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Program: Vocational Education—Fred Baumann

submitted by Mike DeWees

Claremont CEO Fred Baumann presented his enduring perspectives on vocational training.



Arman Ariane, live from his downtown Claremont Studio, introduced today’s speaker Fred Baumann, a friend of his for over 25 years.

Arman has heard many of Fred’s interesting stories as a German immigrant who was forced to leave what is now the Czechoslovakia republic to West Germany by military force.

Fred is a journeyman tool and die maker and founded Baumann Engineering in 1961 to supply components to the connector industry. In 1967, he founded HiRel Connectors Inc. to produce hermetic connectors. Over the years, the company has expanded into producing environmental connectors to Mil-Specs to serve the defense and commercial industries including space exploration. With more than 350 employees, the company is the third largest employer in the City of Claremont. “If we screw up at work people die.” Fred said describing the

critical nature of his production. ([video about the company, provided by Fred.](#))

This led to the topic of education and the art of making things that Fred is passionate about. He shared his views about how this country has fallen behind in manufacturing skills and workers who know how to make things. The USA has become a country that can buy anything so we import everything rather than manufacture domestically.

Fred is a member of the National Tool and Die Association located in Ontario where they teach young people to work with machines but they ended up closing the location in May due to lack of interest from students.

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Nona Tirre presented: Opportunity Drawing for the OOTT raffle

Nona put her sparkling dignity on the line to announce the winners of our Out On The Town Opportunity Drawing. This drawing was for the Rotary Passport holders who received six or more passport stamps from our local vendors. Winners were contacted by email or phone!

Watch the Facebook (no longer) Live event here: [Opportunity Drawing](#)



OOTT is over but for the Auction (check out the [auction website](#).) open til Nov. 15. There are opportunities to give as well as to receive.

Next Zoom Meeting
[Zoom link to Meeting on Friday 10/23](#), which features Joe Atman, Exec Dir and Founder, Middle Tree talking about Fixes for the Education System

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ROTARY, THE ZOOM MEETING

submitted by Jim Lehman

After fifteen minutes in breakout rooms talking about whatever was on people’s minds, President Buff reconvened us and shared a song video of the 4-Way Test, from the [Saskatoon Nutana Rotary Club](#). Canadian, catchy, and charming—we may have found a *real* singing club.



WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS

We welcomed visitors Bill Gershon, Fred Baumann, Jr, and Julianne Baumann

Visiting Rotarian PDG **Randy Pote** was present!

Visiting Rotarian Sharon Douglas is attending again.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are happy to see Club Member **Michael Fay**, here to hear from our speaker.

John Tulac reported on four grants, three of which should be hands-on! On all of these, if you’d like to be involved, and particularly for the grants that are still in process, please be in touch with John Tulac. We welcome your input and your participation!

- Once Upon a Time Reading Program—we’ll have training for those who would like to do recorded reading.
- We have applied for a District Grant to support the California Botanic Garden with plantings planned for two locations, both in the near future and in the year ahead. One location is near the new sign along Foothill Boulevard, the other is near the entrance where foot traffic enters the Garden. Interact students will be assisting, along with Rotarians.
- We have a Global Grant opportunity we are finalizing. Will know more in the coming months.
- We’ll be submitting a Lefler Grant proposal due at the end of the month to the District.

President Buff has a request from Biffy Dankwerts for us to buy rubber ducks in a fundraiser to clean up a canal. It’s a Rotary Club in Claremont, South Africa, near Capetown. If you are interested in contributing, contact President Buff.



OUT ON THE TOWN UPDATE

Mark Carson reporting on Out on the Town—a huge success. Big shout out to the committee for pulling it together, and a special recognition to the generosity of the Claremont Courier and **Peter Weinberger** for the thousands of dollars of donated and discounted advertising, including a special section in the Courier, listing all the sponsors and the vendors.

INSPIRATION OF THE DAY

PDG Sylvia Whitlock quoted Pope Francis:

Rivers do not drink their own water
 Trees do not eat their own fruit
 The sun does not shine on itself
 Flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves
 Living for others is a rule of nature
 We are all born to help each other,
 No matter how difficult it is
 Life is good when you are happy
 But much better when others are happy because of you!

