**Albina Rotary Club Hybrid Meeting 14 December, 2022**

**Members Present:** Mark Cooksey, Margie Davidson, Jennifer Harbick, Donald Jones, Byron Kellar, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert,

**Guests**: Bob Ringling, Jeremy Miller, Roy Hemmingway

President Jenn opened our meeting at 5:06 PM with our club mission statement and a quotation from Martin Luther King: “The time is always right to do what is right.”

**MINUTES:** The minutes of our November 30 meeting were approved unanimously, with one correction. (Margie/Don)

**PROGRAM**

* Margie introduced Bob Ringling, who has done our club and foundation tax returns *gratis* since 1983: almost since the club was started! We cannot adequately express our gratitude for his generosity over the years, but Jenn has sent him a $200 gift card as a symbol of our thanks and appreciation. Bob and Byron reminisced about the political jests he and our members exchanged in the days when people weren’t so thin-skinned. Bob’s now volunteers at the Vista House on the old Columbia Gorge highway.
* Lisa introduced Roy Hemmingway, president of the Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation, which maintains three classic steam locomotives at their headquarters on Water Street, a little south of OMSI near the Tillikum Crossing bridge. Foundation volunteers have restored the engines to working condition and are now installing a rescued railroad turntable. The most famous of their three engines is the Southern Pacific Daylight, which made a trip across the country and back. Their museum is open in the afternoons, Thursday through Sunday, and they run short holiday train trips around Christmas as a fundraiser. Kids love them! Contact them at (orhf.org) for information or to become a volunteer.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Remember: our next meeting will be on 4 January **AT NOON.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Lisa has become our club representative on the East Portland sex-trafficking team. She has learned more about the soap deliveries to hotel/motel operators and feels that this would be an excellent opportunity for our club members to help their community. Our 4 January program will be on this topic, and any members interested can participate in a training on 11 January at the Radisson.
* Jeremy Miller has been accepted as our next new member! We plan to welcome him and Khari Applewhite as our two new Rotary members at the January meeting!
* We have found a new volunteer tax accountant! Emily Porter, the Neil Kelly CFO, has said she is willing to help our club with this task. THANKS, Emily.
* In the spring we need to select our remaining 2023-2024 club officers: Treasurer, Secretary and President-Elect. (Lisa has already agreed to be President.) The training for these positions is excellent and very supportive. PETS training will be in Seattle in February, and the District Conference in May. Think about volunteering: you will meet a lot of great Rotarians and develop new skills.

**MEMBER REPORTS**

* Don told us that Fred Meyer’s shipping process has changed so that our Rotarian-packer Holiday Box system no longer fits well with it. They are willing to continue providing us with a substantial discount but need to fill the boxes themselves in order to avoid complications in their unloading system. This means that we will need to find other member participation activities in order to qualify for a District grant for this project. Perhaps we could do more of the deliveries again, find a way to add toys to the boxes, or create other action possibilities. –Put on your Thinking Caps!

The meeting closed at 5:59 PM with the 4-Way Test.

**Our next Hybrid meeting will be at 12:00 Noon on 4 January at 804 Alberta Street.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Moore, Secretary

Upcoming events:

* 4 January: **First NOON meeting** at Neil Kelly, 804 N Alberta Street
* 11 January: Sex trafficking training at Radisson Hotel; contact Lisa for info
* 14 January: 8:30 AM, SOLVE pickup; meet at Neil Kelly parking lot