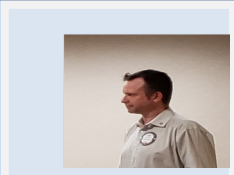


March 5, 2021

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### This Weeks Program

**Deserterian Reporter: Frank Peabody**

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Victoria Bentley presented her Grant, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Builavu Mwangaza, located in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The Grant includes the Pygmie Water Project for Peace, benefiting 10,000 Pygmies, who were displaced by the government to create a National Park for tourism growth. Victoria, sadly stated that the Pygmies are looked down upon by the local culture and received no enumeration for their vacated homeland. They are in dire straits of vanishing, ending the only true Indigenous peoples of this eastern Congo region.

This program, also supports the Congo Peace School, totaling 500 students and staff. The goal is to provide education for young students, an adequate clean water supply, growing local food, and many educational programs through the school for the Pygmie population.

Victoria's goal is to involve our local Rotary Clubs in this humanitarian venture. She continues to foster lasting and meaningful friendships with the Baklava Rotary Club and local leadership. Victoria exemplifies Service Above Self.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Frank thanked all for their participation in the Tour de Palm Springs Raffle, raising \$640 for our Club. Congratulations to Carole Rogers for winning a gift certificate to Target. Darn, we had several members wishing to win the E-Bike, but it went to some other lucky winner!
- Join us on Zoom each week at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86373052286>

Meeting ID: 863 7305 2286

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries for March

Member Birthdays	Birthday	
Keller, Daniel R. (DANIEL)	3/28/21	
Raffer, Paul Kenneth MD (PAUL)	3/13/21	
Wachs, Jacqueline Campagne (JACQUE)	3/16/21	
Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Alderman, David (DAVID)	3/19/97	24
Allan, Robert C. (BOB)	3/4/64	57
Saunders, Ryan (RYAN)	3/5/14	7

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