It was magnificent. (And if you want to support your local newspaper, subscribe to the Courier.) The live raffle drawing was entertaining. There is a silent auction at [biddingowl.com](#) that continues until November 15, so encourage friends to click on the link to join in the bidding. There’s quite a variety of items there. Check it out. You don’t have to have held a passport to participate.



We’re asking all the vendors for feedback about on OOTT, and we’d like to hear from club members about their experiences as well, including the silent auction. Please give **Mark Carson** your feedback.



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!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

On November 7, Rotarians and Interactors are invited to help Uncommon Good plant trees at the San Antonio High School. Details to follow.

December 7. 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 [Hope Through Housing](#) in Montclair. Hope through Housing is looking for people to assist with its upcoming event for the holidays. They would love to have members of our Rotary Club (and Interactors) assist **on December 7** with the angel tree project for kids. They need 5 people in each of two 1.5 hour shifts to help with wrapping. Details to follow! Contact Lyn if you're interested or would like to chair and coordinate the volunteers.

ALSO ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24



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



Purple pinkie showing a child has been vaccinated.

One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio

24 October

OCTOBER 24 IS A BIG DAY FOR ROTARY

WORLD POLIO DAY

Sylvia Whitlock is leading a drive to raise funds from 100% of our members to benefit Polio Plus. Please donate a little extra to Polio Plus before October 24. As of the 16th, she had received donations from 13 of our Club members. She thanked those who had already given and asked why they decided to do so.

Susie Ilsley responded right away. "It just seemed like such a valuable thing for all of our club to get to. You weren't asking for much, but any contribution at all. And what does it take to inoculate one child? 60 cents. I hope everybody jumps in on this. It's so important."



Peter Weinberger responded that he thought Sylvia made a very compelling argument. The donation goes directly to someone's inoculation. The figures really hit home on the kind of impact your money can have—just the cost of a latte can inoculate half a dozen children!



John Howland said, "it was a very moving request and for a very good cause. I could help out a large number of people for a modest amount of money, and I think it's a good thing for everybody to do. A small donation and you can get 250-300 people inoculated."



Betty Sheldon was impressed by the request. "I don't recall having a club-wide solicitation quite like that. You didn't ask for much, and yet whatever we give will do so much. Thank you for leading the charge on this!"



You can still make a contribution—you decide how much. It all makes a difference. Call Sylvia Whitlock, President Buff Wright, or Treasurer Jim Marchant if you want someone to pick up a check or cash, or email President Buff to run a credit card donation. Let them know you want to give to Polio Plus, and they'll help you figure out how to make it happen. It would be a wonderful thing if we could get 100% participation.

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Then we segued into an audio presentation of a speech Fred made in a 1989 symposium that summarized Fred's perspective on the lost art of making things. The transcript was read by a staff member.

Some of the points Fred made included:

There is a wall between academics and workers that have minimized trade skills. With the focus on operators rather than realizing that someone needs to make the automation.

We in the USA are the greatest and we can buy everything but in this haze we've missed that someone needs to build these machines and they've all gone to foreign countries where they can build them cheaper.

We've been building up other countries' economic development and skilled workforce where they have built them quickly and built them well.

Fred talked about his personal experience with his four kids going through California schools and felt that his son's time in his shop was one of the most valuable experiences of his senior year.

He quoted a study of 4,000 students in 1989 that showed that only 15% were going into production versus service industry... a year later only 9% actually enrolled in a trade.

We should all be on the same page instead of school districts each with their own curriculum. There's no national plan for trade education.

Fred's message: Our vocational education system has not produced the results that we want.

CHS Principal **Brett O'Connor** shared that the CHS auto shop closed down 6 years ago from lack of student interest to sustain the program. A combination of enrollment and difficulty in finding a good teacher who would only teach for two periods a day since they couldn't sustain five periods led to closing the program. Also in the US we push college for all and that has been really good for a long time but those reasons aren't as important anymore but by the time kids get to high school the big push is for the college prep track.

