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## CLAREMONT ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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Claremont Rotary Year 92 | Week 15 | October 9, 2020

### **Program: CUSD School Board Candidate Forum**

*submitted by Harry Sparrow*

Ballots were mailed out in the first week of October, and for just in time programming, today's program is a forum with the three candidates for Claremont Unified School District School Board. There are three well qualified candidates and two seats. In Claremont we have so many good citizens willing to step forward, typically the city wins no matter who is elected.

Each candidate was given two minutes to introduce themselves. Then in the interest of zoom efficiency, President Buff asked each candidate questions submitted by members.

Candidates **Kathy Archer, Bob Fass** and **Chris Naticchia** Started with a brief introduction of themselves.

Chris said he is a twenty-five-year Claremont resident. He is a California State University San Bernardino professor of philosophy. In terms of public service, he has served on the Claremont Unified School District's parent advisory committee for the Local Control Accountability Plan and he is a city commissioner. Chris is a parent of a student entering Claremont High School this year, and is active in the Claremont community.

Bob is a Claremont native and an alumnus of Claremont public schools; he attended Sycamore School, El Roble and Claremont High School and now is a proud CUSD parent. He also works in Claremont. In terms of public service, he has worked with the Claremont Educational

#### **Nona Tirre presents: Opportunity Drawing for the OOTT raffle, Facebook live, Friday @ 5:00**

We will be hosting a Facebook Live event this Friday, 10/16/20, 5pm, for our Out On The Town Opportunity Drawing winners. This drawing is for the Rotary Passport holders who received 6 or more passport stamps from our local vendors. If you or your friends & family members received 6 or more passport stamps, please send a picture of your stamp, along with your name and phone number, to [RotaryOutOnTheTown@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryOutOnTheTown@gmail.com).

**Watch the Facebook Live event here: [Opportunity Drawing](#)**

Foundation, where he served as president for four years. He also served on the Sycamore School Governance Council and assisted in the completion of capital projects including the CHS theatre renovation and the Sycamore School library. He currently works with the district as a member of the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee, the Local Control Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Council, and the Sycamore School Equity and Inclusion Committee. In addition, Bob has worked as a consultant with Claremont After-School Programs and Claremont Heritage.

Kathy has lived in the Claremont community for over 20 years. Her daughter, Shelby, has grown up in the Claremont

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**OOTT is over but for the Auction ([auction website](#),) on til Nov. 15) and announcement of the Raffle winners Oct. 16 (see above). Shall we do ROOTT again??**

**Next Zoom Meeting**  
[Zoom link to Meeting on Friday 10/16](#), which features Local CEO Fred Baumann sharing views about vocational training.

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## ROTARY, THE ZOOM MEETING

submitted by Laark Gerry

President **Elizabeth “Buff” Wright** greeted us from the Zoom portal in Portland Oregon, where she is visiting her family. A cheerful, pre-meeting display of baby photos, pet photos, travel photos, and live greetings from grandchildren and pets of several members helped pass the time as we awaited members and guests who slowly drifted into our Zoom collective. **Karen Sapio** played a wonderful version of [Smile](#) that sounded almost like it was led by Mitch Miller.

## WELCOME GUESTS

We welcomed visitor **Bill Gershon** and the officers of the Claremont High School Interact Club (see report, p. 3)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mark Carson** - OOTT has been a big success thanks to the work of a great committee, to all who have manned the distribution booth, to Paul Steffen for donating the use of his parking lot at Steffen Wheeler Sothebys, and to those who have worked tirelessly to gather raffle and auction items.. The participating merchants have loved the business generated by OOTT. Nona Tirre will conduct the Raffle drawing on Facebook live at 5:00 on October 16. Please share the [auction website](#) for the online auction, which will continue through November 15th. Proceeds will support the projects of Claremont Rotary Club! You don't need to have participated in OOTT to participate in the auction.

## BREAKOUT ROOM CHAT BITS

**Susie Ilsley** pointed out that- Interactor, Carson Paul, showed up to help out at our OOTT booth during Claremont Farmer's Market Sunday, however, unknowingly, Kiwanis club assumed he was there to help with their booth. Donning a vest, he put in a full hour before realizing he was at the wrong booth, giving everyone a chuckle. Buff chimed in saying that working for Kiwanis on Sunday could be a good thing for Interact service hours as Kiwanis clearly needs help.

Visiting Interactor, **Nora Campbell**, gave us an insight to a typical school day of classes via Zoom. In the beginning, it was difficult, as she was not very good at computer technology. She has three zoom classes per day, each lasting an hour with a ten minute breaks between classes. Students are required to be online in real time, however, some teachers allow students to put up their student photo onscreen, working on an honor system, that they are engaged in the class.

**Marla Lefler** and **Christine Hayes** were busy participating in OOTT, filling their passport with stickers from participating merchants, who really appreciate the business.

