



Rotary Happens

Making Dreams Real



Take Me Out... Zooming?

On July 24, 2020, our Mighty Rotary Club welcomed and heard from Greg Coletti, Vice President of Partner Services for the Sacramento River Cats. Greg has been overseeing partnerships that the River Cats have had with various business in the local community for the past twelve ball seasons. He gave us an update of what has been going on with the organization because of this year's canceled season. He also answered questions from various members. One thing he might not have wanted to admit, but that our club got out of him, that he is a Mets fan.

Assuming there is baseball next April, Greg remarked that the organization will have seen no revenue for approximately 18 months. It has been a learning experience on what expenses they can live and live without. Currently, the team is still working out, exercising, and waiting for their turn to be called up to the big leagues. Sutter Health Park is being used for practice but there are plans in the works for fan events in the last few months of the year.

Greg started answering questions by letting us know that COVID-19 compliance requires that each player walk the length of the entire park as they come in and then get a temperature check before they can keep going. Apparently, River Cats president, Jeff Savage, is not allowed onto the concourse or on the field to mingle with the players because of social distancing guidelines. Below is a summary of some of the questions asked and answered during the meeting.



Dave Kamminga: Do the players wear a mask?

Greg: It is preferred to be worn in the dugouts but optional while playing. Pitchers in the bullpen will be sat apart from each other, but it is hard to keep them separated. Players are no longer touching coaches when they are running bases. They are also being told they can no longer chew seeds or spit. Pitchers can no longer use spit to get a better grip on the ball. The Giants organization is who directs protocols for the River Cats and the Front Office is doing it's best to stay out of the players' way.

Peter Anderson: What about other minor league players not in Sacramento? Are they still under contract? Are they coming back next year?



Greg: This is more like spring training 2.0. Players might just come out for batting practice on some days. Other days they get a schedule where the scrimmage each other. The River Cats have been looking at whether Valued Season Ticket Holders can be allowed into the Suite Level to watch practice while its happening on the field. While this is not the same as taking a client to a game, they are looking at value added services such as dining service with player practice; still keeping social distancing in mind.

Chips from the Buzzsaw

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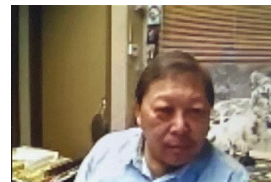
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Club Pheasant, 12:15



As to contracts, players are sticking to their teams. We can expect all those who are signed on this year to still be on the same teams next year.

Tim Kwong: What is the status of the regional bobble-head?

Greg: This would have been the 20th year for bobble-heads in Sacramento. The organization will recognize them next year and are doing refunds for tickets holders this year. The River Cats is also pushing the celebration to next year, and they are being flexible with partnerships, understanding that all partners are in a similar financial situation. The organization wants to recognize the Savage Family who helped bring the River Cats out and this is going to be part of next year's celebration.



Dick Marshall: Where does the River Cats find players if High School and College baseballs are cancelled because of the pandemic?

Greg: The Giants Organization is generally who controls player acquisition, so the River Cats don't have to worry about drafting them. Baseball did cut down the draft this season. What used to be a draft spanning a few days only had 5 rounds this year. There is a chance the ballpark will look very different when/if the season starts next April. There may be different messaging and more cleaning stations, and we may also be required to wear masks.

Dave K.: Do the River Cats plan to maintain the event where they allow High School Seniors to play a game at the ball park?

Greg: The event where high school seniors are invited to play at the park actually kicks off the River Cats' season. The last real game played was Davis High School in late February. Right now there are too many things out of control and they are looking at how the NFL progresses with its season. If the NFL can finish its season and have a Super Bowl in February at 100%, that's a good sign for April. The River Cats are doing their best to keep ticket season holders in the loop.



Denice Domke: Will this year bring changes to baseball overall?



Greg: A 162 game season brings the most bang for the buck so we will most likely return to that many games as soon as possible. Some changes in effect now are that the league is moving from 10 teams to 16 teams in the post season. This means that half of the teams will be going to the post season. A Designated Hitter is also now part of the National League. A pitcher also now has to face at least 3 batters before being relieved by another pitcher.

Denice D.: How do you keep players in a bubble?

Greg: The Giants Organization ultimately and monitors what can and can't be done. It's the not same kind of bubble as seen in the NFL. River Cats get their direction from the Giants.

John Raney: To what degree can people playing for the River Cats hope to get pulled up because of what's going on? Will this result in more call ups?

Greg: The organization saw the most call ups last year with Farhan Zaidi at the helm as President of Baseball Operations for the Giants. What Farhan has been known to do is carry a lot of experienced pitchers and stash them in the minor leagues. We'll more than likely see a lot of pick ups regardless of what else is going on in the world, because of who is sitting at the helm.



MEETING RECAP

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CHIPS 72.02 07/24/20—

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and Guests**

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Visiting Rotarians

None were announced

Guests

Greg Colletti—Denice Domke

Presiding: John Raney

Guest Speaker: Greg Colletti, Vice President of Partner Services for the Sacramento River Cats.

Greg spoke about what has been going on with the River Cats during COVID-19, and answered several questions from members.

The club also talked about honoring past members such as Tim Carnahan with a Memorial Scholarship.

