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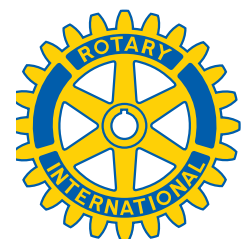


Upcoming “virtual” Rotary Club lunch programs

- 4/30: Words for our time: A conversation with Peggy Shumaker
- 5/7: Laughter Wellness with Michael “Mr. Mirth” Bork
- 5/14: Heartburn “Ted Talk” with Scott Luper
- 5/21: Rotary Peace Fellow Experience with Shea Brennerman

We’re glad we have this opportunity to connect with our fellow Rotarians! Some tips for adjusting to this new method of meeting:

- You can use the camera on your device or not; it’s up to you (but we’d love to see your face - we’ve missed it)
- Everyone will be muted upon joining the meeting
- If you call in on a phone, you’ll be asked for your name (think of it as having your badge scanned)
- We’ll be able to track your “attendance”
- You can invite a friend! (just forward the login information above)
- You can click the “raise hand” icon if you wish to make an announcement or introduce a guest
- You can also ask questions/make comments using the chatbox



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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

May 11
Bill Wright

May 13
Krista Stamper

May 16
Uriah Nalihak

May 23
Gretchen Gordon

May 26
Rob Boswell
Shelley Ebenal

May 29
Judy Kleinfeld

May 31
Ron Wall

How Rotary is responding to COVID-19



As the COVID-19 pandemic spreads uncertainty and hardship around the world, Rotary members and participants are innovating, caring for those affected, and showing that even at a distance, there are ways to help.

As people of action, Rotary members are engaged in their communities — gathering for projects and offering help to those in need. But in many areas, life is changing drastically.

Health experts are urging people to maintain distance from others or even isolate themselves in order to slow the spread of the highly contagious virus.

Fighting disease is one of Rotary's main causes, so members already support efforts to promote proper hand washing techniques, teach people other ways to stay healthy, and supply training and vital medical equipment to health care providers. Now they're helping health authorities communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19 and donating protective gear and other supplies to clinics and hospitals that are under strain because of the pandemic.

These are just some of the ways that members are supporting their communities right now:

- In Italy, one of the countries that has been affected most, clubs in District 2080 are raising funds to purchase ventilators and protective gear for overstretched hospitals. And when the worst of the outbreak was raging in China, the district's clubs raised more than \$21,000 for protective masks to prevent spread of the disease there.
- In Hong Kong, Rotary clubs have raised funds, packed medical supplies, and visited public housing to distribute masks and sanitizers.
- Rotary clubs in Sri Lanka installed thermometers in airport bathrooms and produced posters to raise awareness about the coronavirus for schools across the country.
- The Rotary Club of Karachi Darakhshan, Sind, Pakistan, distributed thousands of masks to people in Karachi.
- Rotary clubs in Nigeria's Akwa Ibom state conducted a campaign to raise awareness about the threat of the virus. Members shared information about the illness and how to keep safe at two schools and distributed materials about using good hygiene to stay healthy.
- The Rotary club of Metro Bethesda, Maryland, USA, is contacting neighbors who live alone and are quarantined. Volunteers are asked to contact at least five of those people each week to ask how they are and if they need anything. Members are also leaving flowers on their doorsteps.
- The Rotary Club of East Jefferson County, Washington, USA, used crowdsourcing to create an online listing of area grocery stores, pharmacies, and restaurants that offer home delivery.
- Rotary members in Hereford, England, created a Facebook group for Rotary members and others to use to link people who need support with people or organizations that can help. More than 6,900 people have joined the group since it was started 14 March.

Find out more at <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-clubs-help-fight-covid-19-pandemic>

ROTARCTIC CORNER

Do you have things you'd like to share? Rotary articles, photos of Rotarians in action, etc. Send them to Rotarctic Editor Scott McCrea at scmccrea@gmail.com

WEEKLY AREA MEETINGS

College Club
Fairbanks Golden Heart
Fairbanks Sunrises
North Pole Club

Rotaract

Raven Landing; Mondays, 12PM
Westmark Hotel, Tuesdays, 5:30pm
Carlson Center; Fridays, 7AM
Mt. McKinley Bank (NP);
Wednesdays, 12PM
UAF Library Kayak Room;
Mondays, 7PM

