

**Members Present:** Alfredo Alvarado, Jenny Clark, Mark Cooksey, Yasuko Fields, Jennifer Harbick, Don Jones, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert, Erica Popick-Kevrekian, Katie Weber

President Lisa opened the meeting at 5:03 with a short video about Shelter Box, a Rotary spinoff non-profit that provides post-disaster homeless families with tents and the equipment they need to support their families until they can a rebuild more stable life. It is one of the organizations that our foundation has been supporting.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the 2 March meeting were approved with the addition of an item that had been left out. (Lisa, Don)

### **PROGRAM**

Jenny Clark presented on a nonprofit she cofounded, WECO (Women's Empowerment Coalition), an organization that supports grassroots, women-led projects for educational or economic empowerment. We learned about WECO's previous projects in Cambodia, Peru, India, and Costa Rica. WECO's programs help develop gender equity and improve women's position in their communities—and impacts the well-being of their larger community.

Jenny showed a video about WECO's current work in Costa Rica: a project supporting women coffee farmers with a micromill that enables their cooperative to process their own coffee. The project's next steps will include a business development program that will require about \$10,000 to \$15,000 to start up.

Additionally, WECO started a social enterprise project in January 2022 for rural women weavers in India that involves their learning new skills to raise their income, self-confidence, and financial independence.

Jenny is a new Rotarian and is interested in learning more about Rotary clubs in our district as well as RI to see if they could be potential partners to support WECO's efforts.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Erica attended the "Rebuilding Together" meeting and learned that we don't have time to find a club leader for this year's project. Let's consider joining them next year.
- Lisa reported that we will have to postpone our first social meeting at T.C. O'Leary's because a date hasn't been confirmed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Our club Foundation sent \$4,650 (\$2,000 from unused budgeted items & \$2,650 from designated donations) to District 5100 for a matching grant to help Ukrainian refugees in Portland! Our District received a total of \$140,000!!
- This year's District Conference will be held on May 19-22 at the Seaside Convention Center. It will include leadership training & information on how to do various club jobs, so officers-elect should be sure to attend. There will also be more general workshops and interesting speakers, including a fundraising consultant. There is no District attendance charge, and two local hotels will have special rates for Rotarians. You can learn more and view the event schedule on the District website, [www.isrotaryforyou](http://www.isrotaryforyou). Sign up to attend on DACdb, [www.dacdb.com](http://www.dacdb.com). Each club will donate a theme-centered basket of goodies for a District fundraising auction. Put on your thinking cap!

- On 30 April there will be a Districtwide Rotary Habitat for Humanity construction day. All members can volunteer to join. There is a job for anyone—no special skills are required!
- Lisa asked how we felt about having our meetings in-person soon, and at what time of day. There was no consensus about the time, and a general feeling that we should mix Zoom and in-person meetings for a while.
- Lisa picked up four handsome Rotary signs at a leadership meeting—two saying MAKE A DIFFERENCE and two saying HELP YOUR COMMUNITY—and said anyone could ask her if they wanted to use it to promote our club. Don asked for the first.

The meeting closed at 6:05 with the 4-Way Test.

**Our next Zoom meeting will be at 5:00 P.M. on 6 April.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances Moore, Secretary

Upcoming events:

- 30 April --Rotary/Habitat for Humanity construction opportunity
- 19-22 May --District Assembly/Training at Seaside Convention Center, 415 1st Ave, Seaside, OR; register at <https://www.dacdb.com/Register4/Index.cfm?EventID=77564081&UserID=800789559>
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