



President **BEN THRELKELD** hearing the news of fellow Rotarian and Past President **BILL BUSSE** passing away early this morning was uncertain how to begin. Collective remembrances

were spontaneous, heartwarming and encouraging. Today's meeting is a celebration of **BILL** and his goodwill and many contributions through Rotary and his community. Our heartfelt sympathies to wife, Barbara, and the whole Busse family.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The topic is YES: GINNY LEAR shared that all Rotarians said YES when invited to a meeting, said YES when asked to join, said YES to follow the Four-Way test, said YES to 30 working committees, to our Club, Charities, and Endowment Fund Boards of Directors, and continue to say YES with new leadership and members. Success takes all of us to say YES, and a special thank you to Past President **BILL BUSSE** for always saying YES.



### REMEMBERING BILL BUSSE



President **BEN** read a poem, shared by **BILL's** family, along with this great photo.

An Ode to "Fussy Busse" written by a colleague in 2009, to honor **BILL**, gave us all a smile in remembrance.

### PRESIDENT'S CLUB

Participants honoring **BILL** came forth so readily: **DAVE SMULLIN, BRUCE GEE, LEANNAH HUNT, KLAUS HEINEMANN, GINNY LEAR, ANNE CRIBBS**, sharing many stories with one message of appreciation for a life well lived. With many more to come...

### PROGRAM-COMMUNITY GRANTS DAY

Chair **BILL JOHNSON** reviewed the Community Grant process timeline, demonstrating the commitment towards researching and providing grants for the awarded organizations. The Christmas Bureau of Palo Alto was our annual Fund A Need recipient and previously spoke to us.



Today's recipients presented the highlights of their organization and how the grants will assist their organizations.

**Ecumenical Hunger Program**, purchase of bins and carts for their food pantry

Rickey Ono with **St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room** providing hot meals to the hungry

Miriam Yupangui with **Nuestra Casa** food distribution program

Alicia Garcia with **Project WeHope** assisting the homeless and hungry

Jill Asher with **Magical Bridge Foundation** the playground at Mitchell Park

## Rotary Grant Recipients - 2021

**Christmas Bureau (Fund-a-Need)**  
**Ecumenical Hunger Program**  
**St. Anthony's Dining Room**  
**Nuestra Casa**  
**WeHope**

**Magical Bridge Foundation**  
**Kara**  
**Jasper Ridge Farm**

**Seton School**  
**Foundation for a College Education**  
**Rise Together Education**

**Palo Alto Players**

Jim Santucci with **Kara**, now providing grief support in Spanish

Alyssa Houk with **Jasper Ridge Farm** providing therapeutic animal assisted programs for those with special needs

Evelyn Rosa Principal at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** serving low income students

Maria de los Angeles Crummett with **Foundation for a College Education** supporting STEAM tutoring for middle school students in partnership with Bay Area Tutoring

Tida Violante with **Rise Together Education** providing scholarships for low income Palo Alto High students

Elizabeth Santana with **Palo Alto Players** now in its 90<sup>th</sup> year providing community theater

Each organization provides diverse, valuable benefits and services adding to the vitality and quality of our community. Thanks to **BILL JOHNSON** and the Rotary Community Grants committee.

## BREAKOUT ZOOM ROOMS

Beginning next week a Greeter will recognize your logging in and place members in smaller “break out rooms” of approximately 8 people. The goal of small groups is to facilitate socializing similar to in person table conversations at in person meetings. Everyone is encouraged to sign in 15 minutes early for connecting with your fellow Rotarians. When the meeting begins at 12:30 everyone will be merged together.

## CLOSING

Finishing on time Ben Threlkeld thanked all attendees and invited anyone who wished to remain logged in to share thoughts about **BILL BUSSE**. Meeting adjourned and “see you next week.”

## THANKING TODAY’S VOLUNTEERS

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

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| April 26 | Morris Fiorina, Prof & Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution: THree Myths About American Politics         |
| April 30 | ZOOM TGIF: Pollinator/Native Gardens 5:30-7:00 PM   |
| May 3    | Marshall Burke, Stanford Prof. Earth Science: Climate Change’s Fallout: Economics, Security, and food |