Lyn Childress spoke from her experience as a fabric graphic shop owner and stone work finding someone who knows how to work hard, lift, push, pull and have mechanical skills has become very difficult for business owners.

John Tulac mentioned that he's served on school accreditation programs and said that very little emphasis is put on preparing students for trades, even the engineering programs.

Brett did share some good news that in last 5 years they have expanded to "college and career readiness," recognizing



that many industries are underemployed and college isn't the only path. He also agreed that though they were close to national textbooks, this country doesn't accept it politically and every state has different textbooks.

Thank you Fred! This was a timely talk — the fact that it was timely in 1989 tells us something! A report was issued on October 19, 2020 on this subject by Opportunity America, a Washington think tank and policy shop promoting economic mobility — work, skills, careers, ownership and entrepreneurship for poor and working Americans. [See the report](#).

BC Global USA and South Sudan

Member **Francis Limbe** is busy in his spare time building the Bari Community Global organization to support the Bari community in South Sudan as well as those who have immigrated to the US.



What has BC Global done recently?

Submitted grant proposals for WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), nutrition, basic school supplies, youth and sports.

Agriculture projects have been designed and shared with BC Global USA and its prospective partners.

Created Future Stars Football Academy (FSFA) in South Sudan to operate under BC Global.

Created Future Stars International (FSI) USA, to sign an MOU with BC Global on resource utilization.

BC Global sponsored two undergraduate students in Uganda and one in South Sudan for 2020.

BC Global supports the Kapuki primary school in South Sudan with school supplies and hygiene for the year 2020.

SERGEANTS

Bonita Ramos, scheduled for today, was unable to be here, so **Nona Tirre** called **Harry Sparrow** at the last minute (literally, 2 minutes to noon), to ask him to step in. He did his best!

Betty Sheldon, someone thought you were getting paid to go out to a restaurant on OOTT? What's the story? We were at CafeX2O, which has a wonderful menu, and a young man asked if we were getting reimbursed for our purchase. So, are we? Are we, Buff? Laughter.

Jerry Goldman—special thanks for riding herd on the program for OOTT, and your work at Wheeler Steffen. Magnificent job.

Bridget Healy: two things. First, you are such a presence with the Interact Club that twice last week I heard you referred to as Mama B. That's special. Second, though we know you are very involved with the Interact Club you are also active supporting the Inland Valley Repertory Theater. Bridget is currently VP of the Board and IVRT recently celebrated a 30-year anniversary virtually. The 30-year anniversary video included a nice recap of a remarkable history. The season through June is on the website—go and check it out!

Anna Torres, was in Dana Point recently to celebrate a friend's birthday.

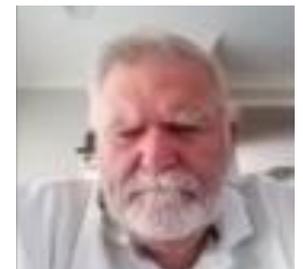
Cameron Troxell, listed as Professor Troxell made Harry wonder if he was attending this meeting on Mt.SAC's dime? Cameron claimed a habit—most of my zoom time is in fact instructional or college meetings, as it happens.

Bill Burrows was fined for his great work on the raffle and **Bobby Hyde** for his great work on the auction. Outstanding efforts, and thanks to you both.

John Tulac is at his father's Cabin in Big Bear. The cabin, which has been in the family since the lot was purchased in 1962 will be listed shortly. My dad built a cabin and extended it 3 times. Now it's just two siblings using it. It needs a family, so it's for sale.

John could have been fined for talking sideways.

Thanks, **Harry**, for filling in as Sergeant without warning! Go Rotary! On with the program.

