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CLAREMONT ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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PROGRAM: PATHWAYS AFRICA, LOWELL AND LINDA RICE

Submitted by Mike DeWees



Kebokile Dengu-Zvobgo introduced Lowell and Linda Rice from Pathways-Africa. The Rice's are both from Indiana and both attended Anderson University in Indiana. Lowell obtained a masters from the University of La Verne as they settled in Claremont. Lowell is a retired teacher and coach at Claremont High School and Linda was an administrative coach/consultant at San Bernardino County Schools. They know many of our members, and Biffy Dankwerts!

Early in their teaching years, they went to Kenya for what was supposed to be a two year teaching assignment. They ended up staying for seven years, learned Swahili and raised two boys in rural communities, often without electricity or running water. The experience changed their worldview and they fell in love with the continent and the people. When they returned to Claremont, they started taking safari groups over for photo tours. They have now been doing this for 35 years and have taken hundreds of people on safari trips.

"We would tell our people that one of your two suitcases is ours and we would fill them up with school supplies and hygiene supplies for the villages we visited," Lowell said.

These tours and supply distribution trips were the start



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Watch it!!

You can hear this program at about **45 minutes into the meeting**. Here's a link to the [Gallery view](#) and [Speaker view](#) Passcode: Pathways1!
It will be available until 10/30

Next Zoom Meeting

October 1
Camp Bravo

[ZOOM LINK](#)

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ROTARY, THE (ZOOM) MEETING

submitted by Jim Lehman

President Mark Carson rang the bell; **Cameron Troxell** offered us the “Smile” song; and we enjoyed some fellowship time in our half-dozen breakout rooms. Upon our return, Cameron did another turn at the keyboard with the Welcome Song, joined by some clinking glasses toward the end.



WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIAN!

John Tulac introduced his guest, **Chris O'Mahony**, who has a local heating and air conditioning business. **Bill Gershon** joined the meeting, and has become such a regular part of our proceedings he seems more like a member than a guest. Rotarian **Biffy Dankwerts from South Africa** joined us too!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nona Tirre reminded us of the All-Club BBQ Social at 4 pm on October 17th at her house. Sign up details to follow. (Also see p. 5-6 re pop-up BBQ!)

Lyn Childress announced a Crossroads-sponsored event—Dr. Barbara Ferrer, the Health Director for LA County, will be leading a Zoom chat tomorrow, September 25. Lyn will send details via a Pmail blast. (This event was postponed)

President **Mark Carson** relayed that the Parents Booster Club for CHS Football is looking for help running the snack bar at home games so they can enjoy the game—Kiwanis and Rotary have pitched in to help in the past, and there's an opportunity for us to contribute. Let him know if you are available. It involves flipping burgers and running the snack bar.

John Tulac told us we have applied for a District Grant to purchase backpacks and school supplies for high school students in need. We have funds already allocated to jump start the project as we await the District Grant approval. We will get together once this semester and again next semester to assemble the supplies and backpacks. There will also be a get-together including Rotarians and Interact students to discuss how to identify students in need and engage them, while preserving and protecting their dignity and confidentiality. Interested in participating in this worthy venture? Contact [John Tulac](#).

Next, John announced we have a number of members getting close to a Paul Harris recognition, so he'll be in touch to keep you aware of what remains to be done to get you there, and he'll also reach out to new members to get them started on their first. Finally, John reminded us that on the RI website is a link to [MyRotary](#), where you can update your information, make contributions, etc. As he reviewed our club's presence there, he found we're in the vicinity of 50% participation when we should be at 100%. So if you get a chance, go to the [RI](#)

INSPIRATION OF THE DAY

By Frank Hungerford

Frank Hungerford talked about the Object of Rotary, which is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise, and in particular, to encourage and foster: 1) the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; 2) high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society; 3) the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life; and 4) the advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace to a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



[website](#) and check it out. If you have any difficulty navigating the RI space, let John know and he will walk you through it.

Peace Conference October 23 (virtual)

Mark Carson reminded us to save the date! **PDG Sylvia Whitlock** seconded the reminder. Speakers are wonderful. It's free; it's online, no travel, no excuses! Registration for the District Peace Conference is : <https://district5300.org/peace-conference/> During the conference there will be two competitions for youth: Art for Peace (K-12), and Youth Ambassadors for Peace (high school only). It's open to all students; no need to be an Interact member.

World Polio Day - October 24, 2021

Last year we raised \$1800 for World Polio Day. What will we do for this year's World Polio Day? **We can register our club's participation** in World Polio Day. We'll learn how Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs around the world are taking action to eradicate polio, when they register their activities by October 14.

There have been no wild Polio outbreaks across the globe since January, which is great news.

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of Pathways-Africa which they established in 2009 as a non-profit humanitarian Christian organization. They have grown the organization to serve communities in Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa and Zimbabwe. As a result of a project establishing the first school for special needs kids in Kenya, the Kenyan government now provides special education programs for them. Lowell recalls that our club was involved in an early book project for Tanzania.

