

**Proceedings of the April 8, 2021 Virtual Lunch Meeting of
THE ROTARY CLUB OF PARADISE**

Thomas Baker, President of the Rotary Club of Paradise, began this Virtual Lunch Meeting with an Invocation by **Larry H.** and the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Gregg M.**

Larry M. commented that based on **PE Tim Elloway's** background pictures, all that travel has got to stop.

Introduction Of Guests:

Guests this week included exclusively our Speakers, Donna Boyd, Kelly Coleman, and Linda Stremel, all members of the Mt. Shasta Rotary Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE VIRTUAL PODIUM

Pres. Tom led off with acknowledgement of the numerous Club Member birthdays in April. They include: **Ron J.** (the 4th), **Maureen W.** (the 17th), **Bill M.** (the 18th), **Aaron S.** (the 19th), **Heidi E.** (the 27th), and **John R.** (the 30th).

Next, **Pres. Tom** reminded us that we had a *Board of Directors Meeting* at 8:00 AM, this day. **Treasurer Jon** reported that we have some money in the bank. Even so, we approved a motion this morning to request that the PRF transfer **Cars2ndChance** promotion costs back to the Club Treasury. These dollars would come from the Club Advised Fund. A written request will be sent to **John R.**, *PRF Board President* to consider this action at their next meeting.

Pres. Tom called on **Aaron S.** to report activities of the Membership Committee. He didn't have any membership news, but commented on the survey looking for input on face to face meetings, which is a strong influence on a healthy membership. Aaron encouraged anyone that hasn't responded to the survey to please do so! We'll be trying to sort the membership's preferences and acceptable solutions as we move forward. **Pres. Tom** remarked that 40 members out of our 55 person membership have responded to the survey. That's nearly 3/4, but it's not everybody. Look for the Survey Monkey email from **Dean F.**



Brian G. added that District leadership is exploring holding a number of membership recruiting concerts all over the District including Chico and Redding. He encouraged anyone with experience in that area or have ideas, to bring it on. **Pres. Tom** mentioned that he has experience in that area. He and **Brian** agreed to talk later.

Pres. Tom asked for news or information from the Paradise Rotary Foundation from **PE Tim E.** or **Larry H.** The PRF Board meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, so **Pres. Tom** opted to wait until next week.

Chico Noon Rotary has been working on Centennial Park on the last 2 Saturday mornings. **Pres. Tom** stated that he, **Dean F.**, and **PE Tim E.** worked with them on the first weekend, with **Tim** taking a bye on the second. He said they planted trees and small shrubs. Chico Rotary extends an open invitation to anyone that can join in to just "come on down." Work begins at 8:00 AM, ends at 11:30, and grilled burgers and hotdogs are served for lunch! (*Editor's note: On Saturday, April 10th, Pres. Tom, Donn T. and Kathy M. joined in the fun and fellowship of creating a park.*)



Pres. Tom announced that an **Evening Social** is planned for Thursday, May 6th. Yes, you read that correctly. This won't be a standard meeting. There may be some discussion on how we plan to meet moving forward. Note that **NO SPECIFIC PLANS HAVE BEEN FORMULATED AT THIS POINT**. We as a Club have the latitude to schedule, structure, and execute our meetings as we see fit. Any and all decisions will, of course, be based on what is best for the club. Think about your preferences. Consider creative, inclusive solutions. Just like Paradise, we're on the cusp of revitalization.

Before **Bob I.** introduced our Program Speakers, **Pres. Tom** gave Kudos to **Bob** for dealing with the Weekly Lunch Meeting Programs. **Bob** responded by letting everyone know that he welcomes suggestions for future Programs. He'll take the suggestions and do the follow up.

OUR ZOOM MEETING PROGRAM

Bob I. introduced **Donna Boyd** from the *Mt. Shasta City Rotary Club*. Donna was joined by Kelly Coleman and Linda Stremel, both members of the *Mt. Shasta City Rotary Club*. **Bob** read a brief Bio of Donna. This summary of the Goodbye Thirsty and Save The Rain Projects is admittedly long because the project is amazing. It is a shining example of how **Rotarians Serve To Change Lives** around the world!

Donna Boyd is a member of the District 5160 International Service Committee and the District 5160 Grant Review Panel. She has a BS in Mathematics and MA in Non-Profit Development. She spoke to us in February of 2018. The only thing that has changed in the Goodbye Thirsty Program is the increased number of people it has helped. Donna gave Linda Stremel credit for providing the initial inspiration to create Goodbye Thirsty.

Kelly Coleman began by attempting to share a short video slideshow, but the audio was not functioning. No worries. The whole thing can be viewed at: www.savetherain.org. Here are the vital facts. The Save The Rain Program surveyed 864 families in northern Tanzania. In those families: 1) 93% of children missed one week of school monthly due to waterborne diseases; 2) 92% of the families forfeited their daughter's education to help search for water; and 3) 98% of the women *walked* for water. The solution was falling from the sky, so all they had to do was catch it.