**Bridget Healy's** small dog has not ever been walked so much, in fact, she has lost a full pound!

## INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**PDG Sylvia Whitlock** read this quote of Richard L. Evans (PRIP 1966): A smile is the light and window of your face that tells people your heart is at home. So on this day, mend the quarrel, search out a forgotten friend, dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. Write a love letter, share some treasure, give a soft answer, encourage youth, manifest your loyalty in a word or deed, keep a promise, find the time, forgo a grudge, forgive an enemy, listen, apologize if you were wrong, try to understand, flout envy, examine your demand on others, think first of someone else, appreciate, be kind, be gentle, laugh a little more, deserve confidence, take up arms against malice, decry complacency, express your gratitude, worship your God, gladden the heart of a child, take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth, speak your love, speak it again, speak it still again, speak it still once again.

## WELCOME NEW ROTARIAN

**Cody Michny** is a corporate associate with **Tim Harrison's Cornerstone Home Lending**.

**Jenna Irish** and **Sean Harrison** joined him. Welcome Cody, our newest club member, who has been trying to find a time to be inducted for about a year now. You are now an official Rotarian! It is customary that you get a red badge with 10 things to do to get you to a blue badge indicating that you have gained a broad understanding of Claremont Rotary, District 5300 and Rotary International.



## SERGEANT JERRY TAMBE

Sergeant Jerry's time was cut unreasonably short. He squeezed in two:

**Cody Michny** - There is a saying that there is NO free lunch, which is appropriate for today, as, there is no lunch today! As our newest member, you are being fined! You can pay anything from \$1 to \$100.

**Jenna Irish & Sean Harrison**, as fellow corporate associates, you are fined for allowing Cody to go around the office with white legs.



## MEETINGS AROUND AND ABOUT

### Travel (Virtually) to New York 6 Rotary:

#### Preparing for a New World Order

Our meeting guest for the **Oct 15** Zoom meeting (3:30 pm PT) will be Sarwar Kashmeri. A former international businessman, Professor Kashmeri currently serves as an applied research fellow at the Peace and War Center, Norwich University.

**Meeting Link** [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89947854667?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89947854667?pwd=Mm9qWFBZDWliZ0lhcEtIM3MyRTZvdz09)

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### 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>

**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!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Community Projects Chair **Lyn Childress** announced a request for volunteers from Lexi Vega, an Ameri-corp 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.



## A Special Plea For World Polio Day, Oct. 24th

### From Sylvia Whitlock PDG

Dear Rotarian,

A week or so ago, RI President Jennifer Jones and Past RI President (PRIP) John Germ, Polio plus chair Mike McGovern, and others hosted a World End Polio Now program to update everyone on the need for this big plea. I was in on the call and promised Jennifer that my club and I would not ignore this Purple Pinky Plea (when children receive the Polio inoculation their pinkies are painted purple so that future inoculators can tell if a child has been inoculated). Some of the information from that program was in the [October 2 Clarifier](#).

I am asking that each member make a special donation of \$20, \$30, \$40 or more -

Wherever your heart leads you, or less if you are not able - even \$1 can get a child inoculated!

I am looking for 100% participation from this club. I know you care. Like Malala, let's put it out there! Mail your check, marked End Polio Now, to Jim Marchant or to Buff Wright, or email me and I will pick it up. We would like to have this done so that on October 24th - World Polio Day, we will be able to tally the donations and share the Club's accomplishment with Jennifer Jones. Ask your Mom! Ask your Interactors. Ask everyone you know. The cause is important. How much more important could the cause be if you can save the life of one child? The pandemic is creating huge problems. We need to do this now!

I would appreciate if you would respond and let me know how you will respond. Please do not ignore the children whose lives and well-being depend on this. I thank you and they thank you and the world thanks you.

Martin Luther King said, "Do something for someone each day." Let this be what you do today!

Yours in defeating polio,

PDG Sylvia Whitlock





## School Board Candidate Forum, continued from p. 1

Unified School District, attending Condit, El Roble and now Claremont High School. Kathy has served on the Claremont Educational Foundation Board of Directors since 2016 and was a member of the successful Claremont Measure G bond campaign in 2016. She has been a teacher at Charter Oak High School in Covina since 1998. Kathy teaches World History, World History Honors, IB (International Baccalaureate) History of the Americas and serves as the IB and AP Coordinator. While at Charter Oak she has served as Leadership Chair, Department Chair, District Technology Committee Member and WASC Accreditation Chair.

Each of the candidates had succinct answers to their priorities for CSUD.

Bob describes his priorities as:

- Health and safety of the students and the teachers and staff who support them
- Responsible management of taxpayer dollars and advocacy for increased public school funding
- Academic success for students of all identities, backgrounds, and abilities
- Equity and inclusion is essential

Kathy outlined her priorities as:

- Educational Equity - All students should have the access and support they need to achieve individual academic success.
- Fiscal Responsibility - Thoughtful planning and decisive decision-making regarding programs, people, facilities and materials while being mindful of increasing budget challenges.
- Safety and Wellness: Address campus safety concerns, student wellness, responsible use of technology, and the need for safe and modern facilities.

