

## **Albina Rotary Club Teams Meeting 27 October, 2021**

Members Present: Alfredo Alvaredo, Margie Davidson, Josh Fields, Yasuko Fields, Don Jones, Erica Popick-Kevekrian, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert, Robert Rosenkranz, Cyra Sadowl,

Guests: Jenny Clark (from WECO)

President Lisa opened the meeting at 5:06 P.M. with an inspiring thought from a Ugandan Rotary Peace Scholar: many small individual contributions can produce a large change.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the 29 September (Frances/Lisa) and 13 October (Lisa/Don) meetings were approved.

### **PROGRAM**

- New member Erica told us about herself. She comes from a small town in Connecticut, where she taught school for 10 years and then became a realtor (more varied!) and served on the area historic preservation commission. She moved fairly recently to Portland, to be closer to her husband's family. Here, she enjoys picking up trash with SOLVE, plays the clarinet, does animal rescue, and has been asked to join the East Portland Chamber of Commerce.
- We saw a TEDx video of Patrick Galvin, who said that Rotary and other service clubs in the US may be losing members because their focus on service may no longer appeal to people. "Self-interest"—promoting the personal benefits that clubs offer—may be more appealing. These benefits include friendship, tranquility, and a sense of purpose, all of which have been scientifically proven to support good health and longer life.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Don said we will be packing Thanksgiving baskets at 8:00 A.M. on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Wood Village Fred Meyer store: 22855 NE Park Lane. (Directions below.) We should be finished between 11:00 and 12:00. Frances offered to thank the Fred Meyer employees who will be helping us by buying them a pizza lunch.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Our next SOLVE pick-up will be in January, so it won't interfere with Christmas plans.

### **MEMBER REPORTS**

- Thirty-five people came for our SOLVE pick-up and picked up 91 bags of wet trash, despite the rainy morning! They were rewarded with brownies and coffee.
- Margie has made out a Foundation check for our club contribution to Polio Plus.
- Margie also suggested that we have programs on Polio Plus, contributions to the RI Foundation (& how they come back to individual clubs), and the Paul Harris medal program. We have several new members who probably don't know about these impressive Rotary programs.
- Frances emailed an update of our progress in carrying out this year's Foundation plan and also a grant application from Becky's new non-profit. Foundation members should refresh their memories about the organizations they volunteered to contact, review the application and share their responses to it. —Also, she would appreciate having an additional Foundation member: new perspective and spread understanding of it.

The meeting closed at 6:01 P.M. with the 4-Way Test.

Our next Teams meeting will be at **5:00 P.M. on 3 November**. (This will keep us from having to meet in Thanksgiving week.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances Moore, Secretary

Upcoming events:

- 12 November: Pack Holiday baskets at the Wood Village Fred Meyer store. **Directions:** Take I-84 East, leave on Exit 14 (Fairview,), turn left from Fairview Parkway to NE Glisan, then left to Wood Village Blvd. Entrance to the Shopping Center will be on your left. Enter the Fred Meyer store and go to the garden center. (Dress warmly; it's like outdoors.) --See you there!