



Rotary Club of Bakersfield Twilight “The Torch”



July 27, 2020

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT, LI GIBBS:



Rotary year 2020-2021 Twilighters *DoltAtNight* “Rotary Opens Opportunities”

Great Social last Wednesday, thank you all for joining in on the fun. Many thanks to our Fun Meister, Jeremy for his clever “Mysterious Members of Mystery” game. Big shout out to Peter Swanson for a well produced tapa cooking demonstration. Peter was not only chef but producer. What a talent, watch out Iron Chef! You

will find the yummy recipe on page 4 (More of those fun videos to come). Tony will post the video on our website along with our meetings and social.

Please note, our first Board meeting is this Weds, July 29th so we are DARK this week.

See you all back, Wednesday, August 5th for a ***NOT TO BE MISSED*** meeting! You must Zoom in to help me show off our Twilight hospitality as we welcome a very special guest. Here’s a preview:

Steve Lingenbrink, Rotary Coordinator for Zone 27

All Rotary Clubs have been affected by Covid-19, putting a strain on membership efforts. One of the foremost experts on Rotary membership on the west coast is Past District Governor from District 5030 (Seattle area) Steve Lingenbrink, Rotary Coordinator for Zone 27. A member of Rotary Club of Bellevue Breakfast (near Seattle.) Steve’s passion in Rotary is “all things Membership.” Steve has spent countless hours on Zoom this year and prior to the lock-downs, spent many miles in the air and on the road speaking to District Assemblies, PETS Training, Governor-Elect and Governor-Nominee training and countless Club meetings over the past 3 years, all with the purpose of improving membership. Do you have questions related to “Rotary and Membership?” Join us on August 5th to hear Steve and his updated list of “best practices” for Rotary clubs and have him answer your questions!

Our Program Chairs extraordinaire, Donna and Shonna, with a little help from a friend (Jim) are just getting started, GREAT programs and surprises you’ll want to zoom in for...besides, your Twilight family would miss your face if you’re not there. So I’m counting on seeing you Weds, August 5th and make sure to invite *a friend or two or three!*

Virtual abraçades!

Li



July 22, 2020 Club Social



Twilight gathered for the first social of the 2020-2021 Rotary year. President Li welcomed Rotarians and guests, PP Bakersfield East Steve Gibbs, Steven Gibbs and Kayla MacDowall, our Twilighter, Manuel Maldonado's family, his bride Adriana and adorable little Emmanuel...not so little anymore.

