

## President Zatuilla Nara's Weekly Bulletin May 24, 2022

Good morning,

I hope everyone had a peaceful weekend.

Connie, I really enjoyed learning about your top ten list- including you, your family, work experience. I loved receiving the sunflower seeds. Jackie had given some to her former suite mate.

Although I missed the visioning event, I heard from a little bird that a significant number of Rotarians participated and there were great ideas that the club could implement.

I have to admit that sometimes, I struggle writing the weekly updates. Today is one of those days. My mind races. Should I talk about the corpse flower, pan and coconut shell discovered amongst my parents' things, Eva Moses Kor and Candles Holocaust Museum, hate crimes, and Ukraine?

My friend picked Jackie and me from the Dane County Regional airport. She mentioned the hot topic of Olbrich Botanical Gardens' *Amorphophallus titanum* #060051, (corpse flower), a plant native to the Indonesian island of Sumatra. 3,400 people stood in line for up to 4 hours to witness this rare botanical event and smell the flower which mimics the putrid stench of rotting flesh. Around ten years ago, my parents marveled at everyone's interest in seeing the flowers bloom. My parents had books about Indonesian plants in Dutch and English. In February, I discovered in my parents' house a pan and coconut shell engraved in Chinese characters. My Opa (grandfather in Dutch) was held captive with thousands of other Indonesian and Dutch civilians who were incarcerated when Indonesia fell to Japan in 1942. At the prisoner of war camp, my grandfather had his friends etch the pan with Chinese poems or sayings.

A couple of weeks ago, Jackie and I visited my high school friend and her family for an amazing dinner (pizza and salad). We talked about traveling, getting robbed in Paris, our degrees, and the English monarch. We joked about some things and also had serious conversations. My friend, her parents and siblings immigrated to the United States when my friend was young. We shared our concerns about elderly Asians being attacked in the US.

A former Rotarian's daughter works at Candles Holocaust Museum. Quote for the week: "The light of one single candle can illuminate the darkness of the entire universe. Use your light to illuminate some dark corner of the world." -Eva Kor, Holocaust Survivor and Forgiveness Advocate

Please join us today to hear about Cathy and Jim Libey's amazing travels in Tanzania and how they impacted the Maasai communities. Hope to see you today.

With gratitude,  
Zatuilla