**Albina Rotary Club Hybrid Meeting 7 June, 2023**

**Members Present:** Jenny Clark, Mark Cooksey, Yasuko Fields, Byron Kellar, Craig Lewelling, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert, Kathryn Weber

Lisa opened our meeting at 12:05 PM by introducing our program as the first item on the agenda.

**PROGRAM**

Jenny Clark, a co-founder of WECO (Women’s Empowerment Coalition), a recent new recipient of a club foundation grant, told us about their organization and the specific project we have supported.

WECO was founded in 2017 to help women in third-world countries grow their economic power as a way of increasing their political and social power. They carefully investigate and evaluate the design and organization of locally initiated projects and support/help those that show the most promise of developing women’s abilities, income, rights and respect in their community. They are working with projects in Costa Rica (coffee roasting & sales), Peru (weaving), Cambodia (young child care/education), and now in India.

Our club donation is supporting a new program in Guwahata India, to spread information and access to menstrual health, hygiene, sanitation information, and locally made reusable sanitary pads. It also prepares young students to know how their bodies will change and allows them to attend school without breaks every month. It provides the women with needed materials for kits and the students with English language books, toys, solar chargers and other necessities.

**MINUTES:** The minutes seem to have gone into many of our spam filters, so Frances will re-send them and we will vote on them at our 21 April meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* 22 students sent completed applications through our Kaleidoscope system. The evaluators have selected five finalists, who will be interviewed this week. Four of them will be presented with scholarships and communication kits at the Neil Kelly luncheon on 16 June. Friday, June 9th is your last chance to buy tickets!

**NEW BUSINESS**

* We received an update letter from Keziah Hollands, a previous NK scholar, telling us that she has changed her major and is excited about working towards her new career goal.
* 26 individual tickets and six tables of six have been sold for the Neil Kelly luncheon, and we have received $3,570 in donations thus far.

**MEMBER REPORTS**

* Lisa said that our second social meeting on 31 May was a lot of fun and well attended. A high school counselor from Jesuit school and a representative of their food pantry attended. Our next social will be in August.

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

**Our next Hybrid meeting will be at 12 Noon on 21 May at the Neil Kelly office.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Moore, Secretary

**Upcoming events:**

* 16 June, 11:30 AM Neil Kelly scholarship luncheon at Moda Center
* 17 June, 8:30 AM SOLVE trash pickup at Neil Kelly parking lot
* 31 July E Portland Rotary Clubs Classic Golf Tournament
* 19 August, 8:30 AM SOLVE Trash pickup at Neil Kelly parking lot
* 30 August, 5:00 PM Club social hour at Second Profession Brewing Tap Room, 6689 N Russell St