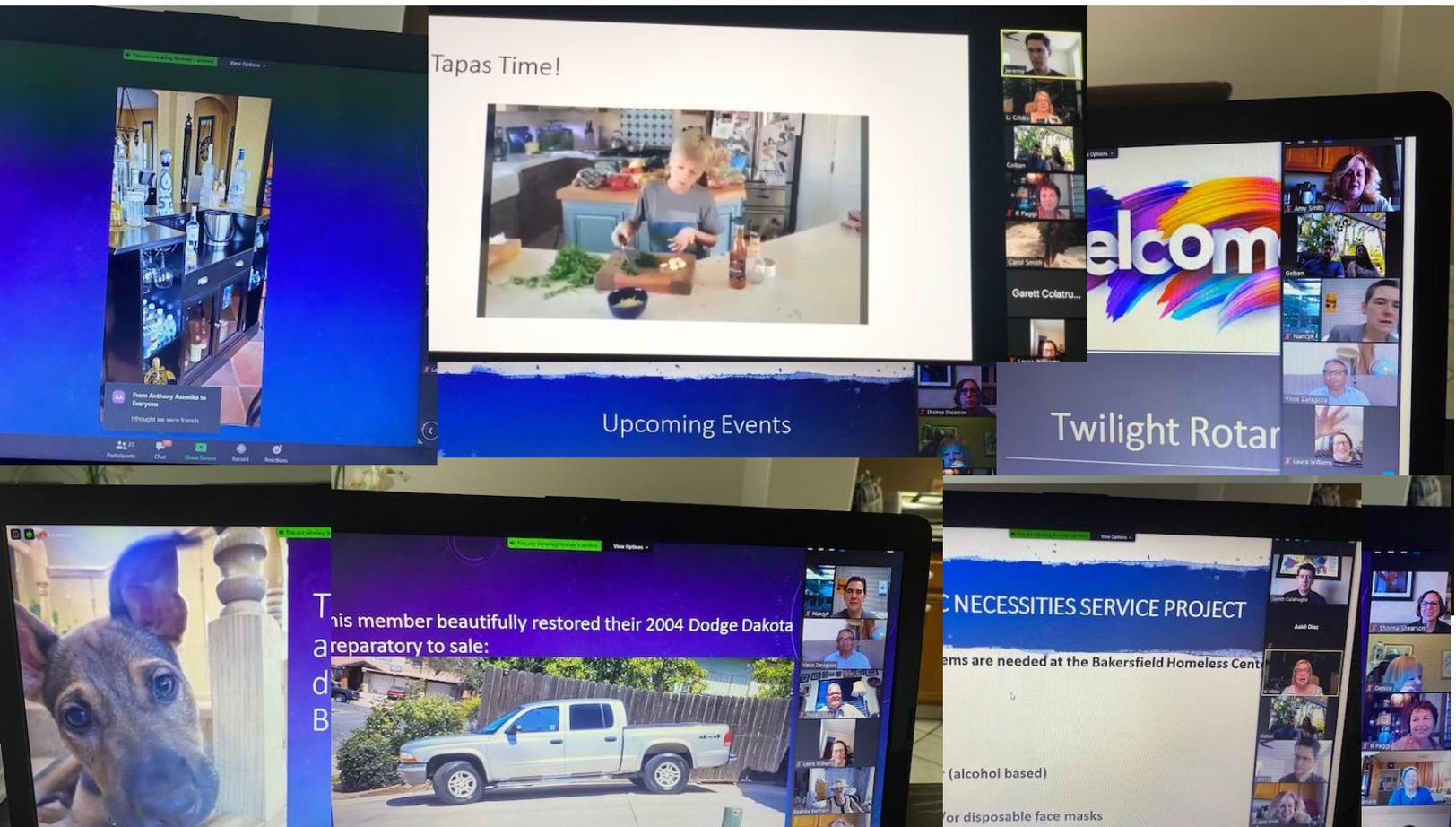
Special guest Peter Swanson treated the group to a wonderful tutorial of Catalunya's chorizo and mushroom tapa (Try the recipe below) Yum!

Fun Meister Jeremy Swanson led the group through a fun game of "mysterious members of mystery" where fellow members were given brief descriptions of activities/hobbies members have enjoyed during quarantine and we guessed who the member was based on the description. Member activities included cycling, writing books on Generation Z, grandfather clock drawing, Tiger King bingeing, instant pot cooking, killing lawns, puzzle solving and singing with the family, Breaking Bad bingeing, fantasy footballing and chess playing, truck restoring, problem solving, caring for sick animals, puppy grandparenting, and discovering genealogy. Wow! What a fun (AND BUSY) group!

Community Service Chair, Laura Williams, introduced our first community service project of the year. We will be collecting items for the Bakersfield Homeless Shelter (See attached flyer for items) via curbside drop-off. More details to follow.

Family of Rotary Chair Amy Smith encouraged everyone to follow Bakersfield Twilight on Facebook. You can find the link at the end of each Newsletter.

We will be featuring a "Member Spotlight," as a way to get to know our members. This week we are featuring Community Service Chair, Laura Williams. Get to know Laura on page 3!





