

President Zatuilla Nara's Weekly Bulletin June 21, 2022

Good morning,

I was at a loss as to what to write today. However, this morning I listened to Michael O' Brien, Pause Breathe Reflect (PBR) Movement and his featured nonprofit for the day, Nurses House. The development officer for Nurses House spoke about their logo of a dolphin. She explained that dolphins swim together, protect each other, and hunt for food together. If one of the dolphins gets hurt, they will not leave it behind. It's the philosophy of that particular nonprofit organization.

During the time when my parents passed away, I went up to the kitchen(or stage) of the PBR meditation room and I was in tears and I told them my mom passed away, and then 3 or 4 days later I explained that my dad had also passed away. What was incredible is that people went up to the kitchen and expressed words of condolences, or just came up to sit with me, and said they loved me. It didn't matter whether we had the same political and religious beliefs. Or even that we have never met. They were there and helped me through the tough times and celebrated during joyous occasions.

My parents immigrated to the US with us to create a better life. They essentially left their friends/families, culture, and all that was familiar to them behind. Going from a tropical climate to frigid temperatures was tough. Money was also tight. As I planned my parents' celebration of life, it was evident that many people from the neighborhood cared about my parents. A lot of people showed up with two or three dishes.

Carol and I had a discussion about potlucks. In Asian countries, potlucks aren't that common. Ok, I am digressing and I may have lost some of you in the first paragraph. The celebration was perfect (cool weather, amazing conversations, and delicious food) and my parents' community came together (Indonesians, the neighbors, and former classmates) to honor them. We borrowed coolers, tables and chairs from our neighbors.

I leaned on my friends. One of my friends came on Sunday and helped me sort through the books and helped identify weeds. Another friend came over for a walk and brought some ice cream. I know that I've used this quote previously..."If you want to go fast go alone, if you want to go far go together." - African Proverb.

Today's speaker will be Chris Dwiten, Jefferson City Public Schools spokesperson. Chris will tell us about many developments taking place

Installation Dinner- Please join us next week as I pass the baton to Jeanne Lair and her new officers at Mcclung Park Pavilion on June 28th. A barbecue dinner will be provided for each JC evening Rotarian and spouse/guest. Costs for each additional guest will be \$12.50.

The social will start at 6:00 pm, and then dinner and program. Please let us know if you will or will not be attending and any guests who will be attending with you. Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 21 by text or calling (573) 338-8901 or send Cathy an email to clibey@live.com

Habitat House - There will be an open house on July 15th from 5:00 to 5:30 and then the ceremony will start at 5:30 (last about 30 minutes). Thanks for volunteering your time for this project.

See you soon and have an amazing day.

With gratitude,

Zatuilla