thought it was all attributable to a tutorial **Buff** got from **Roger House** (cue *Phantom of the Opera*).

Time for another Pledge Break, an appeal for Bacon Bits, and a segue to a Star Trek set.

### ZOOM TREK

From the screenplay script.

**PP John Tulac (as Spock)** Captain we're picking up a fast approaching object

**Kebokile Dengu-Zvobgo (as Kirk)** On screen. [pauses; Can't see anything, then says] Magnify

[SLIDE Picture of a pancake]

**Susie (as Uhura):** Oh, no! Kiwanians!!!

**Bonita (as Sulu):** They're armed, Captain

**Kebokile:** Go to Red Alert. [SLIDE red alert]

**Susie:** They've fired! [SLIDE of saucers]

**Kebokile:** Evasive action!

**John: (as Checkov):** Yes, Captain [picture moves sideways]

**Kebokile:** Stop those flying saucers. Fire!!!

**John:** Yes Captain [fire sound effect]

[SLIDE Picture of broken plates]

**Kebokile:** Load protein torpedoes! [Pause]

[SLIDE of sausages]

**Kebokile:** Fire! [sound effects]

**John:** Direct hits Captain.

[SLIDE Picture of sausages on pancake]

**Kebokile:** Pour some syrup on those bad boys

[SLIDE of pancake with syrup]

[SLIDE: Intruder alert sound effect]

**Bonita (as crew):** Intruder on deck 6

**Susie (as crew):** Intruder in engineering

**Blanca Aguiar (as crew):** Intruso en ingeniería.



[Alien intruder **Leo** (Buff's grandson) starts showing up in all the places except the bridge.]

**John:** Another object ahead, Captain Quirk

**Kebokile:** We are awfully busy today. Isn't this supposed to be Space???

[On screen, *Ensign Quackov*]

**John: (as Quackov):** Yes, Captain

[SLIDE: On screen the trailer appears]

**Kebokile:** What is it? [pause] Computer!

**PP Anita Hughes:** I'm fine, how are you?



**Kebokile:** Computer, analysis of phenomenon

**Anita:** It's my break time Captain. You can't make me work during my break time

**Kebokile:** But this may be an emergency

**Anita:** It's the law captain. I'll be back after a few bytes.

**Kebokile:** Bones, what is it?

**John: (as Dr. McCoy):** Dammit Jim, I'm a doctor, not a DMV employee

**Susie:** Captain, we're picking up something on sub-space from the object

**Kebokile:** Let's hear it

[SLIDE Trailer picture again] [Play Roger Miller's song first 22 seconds].

**Kebokile:** Analysis, Mr. Sock? [SLIDE picture of Mr. Sock]

[Silence]

**Kebokile:** Sock! You're muted!

**John:** [garbled, slow response] Captain, records reveal this is a trailer, sort of a mobile living space towed by a vehicle from place to place on earth three hundred years ago.

**Kebokile:** Sock, you're breaking up

**John:** Captain, records reveal this is a trailer, sort of a mobile living space towed by a vehicle from place to place on earth three hundred years ago.

**Kebokile:** What's it doing in space?

**John:** It appears to be floating, Captain

**Kebokie:** Are you 100% certain, Mr. Sock?



**John:** No, Captain, I'm 100% cotton

*[pause for chuckles]*

**Kebokile:** Engineering!

**Bonita (as Snotty)** Snot here.

**Kebokile:** What's not there, Lt Snot?

**Bonita** No, I said Snot here

**Kebokile:** Snotty, beam me over to that, um, trailer. I'll take two crew with me

**Bonita** It'll be pretty snug over there, Captain

**Kebokile:** Just do it!

**Susie:** Ummm, it's cozy over here. Real cozy, isn't it Captain Quirk?

**Bonita:** And there is espresso too! Mmmm

**Kebokile:** Sock! Snotty! There's also one life form aboard this trailer. Says her name is **Buff**

**Sock:** Fascinating, Captain

**Kebokile:** And it's too crowded over here. Beam us up, Snotty.

*[Everybody comes back scrambled. Interposing Rotarian faces on Star Trek characters.]*



**Kebokile:** What's happening! Sock!

**John:** The trailer is generating some kind of time anomaly.

We have been drawn into it. The Zoomporter has gone amuck. We have to get the trailer back to its right time and place.

