



# OHANA NEWSBRIEF



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## Member Spotlight Sean Harris

I love Point West Rotary! Having grown up right down the street going to Del Paso Manor, Star King, El Camino, American River College and then C.S.U. Sacramento to achieve my double Bachelors' and MBA, I value our community and have always looked up to the leaders. When I started coming to PWR I realized this is their club!

When I am not spending time with my wife, two little boys, three dogs and cat I am leading an IT help desk, Security and Infrastructure Company with 16 employees. We support dozens of local businesses including many larger associations, non-profits and county organizations. We have employees in two continents and several states. Every year has brought new and exciting challenges. Lately I have had a hobby of security penetration exercises such as "capture the flag".

I also recently finished teaching my first UC Davis Boot Camp for Cyber Security in March and have another starting in September. This class is three nights a week for five hours over six months transforming people of all different skill levels to offensive hacking professionals. I can't wait to get back to seeing everyone again in person.

Thank you for having me as a member of Point West Rotary



## PWR Africa School Uyoba, Zambia

PWR Africa School – Uyoba, Zambia:

Carol Van Bruggen brought the club up-to-date on the school PWR helped develop and open in Uyoba, Zambia back in 2012. Carol also helped establish the Rotary Club of Mfuwi, which is the local Rotary support for the school. The school has a PWR plaque on it and the students are very aware of Rotary's help and involvement. Through the work Rotarians did to build up the school they were able to get support from the government who now provides government teachers. Desiree Wilson, Trish Harrington, Kathleen McNabb, Mary Lyn Kagan and other PWR members have taken the Africa trip and have seen the school, met the students, teachers, and Rotarians involved.

PDG Bob Deering and his wife have even hosted a student through college. Carol's nonprofit the Africa Hope Fund now supports Uyoba and 4 other schools and libraries and pays the salaries of over 20 reading assistants at the libraries at each school.

The most recent building completed is the school Library at Uyoba which is very important to the students' learning. Carol said the students love the library and spend as much time there as possible reading.

The Mfuwi Club has also been involved locally by providing food, putting in hand washing and disinfection stations throughout local shopping areas. There is no local hospital, so they are being very careful.



## Virtual Youth Exchange



Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE):

Mary Lyn Kagan, D5180 RYE Chair, presented the new Virtual Exchange opportunity. Because of COVID-19 the normal RYE program can't take place. Students will apply, and when accepted, will be matched with students from another country, they'll Meetup once a week to talk about each other's culture and country, and ALL students will participate in a Group Meeting every other week with Rotary Counselors and parents to share what they've learned.

### "Happy Bucks" opportunity:

I am introducing a new program for members to express their little Happy moments during the past week. What made you happy, i.e., "my baby slept through the night". "My daughter/son made a birthday card for me", etc. Suggested donation is \$5-\$20. This does not replace Bell Ringers.



**"Because of You" ...Brian Moore, for stepping up for the badges. Desiree for doing soooo many things for the Club**

## KEY DATES

**September 18 – Virtual: 7:30 AM – Chris Nance, former Press Staff for President Reagan**

**September 18 – Virtual: 7:30 AM – Dr. Nick Sawyer, UCDMC, Emergency Medicine- in April went to NY to assist with critical COVID cases.**