Rotary Club Of Bakersfield Twilight Member Spotlight



Laura Williams

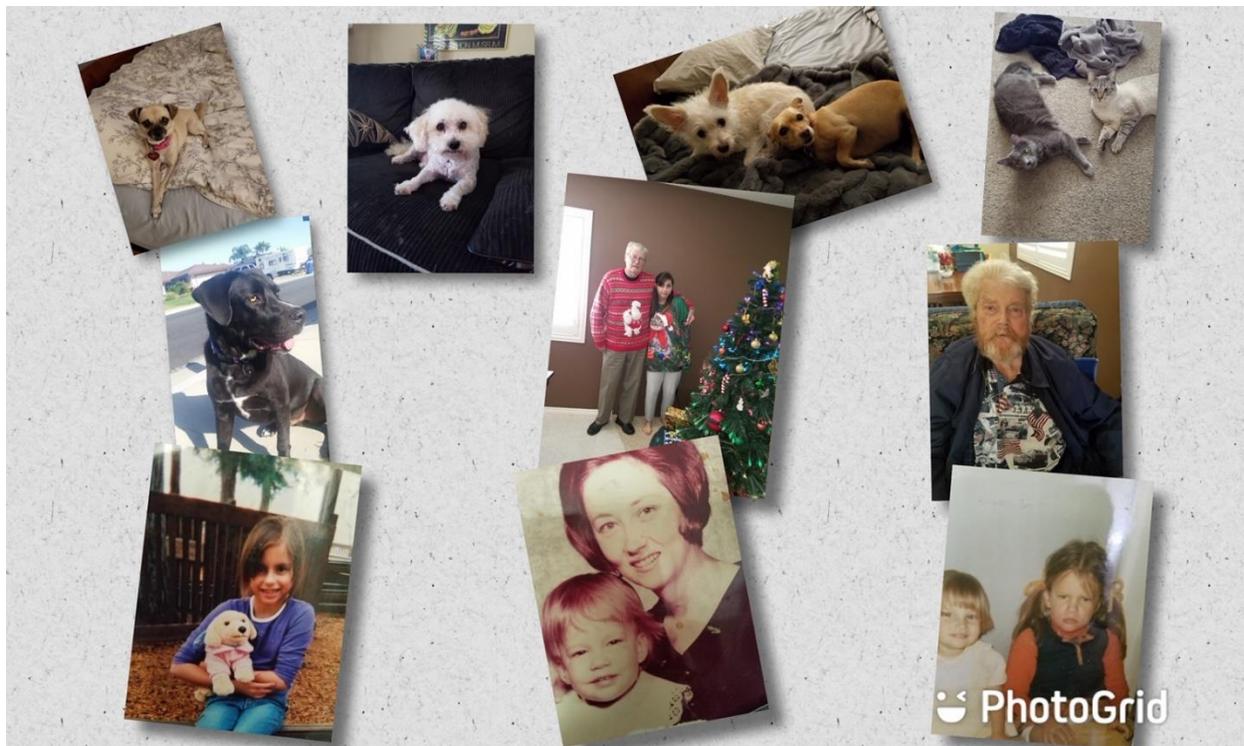
"My name is Laura Williams. I grew up in Encino, California, and am the oldest of four siblings. If you call me a Valley Girl, I will deny it (though I am). I went to college at UC Berkeley, graduating as an English major in 1986. After working for two years as a paralegal at a law firm in San Francisco, I attended Columbia University Law School in New York City. After graduating law school in 1991, I worked at a large law firm in New York City for 6 years.

Having paid off my law school loans and missing my family in California, I moved back to Los Angeles in 1997, where I worked with my father, who is an attorney, and a close friend and classmate from law school, practicing estate planning and corporate law.

In 2005, I adopted my daughter, Tina, who was 8 when we first met and 9 when the adoption was finalized. In 2006, Tina and I and our dogs moved to Bakersfield. I worked as an attorney in estate planning, tax and corporate law at Klein, DeNatale Goldner from 2006 to fall 2013.

I served on the Board of Directors of Valley Achievement Center (VAC) for approximately 6 years, including as President, Vice-president and Secretary. In October 2013, I stopped practicing law and became Executive Director of VAC. VAC has programs for children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities. I continue to work at VAC as Executive Director, where I enjoy working with others who are dedicated to helping our clients achieve their goals and live more independent lives.

I share my home with my dad, Larry, my now 23 year old adult daughter, Tina, her boyfriend, five dogs, and two cats. Needless to say, things at home can be a bit loud and furry. In my limited free time, I enjoy reading and hanging out with my family two legged and four legged).



Chorizo with mushrooms - Typical and popular tapa cooked in sherry



This tapa is with chorizo, paprika salami that is made mostly from the black Iberian pig called Cerdo. In this case it is cooked in sherry with fresh mushrooms. The Iberian Cerdo pig is closely related to wild boar.

