

Reporting ZOOM Meeting of April 6, 2020

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 4/13 ZOOM meeting
This Week: 4/20 MoonCatcher Project – Helen and Lon Penna
Next Week: 4/27 To Be Determined
Coming Up: 5/4 Kim Perone – Success, Bereavement and Resilience via ZOOM.

ZOOM Meetings are held 6:00 pm until further notice.
Watch your email on Monday morning for the ZOOM meeting number and password. You can use them to sign on before the meeting time to prepare to participate.

Silas rang the bell and opened our ZOOM meeting with:

“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves”.

We chanted the Four Way Test, and Dan gave a meaningful invocation, thoughtful of the coronavirus and the first responders and hospital workers on the front lines.

We all enjoyed mutual sharing through Mike Brewster’s Happy Dollar roundup!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MEMBERSHIP Mike reported that members not making the virtual meetings have been contacted. All are well. A committee meeting has been set.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Beth will post the Helping Hands photo on Facebook.

FOUNDATION – Tom reviewed our outstanding participation which is four times the district average per member.

SERVICE – HELPING HANDS, HELPING

HANDS

A basket of hand creams ready to go thanks to Linda LeTendre. Jon reported that he and Silas attended the district Grant Training session. Dan mentioned that he tried to attend but that he, as number 101 was one person too many.

Rotarian of the year and Citizen of the year nominees should be given to Paul by June first.

Gregg will be distributing an updated program schedule or future meetings. The need for virtual meetings has caused changes. Any program suggestions should be sent to Gregg. In two weeks, Kim Perone will present “Success, Bereavement and Resilience on our ZOOM meeting

MOON CATCHERS – Helen and Lon Pena

The presenters for our virtual program were Helen and Lon Pena. We are always pleased to have these fellow Rotarians present at a meeting, and this time they spoke about a very meaningful project in which they are very invested. The Mooncatcher Project seeks to keep girls in school. Education is the most effective means of improving the lives of girls in the world’s poorest communities. Helen and Lon showed pictures of girls in Malawi, Pakistan and Uganda, countries where the project has made a difference...countries that they have visited.

They started by telling that as the COVID Virus crisis began Helen was flying to Africa. Even though Helen’s experience included sitting next to someone showing signs of illness and other complications, she has remained healthy,. Meanwhile Lon was visiting his 97-year old father in Florida. He and his father remain healthy.

In underdeveloped countries, girls often leave school when they begin their periods. They are ill prepared and poorly supplied for this normal life experience and often leave school. The MoonCatcher Project makes and provides reusable, washable menstrual pad kits that can be worn without underwear. The small bright fabric carrying bag contains a waterproof bag and soap, a calendar, a care tag/a picture diagram, three fleece pads and an adjustable outer wear pad. To get the kit, girls complete a health curriculum.

These kits are assembled here in country. We were shown pictures of district Rotarians working together in an assembly line, teamwork manner, to create the kits. The kits cost \$5 to be made and are free to the girls. The MoonCatcher Project is a 501©3 nonprofit organization. Donations can be made of money, of time in a Moonbee Sewing Bee or production at home. Check out the website TheMoonCatcherProject.com, Removing Barriers for Girls www.mooncatcher.org.

Thank you, Helen and Lon. Come visit us often!

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Service above self.