

Albina Rotary Club Zoom Meeting

March 3, 2021

Members Present: Alfred Alvarado, Yasuko Fields, Jennifer Harbick, Don Jones, Byron Kellar, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert, Bob Rosenkranz

Guests Present: Carol Lundgren, Andy Roberts (Rotary Club of Wymondham, England) and Larissa Gordon – SolveOregon

Program: Larissa Gordon presented on the history and scope of programs that is Solve Oregon. Solve was started at the time of Tom McCall in support of McCall's efforts to made Oregon's beaches public. It has a long history of beach clean up events, that is now morphing into a statewide event called the Oregon Spring Cleanup. This year's event is on Saturday, April 17. In addition to this statewide event, in the Portland area, Solve organizes events on litter pick-up, invasive species removal and tree planting. Volunteering with Solve can take a number of forms, including simply showing up for an organized event or partnering with Solve through their Solve Leaders program. The latter is what Lisa is signing our club up to do (more details later in these minutes). But if you are so inspired, there are a number of Solve sponsored upcoming events for which you can volunteer:

-Downtown trash pick-up – March 18

-Keep it Pretty Rose City trash pick-up – March 10, 12 and 13

An interesting factoid that Larissa shared was about cigarette butts. These pesky pieces of trash on our roads, sidewalks, and the like, are NOT just paper. The filters for cigarettes all now have plastic strands in them. Thus for every cigarette butt that ends up in our waterways, they are adding plastic pollution for creatures in the water to ingest.

Larissa mentioned that there are many blogs on the internet about ways to avoid the use of plastics.

Business

- Bob has completed the membership brochures. He will sending a few copies to every member. Members are encouraged to share the brochures with friends and acquaintances as one means to invite people to check out Rotary. Further, Bob offered to contact potential new members if you have any possibilities.
- Frances pointed out that the Club budget, while discussed at our Dec. 23 meeting and a motion approved to double the advertising and media budget, there was no vote taken to approve the budget in its entirety. Frances moved to approve the proposed budget/Don seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Club budget for 2021-2022 is attached.
- Lisa gave an update on registering our Club as a Solve Leader. This is the next step in organizing our own trash pick-up events. SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, April 10 at 9 a.m. will be our 1st trash pick-up event. Location(s) and times to be decided in conjunction with Peter, on the Solve staff.
- Lisa learned from PETS training, Francis, and reviewing the Foundation By-Laws, that we are to hold Foundation Board elections at our 1st meeting in April, thus April 7. In preparation for the elections, any current Foundation Board members are asked to contact Francis to remind her of how many years you have served (By-Laws are for 2 yrs, with the immediate Past President as one of the Foundation Board members). One can't simultaneously serve as a Club Office and Foundation Board member. All others are encouraged to consider running for election to the Foundation Board.

- Lisa reminded the group that the Foundation Budget is to be determined in preparation for the new fiscal year. Frances suggested that it be done in June so as to be ready for the new year.
- Lisa asked for approval to create a sandwich board to be placed in front of Neil Kelly Company that would announce – Albina Rotary Club Meeting Here Today at Noon. Byron mentioned that we already have such a sign and will locate it for use.
- Frances moved/Don seconded to approve the February 24 minutes with one correction. All in favor.

The meeting closed at 1:00 PM. Our next meeting will be at noon on March 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Pickert, 2020/21 Secretary