Linda enlisted a teacher at MtSac Community College who taught a sewing class to make shirts and dresses for their project. That class has produced so many contributions, which they have taken to Zimbabwe over the years.

The focus of their presentation today was on sanitary products for girls and women. Linda asked a priest in Zimbabwe what their greatest need was, and he said sanitary hygiene products. Linda was impressed that a man was identifying a health need for women. The women at MtSac researched and contacted a group in Bellingham, WA, "Days for Girls" that had a pattern for washable, waterproof sanitary napkins. And the project began!

Africa has one of the youngest populations in the world with nearly 50 percent under the age of 15. Often, school age girls miss one out of every four weeks of schools due to improper care of their monthly cycle, which is devastating to their education and development. Even worse, many develop tetanus infections from using improper materials and die from lack of medical care.

Pathways-Africa started by making sanitary kits in the US and taking them to Africa. They now have created a micro-enterprise in Victoria Falls where women now create the kits in a small workspace. This way the women involved can support their families and ensure that their daughters can go to school. Pathways has bought property and is beginning to build out a much larger production facility to increase capacity. In addition they have great support in California with sewing ladies in commu-

nity centers and churches and other non-profits. The group has registered as a non-profit, Pathways Women Empowerment and Girl Child Support ([project link](#)). All fabric is donated and though the kits cost about \$10, they are distributed free, often by donkey cart to more rural areas. It can be a challenge!



The local organization's CEO is a man named Trymore! Having a man in a leadership role may seem odd, but it has been an advantage for the organization as it also draws the attention of men in government and he supports teaching boys about girl's health.

Trips to Zimbabwe have been curbed during the pandemic and Linda said that they have hundreds of dresses and sanitary kits ready to be distributed. She showed us one of the kits. They include 10 washable sanitary pads and holders. Also included are two holders with snaps, two pairs of panties and washcloths, soap, and Ziplock bags so they can carry soiled napkins home or to a river to wash them.

Pathways Africa has expanded to several enterprises that assist with school supplies, clothing, computer labs, textbooks, water tanks, athletic equipment and building of kitchens and classrooms in schools.

Before Lowell went to Zimbabwe in July, he had been contacted by Claremont resident Paul Simonian to help deliver clean water to villages in need. Lowell set his people into motion and they found villages needing a well. They went to a very modern drilling company in Victoria Falls, which found water in two villages with a divining rod. They then created two high flow wells that produce thousands of gallons of water an hour and have revolutionized the villages for growing and selling crops and provides a convenient water source for families versus making long multiple trips to the river. ([See a video of their joy!](#))



Lowell thanked the Club for past support and he looks forward to a bright future. Mark commented that this



Sergeant Nona Tirre

Sergeant Tirre, wearing 3-D zoom glasses, gave **Biffy Dankwerts**, joining us from Claremont, SA, a big hello; no fine.



President **Mark Carson** got to make it a fine day for confusing others by clinking his glass at the wrong time (Smile song) instead of when it has traditionally been employed (Welcome Song).

Frank Hungerford, who will be celebrating 50 years with Claremont Rotary in a few days, got recognition for this fine accomplishment. Frank noted that if he were to live as long as Claremont Rotarian **Stan Barnes** (who died earlier this year at age 98), he would be in the club for another 20 years! Well, why not?



Cameron and Barbara Troxell's daughter will be giving a presentation at a Catholic liturgical conference at Notre Dame University. What an opportunity to brag and be fine with it.



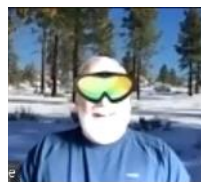
Karen Sapio, now that you are no longer paying two sets of college tuition and can again afford to go to the Hollywood Bowl--in this case to see YoYo Ma--you seem to be a fine candidate, indeed.



John Tulac was singled out for missing an opportunity to fine Nona last week when he was Sergeant. It had something to do with her deep knowledge about Zoom streaking; anyway, John argued it was Nona's deep knowledge that should be fined, but re his having missed his opportunity, she was not about to miss hers: he gets to pay her fine. (This is getting convoluted.)



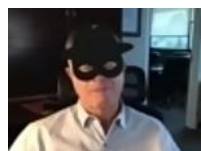
Jerry Tambe, who has been sporting a Claremont Cross Country T-shirt (and by purchasing it supporting the CHS X-Country Team), showed himself to be a fine fellow, indeed.



Susie Ilsley, who was visiting grandchildren in multiple locations in Colorado, involving lots of driving miles and a number of football games, has spent much of this week recuperating, which sounds like a fine idea.



Jeff Wilson, for having Condit Elementary no longer listed as an outbreak school, was recognized as a fine administrator.



