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Program: Rotary Foundation in Action

Submitted by Buff Wright

John Tulac, our Foundation Chair, was invited to present who and what we are as a rotary club and our part in the mission of Rotary International, which is realized in part through the Foundation. We're all familiar with the Four Way Test. Another source of our mission is found in the Object of Rotary, which is a statement of our high aspirations and what makes it possible for us to do what we do.

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideals of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster the following:

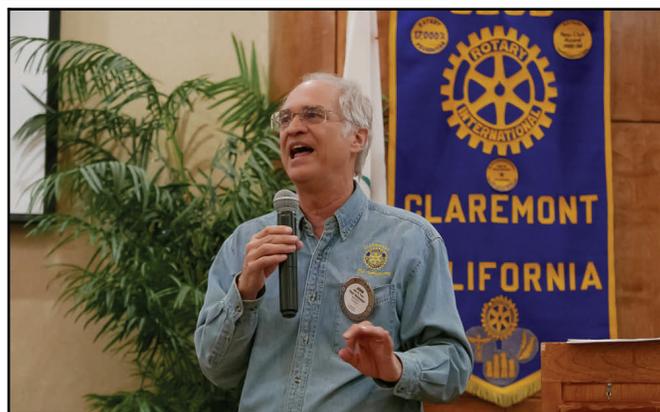
FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The quarterly billing statement and budget give us more information about what we do as a Club. The billing statement provides the dues, some of which goes to Rotary international and brings you the Rotarian and other resources of RI. That and the meals bill are operational. The bottom part of the bill represents the optional recommended amounts for your contributions. Some of you give to RI directly, and some appear not to give anything to the foundation – donations are at the members' discretion, and we appreciate that there are variations in financial ability among us. We hope that having a better understanding of where the money goes will encourage you to consider Rotary in your philanthropic giving. We recommend \$150 a year to Paul Harris, \$20 to Polio Plus, and \$200 a year to the local club.



In many respects, giving of your time or money converts you from being a member of Rotary to being a Rotarian. We often talk about having a Rotary moment that changes your perspective to your contribution of time and money to Rotary. John noted that his moment was the wheelchair project of a Past District Governor. He "purchased" wheelchairs. He received a picture of the people who received wheelchair, and put them up with decorations at Christmas. His "ah ha" moment came when his daughters said they now understood what Rotary is about.

The Budget for the Club Foundation Account includes all the things we have chosen to do for the year, both elective and required. It is a remarkable list of projects and reflects a lot of the wonderful things the club is engaged in. [attach]

Online Resource

DACdb is the online source for information about our club and district. While John did not cover its uses, he encouraged all to create a mobile link to it on your smartphone. See [Sept 7 \(iphone\)](#) and [Sept 14 \(android\)](#) editions of the Clarifier for instructions. (If you're still in flip phone mode, you can create a bookmark on your computer. If you're not even there, your paper directory has great information about the club, members and programs!

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Claremont Rotary: The Meeting

(submitted by Harry Sparrow)

Ron Coleman clanged the bell and asked **Randy Prout** to lead the group in our Claremont Rotary song, the Pledge of Allegiance and *God Bless America*.

Inspiration for the Day

by John Howland

Albert Einstein – “Try not to become a person of success, but rather be a person of value.” And Mae West – “You only live once, but, if you do it right, once is enough.”

Welcome Visiting Rotarians and Guests!

Chuck Carpenter asked any visiting Rotarians to introduce themselves and asked the sponsoring members to introduce their guests.

This week we had one visiting Rotarian, Steve Hammitt of the Claremont Sunrise club who introduced himself. He said a few words about the co-sponsored Fall Social BBQ last weekend.

Susie Ilsley introduced her guest, Susan Shepley-Perez who is a certified mortgage-planner. **Bridget Healy** introduced Ed Reece, who is running for the Claremont City Council.

Announcements

Sylvia Whitlock announced that children from her school, City of Knowledge, raised \$265 for Polio Day by holding a bake sale. Sylvia explained it began with her idea to place a box for Polio Day contributions by the teachers. She went to the school principal with the idea. She endorsed it but suggested that they tell the students about it, too, and give them the assignment to raise funds. This led the students setting up the bake sale. A group of the students attended our meeting and were introduced by having each tell one fact they know about polio. Sylvia said that another \$80 had been raised via contributions in the box she put out.