**Kebokile:** How are we going to do that?!?!?

**John:** I believe we need to figure that out in the next slide or two.



*[Everything completely scrambles. Looks like a Zoom meeting [Everything freezes]*

*[Leo pictures fill the Gallery Zoom screen]*

**Bill Gershon** *[appears as a wise being with Ore-gonians in background]*

**Bill:** Stop disturbing my space.

**Anita:** Working. My Space was an early form of what was called social media. It was replaced by Face Book. Face Book was replaced by ....

**Bill:** Down the wormhole you go, boys and girls.

*[SLIDE Wormhole picture]*

*[SLIDE Trailer picture above its usual site. Show trailer appearing to land then back to first trailer picture parked]*

*[SLIDE Back to Private Eye scene. The trailer was found on site by the Zoom Trek crew; Buff is there holding Leo.]*

**Chris:** I guess we won't need you after all

**Harry:** There goes my \$50/day plus expenses

**TRANSITION TO PAST PRESIDENTS**

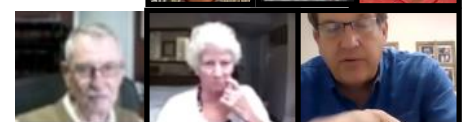
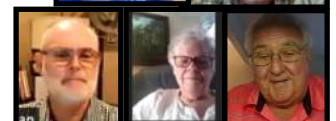
**John Tulac:** What just happened?

**Jerry Tambe (most Sr. PP):** I don't know and I don't care!

At this point, the past presidents (some shown here, deliberating) convened and debated whether an entire year on Zoom counts as presidential service—and we spent the next while reciting the accomplishments

of **Buff's** year. After some chatter about the Book of Bell, which has gone missing, and **PP Steffen** clearly gesticulating NO, all agreed to admit Buff to the company of past presidents.

And with that, **Convener** and **PP Cameron** declared the meeting was adjourned. Another stellar episode of Debunking the President has successfully concluded.

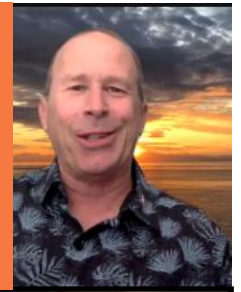




## More pictures from the Debunking



Who ordered  
the Sunset  
theme?  
*Oooh!*



Technical Director  
Mike DeWees



Special Contributors  
Sarah and Leo Eshleman



Perennial Creative Director  
PP John Tulac, Esq

Some of the Debunking Com-  
mittee and extras (in case  
there was fainting during the  
show)



Convener and Immediate Past  
President Cameron Troxell,  
donning a buff.

More of the Rotary Cast of  
characters, below!



Frank Bedoya



## More pics, and the Post-Debunking Dinner (for those who dared to venture out of zoom!)







## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

July 9	Club Assembly: The Carson Era Begins
July 16	Center for Restorative Justice Works, Liz Rios
July 23	Sustainable Claremont, Dir. Stuart Wood



**Buff Wright**

Claremont Rotary  
President

2020-2021



### Queen Elizabeth and Ladies in Waiting



*Photo of the Week by Steve Schenck*

Is the year  
over yet?



### Bacon Bits

Let's fill up the pig!

### Website

Information about the club and back editions of this newsletter are always available on DACdb and [www.claremontRotary.org](http://www.claremontRotary.org)

### Join us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/RotaryofClaremont](https://www.facebook.com/RotaryofClaremont)

Club [Bylaws](#) and [Policies](#) are posted for member access on DACdb

### June Birthdays

Jenna Irish 6/3  
Mark Carson 6/5  
Harry Sparrow 6/10  
Zoe TeBeau 6/12  
Buff Wright and Francis Limbe 6/16  
Mike DeWees 6/20  
John Howland 6/23  
Randy Prout 6/27



*Notes by Jim Lehman, photos by Steve Schenck*

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

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

**Nona Tirre, chair**

### Clarifier Committee

Mike DeWees  
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Steve Schenck  
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