

From the Editor's Desk:

This week we heard from a man who knows about membership, Ron Holtz. He gave us a number of ideas that we certainly need to explore. He is sending us some additional information from RI, which should be useful as well. Whenever any of us contact an associate in the community, we need to consider them as a possible member. Without membership we have no club.

Secondly, we need to think of people to whom we can sell our raffle tickets. Sell, sell, sell.

We'll connect with you on the web next week. The Zoom address is: 621257872. Give it to a friend who might be a potential member.

Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

The speaker, on October 7th 1964, was P.K. Saunders, a partner of the Kimberley Diamond Mines of South Africa. The talk was fascinating with their scramble for diamonds, the tricks played to see who would get them, and the counter measures taken by the owners all made for an amusing picture of human nature at work.



Although they had dug into the earth one mile deep, our speaker assured the club that they still hadn't found any signs of China.

Tary

Ron Holtz Addressed us with that Perennial Problem of Membership: He Challenged us with the District Goal of two net New Members per Club this Rotary Year--

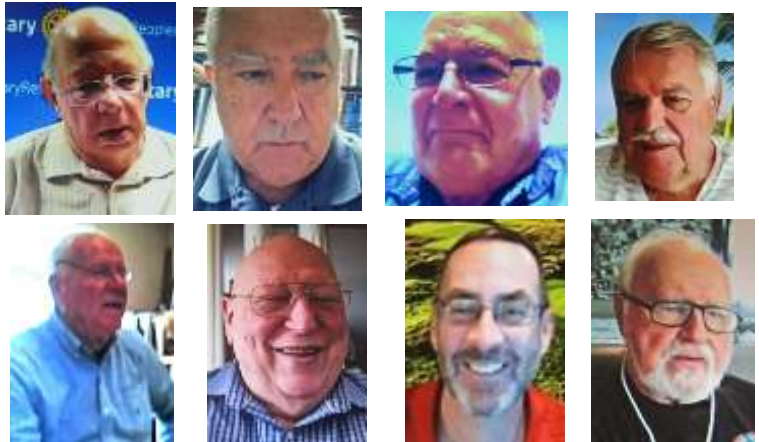
Membership is the life blood of Rotary. We need to focus on this, like we never have before. We heard a lot we knew, but a lot we just didn't think of.

Ron suggested that we identify the leaders of every business we can, and encourage the owners to join or have them identify a member of their firm that would be a good member. He felt we should put some pressure on WestConn to provide a member since we have given them thousands of dollars through our Scholarship program. He also mentioned local politicians who are a club natural, and emphasized the importance of a Membership Chairman. The idea of talking with other clubs who have been successful in recruitment was also mentioned.

We need to think outside the box. We need to be creative, and Rotary must be fun. The programs need to be a draw to members. Finally, we need more younger members. A club can not be sustained by a small group of elderly men and women. We need to grow the club. Let's get going.



Our Attendees were 1 to r: Jeff Kass, Barry Rickert, Peter Maier, Ray Kish, Tary Tarlton, Bob Vetter, Frank Scahill, and Ralph Welsh. Mark Havira was voice only.



Rotary 

Most Financially Sound
Largest
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Whose flag is recognized in more
Countries than any other flag in the world.

Every minute of every day Rotary:

- * Feeds someone
- * Houses someone
- * Vaccinates someone
- * Performs surgery on someone
- * Comforts someone
- * Provides clean water to someone

THIS IS ROTARY!

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Life is Somewhat Different, Now:

- When we went to the grocery store, they said masks and gloves were enough, but when we entered, everyone also had clothes on.
- Our cleaning lady is now virtual, but she's real good at telling us what to do.
- The first night without sports, I talked at length to my wife. She seems really nice. Apparently she works in the medical field, and guess what? The TV goes black when it's off.
- When most of the stores were out of paper towels and toilet tissue, one store had a big sign in the window advertising they had some. When we went inside, they had a stack of logs with a sign indicating it was both toilet tissue and paper towels—but some assembly was required.
- The virus must be creating problems in India. I haven't received one call, lately, telling me my auto warranty has expired.
- The virus is quite nasty, but provides an attractive pattern for earrings.
- A vaccine for the virus is close at hand--if you are calculating the time in dog years
- Nebraska is the only state they believe funnel clouds are a greater threat than the virus, but wheat blight is second

Sadly, just learned that the president and first lady are Covid-19 positive. We would never make light of their tragic situation, and fervently wish them well. *The Editor*

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No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06

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Virtual Luncheon Speakers:

10/7 Richard Land, Elder Law

11/11 Alyson Marcucio, Elder Financial Abuse

The Utter Stupidity of Youth:

Last week a herd of goats blocked the rural road ahead of us in Redding, which reminded me of our honeymoon drive from San Francisco to Warm Lake, Idaho in the summer of 1959. My wife, Jane, would be serving as a lifeguard at her grandmother's plunge for the last time, after doing it for a number of years. It was after midnight, it was warm, the top was down, and the road deserted, so I foolishly pushed our baby

blue Ford convertible up to 90 mph for several hours killing dozens of jackrabbits while both of us were singing along the way. Suddenly an image showed up in the headlights and I barely missed a large cow. Shaken, I slowed down to 30 mph, came over the crest of a hill---and the road was filled with cattle.

Moral of the story? Learn to expect the unexpected and always obey the law. *The Editor*