Speaking of World Polio Day, **Ron Coleman** reminded us that the 6th annual World Polio Day will be hosted in Philadelphia October 24. It will be streamed live from the College of Physicians at 3:30 PM PDT. You can watch the event live on either your computer or smartphone; go to <https://www.rotary.org/en/how-watch-world-polio-day-2018-livestream> to find instructions on how to do this. As a reminder, World Polio Day was established by Rotary International over a decade ago to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis.

Tom Shelley reminded us of the *Bill's Bikes for Kids* program. He encouraged us to offer contributions to the program. He said that the cost of the bike, helmet and lock package has increased by 25% from last year; it now is \$125. If you have the

Photos by Steve Schenck



Dr. Haleema Shaikley, Principal of City of Knowledge School, captures her students' presentation, with Marla Lefler and Kebokile Dengu-Zvobgo looking on.

Rotary Foundation, continued

“My Rotary” is a personalized link to the RI website that is even more useful, and includes information about your giving and Paul Harris awards and the like. You will need your email address and RI member number (on the label of your Rotarian magazine) to log in.

On the RI Website, take a look at “[About Rotary: Our Foundation](#).” It tells about how the foundation works —a resource for describing it to others. *Anyone* can contribute to the Rotary Foundation and its causes. It’s a stable, well recognized charity that spends 91% on direct services and programs. That’s well above the average!

Rotary’s causes cover 6 areas of focus to “build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever.” They include promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. We should feel very proud that our club is involved in all aspects. As we get close to eradicating polio (maintenance will need to continue), RI is looking at the next key campaign, possibly a move toward water and sanitation projects. Water borne diseases kill millions each year. There has been approximately an 80% reduction in infant deaths due to impure or no water. There should be something in the 6 focus areas that appeal to each of us.

There are so many ways we can participate in the RI causes. We are a giving club, not just of money, but also time and talent. We are an involved club, and each of us is involved in our communities and careers. John noted that he has bent his law practice toward peace making – mediation and deal making rather than litigation. Another way to bring peace is to bring people out of poverty, and energy plays a role. We can afford to shift from fossil fuels to renewable, but in developing countries, they still need the basics. So we can help by providing infrastructure. It’s good for all! We can also help by promoting the development of a system of the rule of law, a set of rules that are uniform and consistently applied, and an impartial judiciary.

We have learned through the years that it is not good enough to have good intentions, i.e., “You need this and we’re going to give it to you.” Rotary projects must be bottom up (“we need this and could use your help”) and must be sustainable. We don’t have all the answers, and engagement by local people and commitment to sustainability at the local level are critical to keep a project going. A good example are two water project in Uganda we were involved in that is still operating successfully and transformed those villages. John then described a nearby water pump project that, after it was completed, nearby villagers who didn’t have a well came to “steal” water. In response, the community built a wall, which escalated tensions. A group of local nuns helped mediate dispute and took down the wall...you get the picture!

John had much more to say! The RI website is a great resource for information about supported programs, applications for grants, and evaluation of possible projects, and John is available to answer questions whenever they occur to you. Answers to two small questions: you can designate how your direct donations (via the RI website) are spent, and your direct donation will be associated with your club’s overall giving.

A tax note: An aspect of tax reform that will take effect this year raises the standard deduction, which some are concerned may have an impact on philanthropy. In any case, it may make a difference in your tax strategy. If you have deductions that almost put you over the standard, you might want to consider a bigger gift, or perhaps double up on your giving to cover two years at a time.

Can’t read the small print below? Go to the [Rotary International Website](#) to learn more about what your donations to the Rotary Foundation achieve!



Our Causes

Rotary is dedicated to six areas of focus to build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever.

 <p>Promoting peace</p> <p>Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and resolve conflicts and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.</p> <p>Learn more</p>	 <p>Fighting disease</p> <p>We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. We improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in developing areas.</p> <p>Learn more</p>	 <p>Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene</p> <p>We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.</p> <p>Learn more</p>
 <p>Saving mothers and children</p> <p>Nearly 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.</p> <p>Learn more</p>	 <p>Supporting education</p> <p>More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.</p> <p>Learn more</p>	 <p>Growing local economies</p> <p>We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.</p> <p>Learn more</p>

Origami in the Garden

Rotary was well represented on October 19 at the VIP reception to open the Origami Exhibit at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. Our Club sponsored the Bison (Not to shortchange the bird riding along). It's a remarkable work of art! RSABG Director of Research (and Rotarian) **Lucinda McDade** had graciously handed out free guest passes to the RSABG at our meeting earlier in the day in thanks for our support. She announced more than once that we participated in the event. The exhibit will be on display until April 14.



