



# OHANA NEWSBRIEF



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## Member Spotlight Bruce Levering

Native of Sacramento for 66 glorious years. Met the love of my life, Cathy, 50 years ago, married for 46 years. We have Jenny, married, living in Ithaca, NY with Lauren (2 ½) and Jeff, married, with Brock (6) and sister Logan (3) living in Milwaukee.

We graduated from Oregon State University. I graduated in June of 1976, got married and started my first job with Union Carbide in the span of 3 weeks. I had a Mercury Montego and trunk full of flashlights and batteries, which I sold to Gemco, Pay Less, Ace Hardware and from Monterey to Sacto.

Joined Active 20-30 in 1978, President 4 years later, meeting many close friends. Then on to PWR in 1984, chartered in 1985 with 45 members. First Reverend for 2 ½ years (The Club is still recovering). Despite the morning diatribes, we quickly grew to 130 members. I was our 10<sup>th</sup> President, opening the meeting with a *cassette player* of the Beatles "Good Morning" with the crowing Rooster.

After Union Carbide, I went to commercial real estate. We did the building, managing, getting physician investors for medical dental office buildings 42 years ago, it's gone by in a blink.

I have been umpiring youth baseball for 25 years, Little League, Junior College, now High School. I'm on the Board of the NCOA, which trains, certifies and recruits high school officials in 6 sports in the Sac Juaquin Section. Hoping to be able to call balls and strikes this spring!

We are traveling more these days and I can get through the metal detectors with two metal knees, screws and a cage from the back fusion and now they can't see my prostate, nor the cancer that came with it....God Bless...hope the heart keeps ticking!

## Meeting Recap for January 8, 2021

We started the new year with an invocation from PP Carl Naake about keeping things in perspective...our lives could be much worse than having to stay at home watching Netflix on our comfortable couches!

Jack Kasper rang the bell for \$1,000 in memory of his brother, Sue's 2 brothers and Mom who all passed away within days of each other recently. Carol VanBruggen shared a video of the children of the Uyoba School in Zambia enjoying the library that our Foundation funds helped to build. The Power of Rotary at work across the globe! Mike Bede announced our 1<sup>st</sup> ever Shred event, Sat. Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at Encina High. Please help support this event.

Don Rodes shared that our Interact group from West Campus have been busy over the holidays; They created origami cranes for cancer patients at Children's Hospital, They "adopted" letters from Santa as well as virtually reading to Greer students. Way to go Interact students & Don!

John Price announced that Brewfest sweatshirts will be going out soon to those that contributed to this event.

Dave Randolph announced that we will be having a Blood drive with Vitalant. This will be a nationwide blood drive. When you receive the brochure click on the link to sign up for your time slot to give blood.



## Meeting Recap for January 8, 2021 (Cont.)

Please share the brochure with family & friends so they can also donate...this link will automatically give PWR credit for this blood donation. Todd Murray thanked those PW Rotarians that helped with the Salvation Army food give-away at Cal Expo...40 Rotarians worked that day.

Desiree shared that we donated \$55,000 at our Holiday meeting. Just another example of why we are TBDRCOTP! We will be having Fireside Chats via zoom starting in early February...more to come.

Our Speaker, Josefin Samuelson – Berneblad (our RYE student from Sweden from 2006-07) spoke to us about her time as an exchange student, the friendships she still maintains & her life now. She is married, has a daughter & received her degree in Speech Therapy. She still loves to travel & hopes to be back in CA after COVID.



**"Because of You" Todd Murray, the annual Salvation Army "Chicken Chucking" was a great success!**

## KEY DATES

**January 15, 2021 – DARK**

**January 22, 2021 – Speaker – Robin Taylor, Lawyer's without Borders.**