Donna Boyd



Linda Stremel

Save The Rain and Good Bye Thirsty was successful because of **6 Rotary Grants totaling \$1.088 Million**. The Grant money came from RI and 27 Rotary Clubs in 5 different Districts and in 30 countries around the world. The effects were felt in 26 Villages totaling 130,400 people and 16,500 Primary School students. The physical elements that caused these effects were large rainwater storage containers built at the Primary Schools. All those storage containers collectively hold 4,450,000 liters of rainwater made available to not only the schools, but the nearby community. Why schools? They have the largest roofs. Meanwhile, 775 families have received residential rainwater harvesting systems.


To stabilize the rain, almost 10,000 trees have been planted. The trees spread the fallen rain to provide moisture for gardening. All 26 primary schools have been given sustainable agriculture curriculum and support to grow their school farm. Women have been taught the practices and have taken the knowledge home. Better agriculture means more food.

Another component to better, healthier lives is hygiene. With water now available, hand washing stations have been built at the schools in concert with hygiene curriculum to teach the children safe practices which aids the entire community. While working on these community issues, project personnel discovered hundreds of special needs children that weren't in school due to lack of mobility. When they were provided with wheelchairs, they began attending school and joined the community at large.

Two final efforts lifted the living standards of Tanzanian women. Building rainwater collection systems requires labor. The project trained and employed 120 women, 46% of whom were widowed, to provide that labor. That employment gave them income and got more collection systems built faster. The second success story involves forming women's cooperatives to manage large greenhouses built near schools subject to flooding. The flooding causes food shortage in the local village. The school gives the cooperative the land, water and security. The cooperative gives the students food and then sells the surplus to the community.

The Tanzanian didn't recognize the existence of COVID19, hence there was no support in the villages. Rotarians changed that. Find that response on the "COVID RESPONSE" slide. Donna Boyd is sewing masks from fabrics she received (as gifts) in Tanzania. See the 2nd COVID Repponse slide.

COVID RESPONSE



WE DID A COVID RESPONSE BASED ON WHAT OUR TANZANIAN TEAM KNEW WAS NEEDED. IT INCLUDED:

- MASK DISTRIBUTION TO STAFF AND RECIPIENT FAMILIES
- FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF THE MARKET PLACE
- 22,000 BARS OF SOAP
- A COMIC BOOK STYLE HANDBOOK CALLED "KEEP SAFE DURING COVID"
- NEW COVID PROTOCOLS FOR CONSTRUCTION SITES
- SINGLE MAN TENTS FOR THE STAFF THAT SLEEP AT THE SCHOOL DURING CONSTRUCTION

STEP 2 : RESIDENTIAL RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEMS




HAVING A RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEM AT HOME MEANS NO ONE EVER WALKS FOR WATER AGAIN.

775 FAMILIES HAVE RECEIVED SYSTEMS



MASKS SOLD IN THE US SUPPORT MASK DISTRIBUTION IN TANZANIA

YOU HAVE CREATED GENERATIONAL CHANGE.

SHE WILL NEVER KNOW THE ABSENCE OF CLEAN WATER – THANKS TO YOU.

GOODBYE THIRSTY GRANT #7

5 VILLAGES - 33,000 PEOPLE
\$300,000
 \$79,000 RI
 \$79,000 DISTRICT DESIGNATED FUNDS
 \$142,000 / 2 =
 CLUBS: \$71,000 STR: \$71,000

GOODBYE THIRSTY GRANT #7

5 VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL RECEIVE:

- 150,000 RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEM
 - SCHOOL GARDEN
- GREENHOUSE TO BE MANAGED BY WOMEN'S COOPERATIVE
 - SANITATION STATIONS AND CURRICULUM
 - REFORESTATION EFFORT
- 45 FAMILIES IN EACH VILLAGE WILL RECEIVE RESIDENTIAL RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEMS AND FAMILY GARDENS

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- 04/15 - Michelle Farrer, All About Childrens Community Charter School, Paradise
- 04/22 - Karina Hathorn from the Master Gardener program
- 04/29 - Available
- 05/06 - Available
- 05/13 - Donna Yutzy, Magalia Community Park

ENTER MTG MAKEUPS ON THE DISTRICT DATABASE

Example: Since Clubs aren't meeting in person, to generate a Make-Up consider a Service Activity with other Club Members or another Club. As time goes on, opportunities will increase. Stay tuned in.

Rotary Club of Paradise Board Meetings:

Monthly, 2nd Thursday at Your Preferred Computer Screen
 Meetings will likely be at 8:00 AM via Zoom. Watch for announcement emails.



The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

