**Rotary Club of Castro Valley Committees**

Committees are important to our club. They are a great way for members to do what they joined Rotary to do: serve the community. Below is a list of committees. Please take a look at them and consider signing on to help with one or more. We need to assign our new members to a committee as soon as they are on-boarded.

**Rodeo parade**

A traditional committee that plans and conducts the rodeo each year. We may or may not be able to do the parade this year, but the committee could do a great service for the club by collecting SOPs of how the parade is done to make it easier for us in the future.

**Chili cook-off**

A traditional committee with the same situation as the rodeo parade. But we can prepare the SOPS for this event too.

**Car show**

This is a new event for us. Last year it was a surprisingly successful virtual event, and it must be again this year. Dave Sadoff is the chair.

**Restaurant walk**

Another new event for us that we inherited from the Lions Club. Aaron Lewis is the chair.

**Membership**

Gaining and retaining members is critical. Murline has a good team working on this, including Carol Bigelow, Margie Ramos, and Dwight Perry.

**Fundraising**

The pandemic has eliminated most of our traditional sources of funds. We need to look for new ways to raise money to support the many great causes that we have.

**International projects**

Bernie Kempen (chair)

Cliff Sherwood

This group will identify and oversee one or more international projects for the club. The project will be the club’s next big project after the highly successful “breathing for life” project.

**Interact support**

We are the sponsor for the Castro Valley High School and Canyon Middle School Interact clubs.

**Race relations**

Mark Poniatowski (chair)

Roland Williams (vice chair)

Bernie Kempen

The committee has been doing outstanding work for some months. Everyone is encouraged to take part in its important discussions.

**Vocational**

Chris Carr (chair)

Lance Brede

Cliff Sherwood

Randy Vanderbilt

This group will assist the career training teachers at the various high schools in identifying speakers, job shares, internships that promote careers in the trades and business; work especially with the ROP teachers.

**Community activities**

We are always looking for new service projects within the community. This committee would focus attention on those efforts in a more systematic manner.

**Club marketing**

Bruce Johnson

Jim Negri

Todd Anglin

Prepare and publish stories about the club’s activities; prepare marketing materials (e.g., trifolds, poster boards, signs) that the club can use in various settings (e.g., Fall Festival, dinners); maintain presence on social media; represent the club at the district level.

**Satellite section**

Once we return to in-person meetings, we will continue an on-line section of our club that will attract new members who cannot meet for lunch. We also hope to find younger members this way.

**Climate crisis**

Rotary is joining the efforts to deal with the climate crisis. On February 9, our speaker will be Rod Diridon, Sr., District 5170’s climate guru.

**History in Castro Valley**

Lots of people in our community have lived through historic events. For example, the veterans’ community is a rich source of history, but there are many other amazing stories. It would be great to capture those. This project might include high school students, a book, a video, and/or an event (once we can get back together).

**Other club ideas?**

Have a good idea? Let us know.