**Rotary Club of Castro Valley**

**Meeting Highlights – November 30, 2021**

At the beginning of the meeting, President Dwight made a sad announcement regarding the passing of Cliff Dochterman, former President of Rotary International and brother of Club member, Ceta Dochterman.

**Anniversary celebrations:**

Parvin (Jeff) Ahmadi, married for 44 years.

**Announcements**

Nominating Committee

Gary Howard stated that the Nominating Committee is still seeking candidates to serve as Club President in 2023-2024 after Lytrel Carter’s term. Any member who would like additional information or would like to be considered for the position should contact Past President and Nominating Committee Chair Gary Howard, President Dwight Perry, or any of the Past Presidents. The Nominating Committee will meet on December 7th after the lunch meeting.

Club Holiday Party

Lytrel Carter announced that the Club Holiday Party will be December 11 at the home of John and Bobbie Aufdermauer. Cost is $40/person and children are free. For more details, please check your email. The deadline to RSVP is 6:00 pm on December 2.

Thanksgiving Service Above Self

Carol Bigelow described her experiences while assisting HARD with the distribution of lunches on Thanksgiving. She is planning a similar event around Christmas.

Book Signing

# Todd Anglin offered a signed copy of Past President Gary Howard’s new book, *The Biology of Death: How Dying Shapes Cells, Organisms, and Populations*, which Randy Vanderbilt won. [The book is available on Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/Biology-Death-Shapes-Organisms-Populations/dp/019068772X/ref=sr_1_3?keywords=Gary+Howard&qid=1638419296&sr=8-3&asin=019068772X&revisionId=&format=4&depth=1).

Adopt-a-Family

Heidi Hausauer has arranged for the Club to support two families during this holiday season (one from HARD and one from Castro Valley Outreach). The two families include nine individuals. Heidi has purchased all the gifts for the Club. Members are requested to help with the gift wrapping after lunch on December 7. Please bring scissors and tape.

**Vocational Talk**

Andi Hangea began his talk by stating how much he appreciates Castro Valley for its sense of community. Andi is a graduate of Castro Valley High School and was influenced by physics teacher, Sean Fottrell, who worked with him on a project to develop a model to assist surgeons. After college, Andi began to work as a program developer, but noted that the work is amazingly stressful. He now is a contractor who assists companies in transitioning from a world in which computer equipment was local to one in which it is at a distance. Watch the presentation [**here**](https://vimeo.com/652245572).

**Presentation: My Experience with Motorcycle Touring**

Castro Valley Rotarian Chris Carr spoke about his adventures on a motorcycle. Chris likes the anonymous quote about the three most important things in life: “Something to do, someone to love, and something to hope for.” He also pointed out that “Riding motorcycles is not, in itself, dangerous, but it is unforgiving of inattention, ignorance, incompetence or stupidity.” He gave several reasons for why bike tours are so great.

* Destination: A great deal the joy of the trip is the trip itself, but the destination is important too. There are many great places to see in the West and in California. For example,
  + Locke is a former Chinese laborer town near Sacramento.
  + Bodie is a ghost town on the east side of the Sierras.
  + Many of the National Parks simply cannot be captured in pictures. You need to be there.
  + Friends: They make the trip worthwhile.
  + Surprises: There are always surprises on a bike trip. Chris was once caught in the middle of a cattle drive. Weather can be tricky especially with snow in the mountains.

Chris also described the bikes that he has owned and demonstrated some of the equipment that he uses. Much of the equipment is for protection because accidents are not an “if,” but a “when.” To conclude his presentation, Chris escorted members to the parking to demonstrate one of his bikes.

* Click [**here**](https://castrovalleyrotary.org/photoalbums/lunch-113021/)to see photos of Chris’ presentation and other meeting photos.
* Chick [**here**](https://vimeo.com/652246373) to watch Chris’ presentation and [**here**](https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000006755/en-us/files/homepage/chris-carr-ppt/Christian-Carr-GoingTheDistance.pdf) to see the slide presentation.