



CREATE HOPE in the WORLD Rotary



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Invocation:

Michael Koppenhafer

Pledge:

Edward Buenaga

If you missed us last week we congratulated **Jeff Conn** on receiving his blue badge. Nice work! Our guest speaker was John Laurence founder of Empowerment Media, a not-for-profit organization that aims to empower and motivate people to live their best lives through entertainment. Empowerment Media is passionate about helping young people succeed in life. The goal of their curricula is to inspire youth of all ages through entertaining and thought-provoking resources that engage them in creative ways. Their strategies are evidence based, positive, and life changing. John alongside his wife have created, produced and directed over 100 episodes of four network quality



adventure reality television series developed to empower teens and young adults. Last Year the U.S. Surgeon General issued a dire advisory, bringing to the public's attention a loneliness and isolation epidemic in our country. Research in this report confirms that young people are extremely disconnected from each other and often lack the communication skills necessary for crucial face-to-face conversations. Most recently, the Laurence's have created and produced their first video curriculum entitled the TWO@ATIME PROJECT. By having more positive face-to-face conversations, young people of all ages will create connections and gain a greater understanding of each other by learning to listen, ask good questions, appreciate each other, show empathy, and ultimately find common ground. It will soon be seen internationally as a television series and used as a curriculum by youth organizations across the U.S.

June 20th: Program:



Picture networking not as a web of transactions, but as a supportive community, one that enriches both your professional and personal life.

Here's the key: view networking as an opportunity to build meaningful connections and give back to others. Here's how to embrace this approach:

The "Giving" Mentality: Offer your time and expertise without

expecting anything in return. Whether it's offering a virtual coffee chat for advice or sharing resources, put helpfulness first.

Go Deeper: Whenever someone asks for help or guidance, offer a real call or in-person meeting if possible. Personal connection goes beyond an email exchange. On the flip-side, don't be shy to reach out to others to ask for advice, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

The Power of Reciprocation: The support and generosity you extend to others comes back tenfold.

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Rotary International President-elect **Stephanie Urchick** announced that the 2024-25 presidential theme is *The Magic of Rotary* and called on members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives.

"Don't misunderstand me – we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words," Urchick told incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly on 8 January. "It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."

Urchick urged members to champion Rotary's Action Plan, find a balance between continuity and change, and work for peace. She plans to host a presidential peace conference in 2025 with the theme "Healing in a Divided World."

"I hope you'll join me in opening your arms to future people of action, even if – and in some cases, especially if – they don't look or act like the typical member of your local club," she said. "With DEI, it is easier to be united in a common purpose. It's in those moments when we are committed and focused that we are the most effective and relevant."

June/ Early July Speakers & Upcoming Events

- June 18th/19th:** HEAL Surf Camp
- June 20th:** Beyond the Business Card
- June 27th:** Installing our new President! Club Awards
- July 4th:** *NO MEETING* - Enjoy the 4th of July Holiday!
- July 11th:** Club Assembly
- July 16th:** Board Meeting

Board meetings are held every third Tuesday from 7:30-8:30am at Vicars Landing-upstairs in their conference room. Red badgers are encouraged to attend!

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Rotary Foundation's grant applications for 2024 are now closed!
We plan to conduct the selection process in late June, and you will receive a response by July 5th.
Successful applicants can expect to receive their grants starting July 11th.



HEAL Surf Camp is this week! Thank you to everyone who is volunteering their time talent and treasure. Don't forget to snap some pics and send them my way!