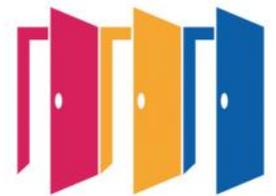




Buff Wright

Claremont Rotary
President

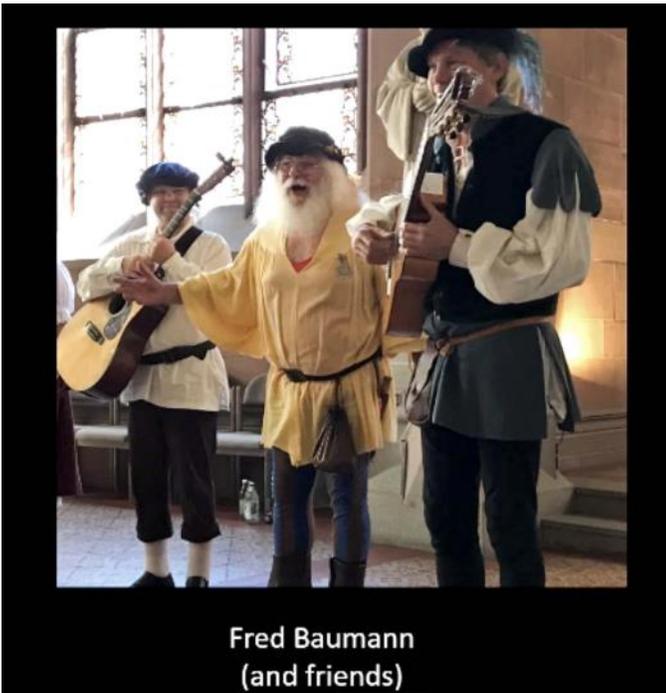
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Rotary Opens Opportunities

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Oct 23	Fixes for the Education System Joe Atman, Exec Dir and Founder, Middle Tree
Oct 24	World Polio Day! & Rotary Peace Institute (virtual)
Oct 30	Uses of Augmented Reality Remi Del Mar, Project Manager at Epson



**Fred Baumann
(and friends)**

Fred in his natural habitat, Bretten, Germany June 29, 2019

Photo by Buff Wright

Remember to participate in our OOTT [auction online!](#)
And give to the Pig for World Polio Day



Bacon Bits

Let's fill up the pig!



Sergeants committee
gathers before each meeting by email.
Anyone is welcome to share information!!

Nona Tirre, chair

Clarifier Committee

- Mike DeWees
- Bill Burrows
- Lark Gerry
- Bobby Hyde
- Jim Lehman
- Steve Schenck
- Chris Hayes Shaner
- Harry Sparrow
- Peter Weinberger
- Buff Wright, editor



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October Birthdays

- 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



*Program notes, Mike DeWees. Meeting notes, Jim Lehman. Pictures, Peter Weinberger
The Claremont Rotary Club meets on Zoom at 12:00 on Friday until further notice*



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FEATURING KEYNOTE
SPEAKER

Mark Daniel Maloney
President, Rotary International
2019-2020



"How has Covid-19 Impacted
Rotary's Priorities and
Opportunities of Working
Together"

Dr. Quentin Wodon
Lead Economist, World Bank

"The Long Term Effects of
Covid-19 Pandemic: Education,
Human Capital, and How
Rotarians Can Help"



Michael Brosowski
Founder-CEO, Blue Dragon Children's
Foundation

"The Impact of Covid-19 on Children
and Women"

Dr. Siobhan Nash Marshall
Professor and Chair of Christian
Philosophy and Philosophy Depart-
ments, Manhattanville College, NY

"The Spiritual Response to Covid-19"



Sheila Gutierrez,
MA, LMFT
Marriage and Family
Therapist
and
Anthony J. Hill, ESQ
Attorney at Law



"Harmful Effects of Covid-19 on the Family"

Eugene Whitlock, J.D.
Assistant Vice Chancellor for People
and Culture; Chief People and Culture
Officer, UC Berkeley, CA

"Creating a Culture of Belonging
in a Virtual World"



Information, Registration and Updates

go to: www.district5300.org/peace-conference/

Registration is Free

Must Register to obtain the Zoom link

Art for Peace Student Contest *Cash Prizes*

Email Denise Wadsworth denise.wadsworthslp@gmail.com for entry forms and information



Rotary District Governor
Greg Jones



Conference Chair
Dr. Garbis Der-Yeghian,
PDG



Conference Emcee
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