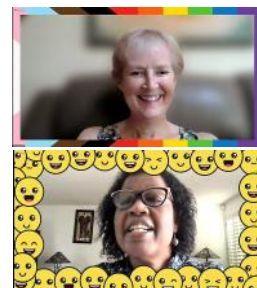
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inspirational story of moving into a business model is a wonderful way to empower girls. This is a current focus of Rotary International. As **Lucinda McDade** told Mark, girls hold up the sky for the rest of us.

Linda informed the group that the kits would cost \$10 for professional women, but are given to girls in schools. Right now all the fabric is donated here in the US, and then Lowell and Linda and others take it in suitcases to Africa.

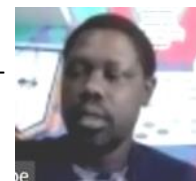
Lowell explained that the plans for the building are with an architect. The building itself doesn't require a big expense; the cost of building, sewing machines, solar panels and other supplies is being assessed.

Past President **Buff Wright** and **Kebokile Dengu-Zvobgo** are going to join the Rice's on their November trip to Victoria Falls and then Buff will continue on to Capetown to visit **Biffy Dankwerts** and see what **Doug McGoon's** donation for the [Isiphiwo Public Primary School](#) (a project also supported by Pathways Africa) has created. Bring an extra suitcase, Buff!



Kebokile said she is working on proposal for global grant that will involve a partnership with Pathways Africa and the Rotary Club of Victoria Falls. The project would involve making the kits, introducing sewing of kits into school curriculum, and drilling bore holes to ensure a fresh water supply.

Francis Limbe brought up the need for teaching English in refugee camps in Africa to further development. Pathways hasn't been involved, but acknowledged the need.

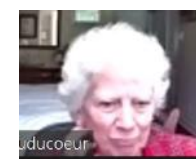


Francis and **John Tulac** are working on a global grant for the projects Francis has been working on in South Sudan with Bari Community Global. John appealed to the club that the committee could use more help as there is a lot involved with processing these projects.

Linda shared that she is reading a John Grisham novel titled *Sooley* about a member of the Bari Community.

More information and videos on [Pathways Africa online](#).

Finally, **Pat Hauducoeur**, who is a pretty skillful pilot of her electric 3-wheel chair scooter, won the speed demon of the week award from Nona, who clocked her on the stopwatch and pronounced it a fine result.





Mark Carson

Claremont Rotary
President

2021-2022



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Oct 1	Camp Bravo, Matt Lara
Oct 8	South Africa School Project, Biffy Dankwerts
Oct 15	Rotary Peace Conference, Mike Drebe



Rotary

Claremont Rotary Club
Pop-Up Community BBQ

A Covid-Safe Drive-Thru Event

Sunday, October 10

11:30 am – 4:30 pm

Wheeler Steffen Sotheby's Parking Lot
500 W. Foothill Blvd., Claremont

Featuring Award-Winning Baby Back Ribs, Dino Beef Bones, BBQ Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, Craft Beer, and Specialty Cocktails

Someone listened to me! No Pork!

We are close to eradicating Polio! Feed the virtual pig.

Send fines and donations [here](#) or mail your check to
PO Box 357
Claremont 91711



Bacon Bits

Let's fill up the pig!

A fundraising event for the local community! Encourage your friends to pre-order their food and drink online and then drive-through the parking lot on October 10 to pick up their items. Many thanks to Nona Tirre and her husband Jason Miranda for doing the cooking, and to Stephen Juliar for making and donating a wonderful craft beer just for the occasion, as well as arranging for the creation of a specialty cocktail from a local source.

Soon it will be live online at rotaryoutonthetown.com.

Website

Information about the club and back editions of this newsletter are always available on [DACdb](#) and www.claremontRotary.org

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September Birthdays

Dennis Smith 9/3
Barbara Troxell 9/10
Arman Ariane 9/14
Bobby Hyde 9/19
Bridget Healy 9/22
Steve Schenck 9/22
Gail Sparks 9/22
Steve Juliar 9/23



Sergeants committee
gathers before each meeting by email.

Anyone is welcome to share information!!

Nona Tirre, chair

Clarifier Committee

Mike DeWees
Bill Burrows
Beatrice Casagran
Sean Harrison
Bobby Hyde
Jim Lehman
Steve Schenck
Chris Hayes Shaner
Harry Sparrow
Peter Weinberger
Buff Wright, editor

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The Claremont Rotary Club meets on Zoom at 12:00 on Friday until Nov. 5



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Order In Advance at: rotaryoutonthetown.com

Then Pick-up Your Food and Drink on Oct. 10

BBQ Plate (1/4 rack, baked beans, mac & cheese) **\$20**

Whole Rack of Ribs ----- **\$30**

Dino (Giant Beef) Bone ----- **\$40**

Craft Beer (Marzen/Bavarian Lager) ----- **\$5**

Monte Carlo Cocktail (Rye Whiskey) ----- **\$8**

Proceeds from this event will benefit more than 25 local and international charitable organizations and projects.

