

Birthdays

John James
Knutsen
May 19th
Martin Gomez
June 10th
Tim Dugan
June 10th

Wedding Anniversaries

Judith Noyes
June 3rd
Edward K. Farver
June 7th

Meeting Notes May 11 2023

By Dean Tibbetts
Greeter - Holly Farris

Moment of Reflection - Joyce Edelson provided information about the history behind Mother's Day. See Pages 18-20 of the May issue of Rotary for the full story.

Attendance - There were 41 active club members and honorary club members attending in person. An additional 5 were attending via ZOOM. In addition there were seven guests. The guests included from the American Legion, Bill Bracco, Christine Bracco, Julian Bracco, and incoming American Legion Commander, Joe Melhorn. From the Storytrail Foundation, Treasurer Martha House. And from Continental School, Principal DeAnna Cuevas and her daughter, Chloe.

Presentations - The Valle Verde Rotary Foundation presented a \$300 check to the American Legion to support the Cub Scout Christmas Wreath program. The Scouts honor military veterans who have passed away by placing a wreath on each grave and saying the person's name and pertinent service information.



Continental School Superintendent Roxana Rico presented a gift of peace books to the Continental School Peace Library. Accepting the books were Principal DeAnna Cuevas and her daughter, Chloe, who is an Ambassador for Peace.

Moe Raso presented a Rotary Club flag from the Rotary Club of Entebbe in Uganda. The club was chartered January 1988 and is in District 9214.

Announcements -

- President Susan Horton emailed on May 11 a list of the announcements. Susan wishes to note the May 18, 2023 meeting program speaker will be Debbie Chavez, Libraries for the World: Improving Literacy in Communities Around the Globe. Roxana Rico will present Continental School State of the District on May 25.

- **Fisher House IMMEDIATELY following meeting on Thursday, May 18. If you would like to donate items, we suggest: Fry's Gift cards, Coffee (pod type), hot cups, paper towels, and cleaning supplies.**
- Tasty Tuesday will be at Triple Play on Thursday, May 18 at 4:30.
- Mary Fisher announced the Interact Club held its end of the year party.

50/50 Drawing - The ticket of Marie Mantia was drawn. The pot total was \$5,325. Marie drew the three of diamonds.

Program - Peace Heroism and the Four Way Test, Jerry Leggett and Dr. Jose Lopez

Michele Lewis and Tom Cooke introduced our program presenters. Michele indicated they wanted a program of practical ways peace is part of our everyday lives. She quoted from a book by Father Gregory Boyle, that "Only the soul that ventilates the world with kindness and tenderness will change the world."



Jerry and Dr. Lopez are members of Tubac Rotary Club. Jerry has spent 40 years managing non-profit peace organizations. Dr. Lopez has been a K-12 educator and a Cal State administrator for 25 years.

Their topic was a message about how we can promote peace in the world in practical ways.

Jerry played a video celebrating the Storytrail Garden in Tubac, a labyrinth featuring peace heroes and the Four Way Test.

Dr. Lopez defined a Peace Hero as one who is an everyday person who accepts risk and succeeds in making the world less violent and more just. A Peace Hero reflects peace in everyday life, does not seek recognition, wants to be engaged advocating for other people.

There are five ideals of Peace Heroes: Recognize interconnections with others in the community, Promote Justice and Peace, Reject Vengeance, Foster Friendship and Reconciliation, and Practice Service.

Three examples of Peace Heroes are Laura Romero at St Andrews Clinic, Bud Eckert who preserves the Anza Trail and Southern Arizona history, and Lika Mejia founder of Casa De La Misericordia, a hospice for families seeking asylum.

We were asked to think about who are Peace Heroes in our lives. In order to tell the story of Peace Heroes it was necessary to relate their stories to the Four away Test, and that is done through the Storytrail Garden in Tubac.

What is the truth of what is going on in our world? And is it fair to all concerned? What can we do to address the conditions creating injustice in our world? How can we be agents of change? Quoting Dr Cornell West, "Love is what justice looks like in public."

Each table was asked to discuss the Four Way Test and what we can do to create a world that is more just. Each group discussed and reported back:

- Having respect for love to come forward. Recognizing humanity and that we all share values binding each other.
- How do we respond to problems. Feeding people is a way of connecting people.
- Listening to others and considering all sides of issues affecting us.
- Focus on Service Above Self not on me and developing positive relationships.

Dr. Lopez closed with the statement, "Education is the biggest peacemaker."

Next Week - Debbie Chavez, Libraries for the World