**Albina Rotary Club Hybrid Meeting 15 May, 2023**

**Members Present:** Jenny Clark, Jennifer Harbick, Donald Jones, Byron Kellar, Jeremy Miller, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert, Kathryn Weber

**Guests**: Marshall Runkel, Neil Kelly specialist in designing and installing solar panels.

President Jennifer opened our meeting at 12:05 PM with a quotation from Princess Diana stressing the importance of random acts of kindness in living a full and rewarding life.

**MINUTES:** The corrected minutes of the 12 April were approved unanimously. (Lisa/Don)

**PROGRAM**

Marshall Runkel gave a preview of the immense growth of clean energy use that he feels is already starting to occur. He focussed on three major trends:

Electric vehicles (EV) sales are growing rapidly; soon the US will have over 20 million EVs. The distance they can travel between recharges is growing as batteries become more efficient (up to 500 miles between stops). Also, the number of charging stations is growing. People are installing them at homes, businesses and parking lots. Daimler US plans to build large electric trucks and is installing a nation-wide recharging network for them.

More people are installing solar panels on their roofs, although only 25% of current homes have roofs that are well-situated to benefit from them. Many large solar panel arrays are also being built in sunny states or on warehouse roofs.

As batteries become more common, people will find many new uses for them. They could provide electricity to homes during power outages. (The Ford Lightning is designed to do just this!) Home batteries could also be used to take advantage of time-of-use pricing: charging during low-price/use periods (like 1 AM) and discharging during high-use/price periods (like early evening).

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Lisa reminded us that the Rotary Human Trafficking booth will need volunteers during the Rose Festival/City Fair. There are 3-hour slots. *(See below)*

**NEW BUSINESS**

* 31 people came for our 15 April trash pick-up! Our next one will be in June.
* Twenty Neil Kelly scholarship applications have been completed.
* We received a thank you letter for our Foundation donation to Kenya Keys.

**MEMBER REPORTS**

* Byron said that our club is one of only two in our district that hasn’t yet made a donation to the RI Foundation. He explained that clubs are expected to do so. The donated funds are invested for three years and then become available for club RI international grant and district grant moneys. Donations to Polio Plus are separate. People can donate to RI through their clubs or individually (giving the name of their club so it is credited). When they have contributed $1,000 they are eligible for a Paul Harris medal, a highly prestigious award.

The meeting closed at 1:00 PM with the 4-Way Test.

**Our next Hybrid meeting will be at 12 Noon on May 24 at the Neil Kelly Office.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Moore, Secretary

**Upcoming events:**

* 18-21 May “Friends & Neighbors”, two-District Celebration in Kennewick, WA (opportunity to volunteer to be at sex-trafficking table)\*
* 31 May, 5:00-6:00 PM Club social hour at Second Profession Brewing Tap Room, 6689 N Russell St.
* **16 June, 11:30 AM** **Neil Kelly scholarship luncheon at Moda Center**
* 31 July E. Portland Classic Golf Tournament

**Sign up for opportunities to volunteer against sex-trafficking on links at:** <https://www.eastportlandrotary.org/stories/end-sex-trafficking>

* 26-May to 11 June 3-hour sessions at Rose Festival table
* 10 June 3-hour sessions at City Fair (Tom McCall Waterfront Park)
* 10 June 10:00 AM-noon Grand Floral Parade
* 24 June, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM Table at Foster Children event (Oaks Park )\*
* On your own schedule Deliver stickers to businesses on 82nd Avenue