

Albina Rotary Club Zoom Meeting

7 July, 2021

Members Present: Mark Cooksey, Margie Davidson, Yasuko Fields, Jennifer Harbick, Don Jones, Byron Kellar, Frances Moore. Lisa Pickert, Robert Rosenkranz, Erin Thomas

Guests: Erica Popick

The meeting opened at 12:09PM with President Lisa introducing our members to Erica Popick, who became interested in the club at one of our SOLV trash pick-ups.

PROGRAM

Lisa gave an overview of Rotary with an emphasis on its inclusion and international nature, its focus on People In Action, and the opportunities it opens for both clubs and members. Then she turned to her plans for her year as President—Changing Things Up.

Our focus for the year will be SERVICE, especially in-person service. She plans many changes to our former habits with the hope that they will help to grow our membership. These include:

- Meeting twice a month at 5:00PM on Zoom, or possibly simultaneously on Zoom and in person at Neil Kelly. One of the two meetings will be for club business, the other for educational activities.
- We will also meet once a month for a social meeting so we can enjoy ourselves together and get to know each other. She suggested The Oregon Public House on NE Dekum Street. Upstairs is The Village Ballroom, a charity-focused venue where we can donate our purchases to the charity of our choice. Lisa suggested Polio Plus—a “Pints for Polio” opportunity—and showed part of a video on Polio Plus.
- Participating in the partnership between Rotary and Toastmasters is her first idea for an educational activity, facilitated by a local Toastmaster representative.
- We will no longer start meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation, as she hopes this will attract a broader group of potential members.
- Our service projects will focus on N/NE Portland and continue to include two current activities: trash pick-up with SOLV and our Holiday Box packing on 12 November this year.
- Possibly having a Bingo Night at The Village Ballroom as our Fall fundraiser. We could have some of our previous prizes—stays at Tom Jenkins’. Craig’s and Tom Kelly’s—to encourage participants.

OLD BUSINESS

- We approved the minutes of June 23rd and 30th.
- Byron said one of our recent scholarship winners would like to attend our meetings.
- Margie is making progress on the letters requesting Neil Kelly scholarship contributions. Byron will send her photos & info about the winners. He already has their permission to use these materials. He will also send them to Lisa for putting on our website and Facebook page.

The meeting closed at 12:55PM. Our next meeting will be at noon on 21 July. At 5:30PM that same day we will meet again at Craig Lewelling's home in Canby for our traditional inauguration/retirement party for our incoming/outgoing club Presidents. The address is **760 NE 23rd Ave., Canby, OR 97013**. Let him know your favorite pizza toppings at clewelling@cs.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Moore, acting Secretary