# **CLAREMONT ROTARY NEWSLETTER**

#### SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Claremont Rotary Year 92 | Week 14 | October 2, 2020

# **Program:** Funding Rotary

The program was a presentation by Foundation Chair John Tulac, PDG Sylvia Whitlock and President Buff, with Paul Harris Chair Randy Prout in the wings, providing information about the Club Foundation and the RI Foundation to give us some basis for assessing our fundraising needs, both external and internal. The program report will be provided in a full Clarifier this weekend. Watch for it!

#### **Rotary, The Zoom Meeting**

**Chris Hayes** made us Smile. (A few of us surreptitiously followed along!)

#### **GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS**

PDG Randy Pote is a frequent visitor. Welcome!

Rotarian **Sharon Douglas** is visiting again from the Big Sky Club in Montana. She lives in Claremont part time.

Amanda Kemp joined us after meeting Susie when Amanda checked out the OOTT passports at Wheeler Steffen last week.

#### **BREAK OUT ROOMS**

Breakout discussion dealt with OOTT, Spring TOC prospects and perhaps a new and improved OOTT In fall.

We also considered: Should we be soliciting funds from the public? RI is a highly rated charitable organization.

# Watch It!

Here is the link to the <u>meeting</u> recording for October 2 featuring discussion of OOTT and the Funding Rotary. Password: **6vsA@%iP**  Next Zoom Meeting Zoom link to Meeting on Friday 10/9, which features a CUSD School Board Candidate Forum submitted by Buff Wright

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have sent part of our annual donation for the the PACE Piyali School for girls near Kolkata. The Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan, which has been a partner among many in building and funding the School will use the funds to start a Vocational Training Center for the girls and women in Piyali Junction. **Sylvia Whitlock** has met members of the Club many times. I met them when I was there in March 2018, and I know that they are a great and committed partner.

**President Buff** is travelling to Portland again on October 8, but will not be out of touch!

**New Opportunity to Serve the Club!** Last week's Clarifier asked for someone to consider volunteering to find zoom Rotary programs around the country and globe that might be of interest. This pandemic won't last forever and so neither will this opportunity!

**Bridget Healy** reported on the first meeting of the Claremont High School Interact Club. More than 90 students attended on zoom!

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## **MEETINGS AROUND AND ABOUT**

#### Travel (Virtually) to New York 6 Rotary: Get to Know C-SPAN on October 8, 9 AM

Learn how C-SPAN provides a window into Washington, with access to pubic officials working on the issues facing our nation. Join our Zoom meeting on **October 8th at 9 am (PT)**. Featured will be Jenae Green currently a member of C-SPAN's community relations team. For more information, <u>click here</u> Link to the Meeting <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/</u> <u>j/81573057569</u>.

#### Or stay (virtually) close to home with Claremont Sunrise Rotary October 21

Speaker: Beatrice Casagran

- *Topic:* Small theaters' standards in a COVID-19 world.
- Link: Join Zoom meeting 7:30 to 8:30 am. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87917462776

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Community Projects Chair **Lyn Childress** announced a request for volunteers from Lexi Vega, an Americorp VISTA Youth and Family Engagement Specialist who works with a nonprofit called <u>Hope Through Housing</u> in Montclair. Hope through Housing is looking for people to assist with our upcoming holiday events for Thanksgiving and for Christmas. They would love to have members of our Rotary Club assist with these events. For Thanksgiving, they will need volunteers to help build Thanksgiving food boxes. For Christmas, they are doing the angel tree project for kids. They need somebody to help receive donations and others to help with wrapping. Details to follow! Contact Lyn if you're interested.



Garbis Peace Institute 31st Annual Peace Conference

# **PEACE out of CHAOS – a Pandemic**

Saturday, October 24, 2020 / 9:00 am—1:00 pm VIRTUAL — Free via Zoom

#### ZOOM MEETING ABOUT POLIO FUNDING

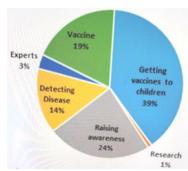
**PDG Sylvia Whitlock,** our queen of zoom, attended a meeting this week about the funding of Polio Eradication. She'll report about what she learned on October 9.

A few highlights and examples of Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) contributions:

- In addition to AFP, Polio surveillance personnel are not doing COVID-19 sample collection and transport, and monitoring for influenzalike illness and acute respiratory diseases.
- Polio laboratories are involved in testing and providing support and training for COVID-19 testing facilities being established.
- In Pakistan, the polio emergency operations center is providing the data and analyses for COVID-19
- The current pandemic can be an opportunity to further polio transition and integration.
- In Yemen, integrated measles, polio, vitamin supplement and deworming campaigns were done in August and September.

#### **GPEI** contributions to COVID-19

- GPEI support to COVID-19 response is substantial and essential.
- In 9 months (April-Dec) nearly 4000 WHO Polio staff and contractors in 58 offices are helping countries to respond.
- The value of WHO Polio's support in that period is \$61M (much of which will be reimbursed to Polio)
- Polio can draw on its extensive experience with vaccine introduction, vaccine logistic and ability to reach remote communities to deliver COVID-19 countermeasures.
- COVID-19 highlights the importance of sustaining capacities supported by the GPEI, for the sake of longer-term preparedness and resilient health systems.





# **UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

Oct 9	School Board Candidate Forum
Oct 16	Fred Baumann: Stories to tell
Oct 23	Fixes for the Education System Joe Atman, Exec Dir and Founder, Middle Tree
Oct 30	Uses of Extended Reality Remi Del Mar, Project Manager at Epson



**Buff Wright** Claremont Rotary President 2020-2021







to OOTT Oct. 9-11 and participate in the auction online!

Remember to go



**Bacon Bits** Let's fill up the pig!



#### Website

Information about the club and back editions of this newsletter are always available on DACdb and www.claremontRotary.org

#### Join us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/RotaryofClaremont Club Bylaws and Policies are posted for member access on DACdb

#### **October Birthdays**

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Betty Sheldon 10/1 Vadim Shtil 10/1 Tom Shelley 10/7 Clarina Pio Roda 10/12 Sean Gallagher & Rich Laughton 10/13 Jim Lehman 10/20 Chuck Carpenter 10/25 Nona Tirre 10/30



The Claremont Rotary Club meets on Zoom at 12:00 on Friday until further notice