The distinctive flavor of the chorizo is obtained through fermentation during the ripening process of 4-6-weeks of air drying. This creates a slightly sour taste that harmonizes with the very sharpness of the pepper. The delicacy of this special tapa comes from the contrast between the spicy chorizo and mildly sour sherry mushrooms.

Ingredients for four people

- 400 g chorizo
- 600 g mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 small garlic cloves
- 8-10 skinned almonds
- Salt and black pepper
- 100 ml sherry
- 1 tablespoon sherry vinegar
- Small bunch of parsley

Preparation

For this tapa peel the chorizo and cut into thin slices. Peel the garlic cloves, but do not squeeze or cut. Roughly chop parsley. The parsley may be omitted.

Clean the mushrooms and cut them into quarters. Peel the almonds. The brown skins of the almonds are removed by passing them briefly through boiling water and then cooling. The skin is then easy to remove. Our advice: buy pre-peeled almonds and save yourself the effort. Often pre-peeled almonds are even cheaper.

Put a little olive oil in the frying pan and fry the chorizo slices in it. The oil is only for the taste, 1-2 tablespoons are more than enough. The chorizo soaks up the fat very strongly. Take the fried sausage from pan and set aside for later.

Add the mushrooms, the whole garlic cloves and the almonds to the fat and fry over medium heat. Be careful with the almonds and garlic as these ingredients can burn easily.

Then add the sherry and sherry vinegar to the whole mix and cook until the moisture has evaporated.

Season with little salt and pepper.

Then add the chorizo and parsley, and briefly heat it all up again.

This tapa is served in a bowl, each person gets their portion with a spoon on their own plate. Serve warm.

Preparation time: around 30 minutes



Rotary Club of Bakersfield Twilight

BASIC NECESSITIES SERVICE PROJECT

Members of The Rotary Club of Bakersfield Twilight, we need **YOU** to help us collect and donate the following high need items to the Bakersfield Homeless Center:

- **Toothbrushes**
- **Toothpaste**
- **Deodorant**
- **Baby Wipes**
- **Hand sanitizer (alcohol based)**
- **Hair combs**
- **Reusable and/or disposable face masks**
- **New underwear for men, women and children (all sizes needed)**

Further Information regarding the collection location and drop off/donation date will be provided at the next Rotary Twilight Zoom Meeting. You can also contact Community Service Chair Laura Williams at (661) 858-8113 or williamslauramargaret@gmail.com for information.

Because Small Items Make a Big Difference

Upcoming Events

July 29, 2020

Club Board Meeting 6 pm
Zoom

August 5, 2020

Club Meeting 6 PM Zoom

Guest Speaker:

Past District Governor from
District 5030, Rotary
Coordinator for Zone 27:

Steve Lingenbrink

Club Member Birthdays

July 14 *Denise Thomas*

July 20 *Oz de Guzman*

Wedding Anniversaries

July 15 *Jeremy & Teresa
Swanson*

Club Anniversaries

July 7 *Jeremy Swanson*
(11 years)

July 1 *Brad Henderson*
(8 years)

July 1 *Judy Morasci*

2020-2021 Board

President: Li Gibbs

Treasurer: Denise Thomas

Vice President: Nancy Pollard **Sergeant at Arms:** Garrett Colatruglio

Secretary: Ashli Diaz

2020-2021 Directors

Community Service: Laura Williams **Youth Service:** Brad Henderson

Club Service: Donna Bell **International:** Vince Zaragoza

2020-2021 Chairs

Foundation Chair: Nancy Pollard **Membership Chair:** Jim Bell

Club Awards Chair: Carol Smith **Web Master:** Tony Azemika

Club Programs: Shonna Shearson **Rotaract Liaison:** Oz de Guzman

Club Fun Meister: Jeremy Swanson **The Torch Editor:** Ashli Diaz

Family of Rotary: Amy Smith

RYLA Coordinator: Li Gibbs/Brad Henderson

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Join us Wednesday at 6 pm #WeDoltAtNight

Virtual Zoom Meeting

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