Origami in the Garden²
Be transformed
October 20 - April 14

This fall, discover larger-than-life origami creations by Jennifer and Kevin Box, as well as collaborations with famous origami masters. Each sculpture, crafted in metal, tells the story of a single piece of paper as it folds into a soaring bird, emerging butterfly, galloping pony and many other works of art. Don't miss:

16 Outdoor Sculptures	Inside Out Gallery Exhibit	Exhibit Events & Classes
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for more information, visit www.rsabg.org.
 Sponsored by Judith B. Friend, the City of Claremont's Community-Based Organization (CBO) Grant Program, Linda & Paul Des Marais, Maria & Richard Grant, Randall & Janell Lewis, Northern Trust, the Rotary Club of Claremont and Barbara & Archie Nakaoka.

(Front) Painted Ponies by Kevin Box and Te Jul Fu. (Left) Rising Peace by Kevin Box.

RANCHO SANTA ANA BOTANIC GARDEN

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skills and the time, bikes will be assembled December 8. The bike giveaway will be December 15.

Mike DeWees reported that the El Roble Marching Band and Color Guard are holding a car wash to jump start raising funds for their trip to perform at the New Year Parade in London England, an invitational event. The car wash was Saturday October 20 from 9 am until noon in the Wheeler Steffen Sotheby's parking lot at Berkeley and Foothill. Donations of any dollar amount will be welcome. Come get your dusty car washed, and pay a goodly sum to support your local middle school band as they plan to make a trip of a lifetime. You may recall that we helped send the CHS Chorale to represent the US in an international competition in Australia last summer where they acquitted themselves very well. Our participation in nurturing talent is a great way to support Claremont's brilliant future!

Rizek Abusharr was on hand to encourage participation in United Nations Day, celebrating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, on **Thursday, October 25** at 6 pm. The event will be at the Smith Campus Center Ballroom at Pomona College -- 170 E. 6th St. The deadline for reservations was last Friday. Tickets, which cost \$20, include the program and a Thai dinner. RSVP to cmartin335@gmail.com or 909-625-9670.

Lucinda McDade reminded us that Origami in the Garden at Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens begins **October 20**. It will run **through April 14, 2019**. Origami in the Park is an

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outdoor sculpture exhibition of larger-than-life origami creations by Jennifer and Kevin Box. Claremont Rotary is the sponsor for the White Bison piece.

Other upcoming events include:

Saturday, Nov. 3. Hope Partners' 50th Anniversary Gala at Kellogg West on Cal Poly-Pomona Campus.

November 8 at Nunos, the second Networking Social sponsored by the membership committee

November 30 Holiday Party, Frank Hall at Pomona College.

Fine Day with Sergeant Doug McGoon

All **Dodger fans** were fined \$1.

Bonita Ramos was proud to pay her fine in order to announce the amazing accomplishments of her daughter, who graduated from Azusa Pacific University with a BA degree in English (writing emphasis) in only 3 years. Her intern project was to act as the editor of a book that is being published and credits her as the editor.

Cameron Troxell was also happy to pay a fine to talk about a couples marriage encounter weekend that he and his wife, Barbara, are leading.

Bridget Healy was fined for gloating over the fact that USC beat the University of Colorado.

Lucinda McDade, was fined for going to the wrong location for the BBQ, but she insisted that it wasn't true.

John Tulac was fined for his role with the CHS homecoming parade. John then described the route of the parade and said the parade was an example of one of the things that contributes to the special character of Claremont.

Ron Coleman was fined because he had chaired a panel at Cal Poly. Ron noted that Nona Tirre and Steve Hammitt were also panelists.

Susie Ilsley was fined because she wanted to announce that she and her husband, Kendall, are headed to Yreka for an exhibit of Kendall's Viet Nam related art work.

Meeting Wrap-up

Ron Coleman offered a "tip of his hat" to **Steve Hammitt** and his wife for their efforts in co-hosting the fall BBQ. Ron also tipped his hat to **Pat Hauducœur** for all of the work she did to make the BBQ a success and to all who attended the BBQ.

Just when we thought we had escaped it, Ron remembered that he hadn't yet shared a joke with us. The joke: What do you get when you cross a librarian with a lawyer. All the information you need, but it isn't understandable. On a personal note, this writer suggests that, since this same joke was told 3 days before at the University of Claremont Club, Ron should be fined.



Saturday's car wash fundraiser for the El Roble Band trip to the London New Year's Day Parade raised over \$500. Big thanks to Paul Steffen for the use of his parking lot!