Chris said that his priorities are:

- Bolster support for student social, emotional, and mental health
- Strengthen critical thinking
- Address student equity issues
- Engagement of parents

Over the course of the program each shared their vi-



sion for serving on and contributing to the CUSD.

Kathy talked about her vision by starting with immediate issues that are facing the district. She said these include distance learning, educational equity, a budget crisis, a recent ransomware attack, and declining enrollment are simultaneously impacting students, staff, teachers, and families alike. Kathy said that as challenging as these times are, they will not last forever. She wants to serve the Claremont community as a school board member who helps the district move forward. Specifically, her vision is to actively participate in strengthening the best of CUSD programs and policies and work together to find solutions to challenges that have grown out of the COVID-19 pandemic. She said that the only way to accomplish

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this in the best interests of students and staff, is for all stakeholders to work together towards common goals that are set through continuous and transparent dialogue.

Chris describes his vision by talking about the accomplishments of his father as a public school teacher and principal. He said that he wants to build on his father's legacy by use of his own experience in public education to stand up and speak up for Claremont students. Chris said that to him public education is a public trust. Yet it faces a constant struggle for resources to keep pace with need. While private fundraising closes some of this gap, locally it represents just one-fifth of one percent of an \$82 million annual budget. Public education requires public support.

Bob's vision is built around the priorities that he outlined above. In addition to those he added advocating for increased public-school funding, further enhancement of the district's positive relationship with parents, stressing teaching excellence, ensuring necessary levels of support services and continued professional development. Bob said that CUSD is fortunate to have a track record of stability and a supportive community that has demonstrated a commitment to invest in capital needs and infrastructure. Building on the success and progress of recent years, he intends to strengthen those relationships and provide continuity through collaboration and thoughtful governance.

There was much more conversation, but this provides an overview of who the candidates are and what they hope to do. For more information about them, their platforms and endorsements here are their email addresses and websites.

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**Bernadette Kendall** shows off raffle basketry for OOT

**Jerry Tambe** only got in two zingers as sergeant, a new record (it shows on his face)



**President Buff**, sunny in Portland

**Mark Carson** - ready to pin new member **Cody Michney**





## CHS INTERACT FALL REPORT

Welcome CHS Interactors, who introduced themselves.

Afiya Imam - Secretary of minutes

Alana Polanski - A sophomore representative

Carson Paul - Freshman Representative

Chelsea Lin - Senior, Treasurer

Isabelle Winnick - A junior, and president elect

Lily Nguyen - Junior representative

Melina Tisopulos - A sophomore representative

Mercer Weiss - Junior, current president,

Nora Cambell - Freshman representative

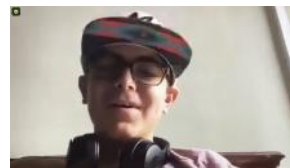
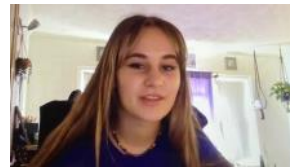
Tiffany Nguyen - A sophomore, and club Historian

President Mercer Weiss reported that Interact has a big team working together. The club meets once a month via Zoom and officers meet every two weeks. The goal is to have less Zoom time and more time doing community outreach service projects. The first Zoom meeting had 90 participants online, which was awesome, because they expected around 50 members. Thanks to the club officers getting the word out, the meeting exceeded all expectations. They have explored surrounding area online clubs for ideas about adopting to the new line format, and have come up with a list of seventeen opportunities for community volunteer projects. Interact has always been about helping the community, however, it is especially important now during COVID. Students can reach out individually to a neighbor to see whether they need help, even if it is a simple task such as walking a dog.

The next event is **Drive Away Hunger**, Sunday, November 1st., 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM @ Sotheby's parking lot at 500 W. Foothill Blvd., where they will accept your canned food items. Of course Interact volunteers will observe social distancing, mask, and gloves. Upon collection of all donated goods, they will be delivered to Inland Valley Hope Partners.

The students welcome our donations of face masks, disinfectant wipes, and gloves to help keep our student volunteers safe. These items can be delivered to Sotheby's, Sunday, October 25th at 3:00 PM.

For further information, contact Bridget Healy 909-621-3131; or email: [BHealy1070@aol.com](mailto:BHealy1070@aol.com)



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



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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 Augmented Reality Remi Del Mar, Project Manager at Epson



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



Merced County Roadside Rest Trees

Photo by Steve Schenck

Remember to participate in the auction online!



**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](http://www.claremontRotary.org)

### Join us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/RotaryofClaremont](https://www.facebook.com/RotaryofClaremont)

Club [Bylaws](#) and [Policies](#) are posted for member access on DACdb

### 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, Harry Sparrow; Meeting notes, Lark Gerry. Pictures, Steve Schenck  
The Claremont Rotary Club meets on Zoom at 12:00 on Friday until further notice*

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

**Nona Tirre, chair**

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