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Past President, **Len Strickland**, chimed in at one point of questioning to give us a brief history on the River Cats and how West Sacramento fought hard to have them be located in our town. Greg remarked that the compromise ended up being that the team would be called the Sacramento River Cats but that they would be located in West Sacramento.



Greg's presentation was enjoyed by all, and we learned a thing or two about some changes in baseball and the history of the River Cats. Among the other discussions that took place before the presentation included a Memorial Scholarship for Rotarians like **Tim Carnahan** to be honored. **Denice** suggested taking a poll at the next Zoom meeting. **JoAnn Moffett** also suggested certain pre-requisites, such as being a tenure member, and others in order to be considered. Until next time!!



ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Please remember to mute your microphones when you are not using them during Zoom meetings. Please also remember to unmute when you talk.
- ◆ Zoom meetings are going to be recorded so your new Bulletin Editor doesn't have to worry about typing so fast.
- ◆ Please don't hesitate to send additional announcements to Kat Gallagher via e-mail: kat@gjlaw.org.

Save the Dates

SPEAKER PROGRAM

August 7th
Dr. Wen Chen

More to be announced soon!



Dr. Wen Chen

Caltech Biologist and Information Scientist

Art & Culture:

1. The Renaissance of Chinese Culture
2. Traditional Chinese Attire
3. The Science of Tea Making

Human Rights & Society:

1. Human Rights Movement in China
2. North Korea and China
3. Coronavirus and China's Censorship

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August Birthdays

Elizabeth Esquivel	4th
Chris White	10th
Lee Harris	17th
Amy Busch	25th
Len Strickland	30th

August Anniversaries

Jeremiah and Lisa Smith	10th, 17 years
Ron and Julie Chambers	16th, 35 years
Paul and Ellen Kolarik	26th, 30 years

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September Birthdays

Dick Marshall	2nd
Ken Ruzich	2nd
Tim Kuzelka	9th
Marty Swingle	15th
Bill Bevier	25th

September Anniversaries

Quirina Orozco and Jose Yepes	15th, 8 years
Clark and Donna Cameron	23rd, 55 years
David and Joyce Santiago	30th, 12 years

Bio for Dr. Wen Chen

Wen was born in China at the end of the Great Cultural Revolution. Being victims of the horrific atrocity that killed two million intellectuals and destroyed traditional Chinese culture, Wen's parents had mixed feelings about her education. Despite their discouragement, Wen eventually won a national prize at a science competition when she was 16. Hence, she was accepted into a top university for undergraduate study. In 1994, Wen came to the U.S. for graduate school and received a doctorate in Biology at the California Institute of Technology in 2000. Because of her personal experience of being brainwashed in China, she decided to be a voice for the voiceless. Since 2012, she has given over 200 presentations to community organizations about Chinese culture, history, and human rights.

Dr. Wen Chen has been working for Caltech since 2000 as a biologist and information scientist on genomics and biological research. Part of her everyday work is to speak at scientific conferences and seminars in universities like UC San Diego and Harvard Medical School. In her personal life, she is an active member of the Amnesty International Chapter at Pasadena, a board member for Caltech Women in Biology and Biological Engineering, and a special event host for the Caltech Alumni Association. She lives in Pasadena with her husband and two teenage daughters.

Human Rights Movement in China

Millions of Chinese people have been arrested for their spiritual beliefs or political views. They have not only been tortured and forced to do slave labor, but also killed for their organs. While it takes two-to-three years in the U.S. to wait for matching organs, it takes two-to-four weeks in China. The state-sanctioned organ harvesting towards prisoners of conscience has been operated by the Chinese police, legal and military system. Evidence and international responses about forced organ harvesting in China will be presented, as well as the following: how the Chinese Communist Party penetrates U.S. society to influence decision-makers; the human rights movement in China which began in 2004; innovation that allows people to bypass China's Internet blockade; human rights lawyers in China; and the movement of quitting the Chinese Communist Party.

Audience Feedback

It was a pleasure to meet you and hear your talk today! I want to thank you for your courage to speak out on the truth about human rights in China. I will pass on your information to my Rotary friends.

Rebecca Chan, Past President, Foundation Chair, Rotary Club of Studio City Sherman Oaks, 11-19-2019

I very much enjoyed your presentation on China's horrendous harvesting of human body parts and the executions of dissidents. Your facts and insights provided a much needed eye opening education of what's really going on behind the curtain. Hope you will continue your talks, you can change the narrative and minds.
Thank you for our special conversation, meant a lot to me. Wishing you much success in the future.

Tim Sprinkles, Camarillo Noon Rotary Club, 2-20-2019

I wanted to thank you for coming to speak at Rotary Club of Camarillo. That was a very enlightening talk. You were a great presenter and really opened our eyes about how things are in China. Thank you!

Pat McCollum, Camarillo Noon Rotary Club, 2-20-2019

Your presentation today was excellent. I think we all left with some discomfort given what we now know about activities in China. I will encourage our California lawmakers to change the way business is done with China. We would love to have you back in the future to present on other topics.

Debbie Murphy, Carpinteria Morning Rotary Club, 2-20-2019

Thank you for traveling to Nipomo to speak to our club. Your comments were enlightening and educational. I applaud your dedication to speaking out about the injustices in China. If you want to speak to a number of Rotary Clubs at once, I will forward your information to our District Governor. Our Rotary District, District 5240, is made up of 72 clubs. I would forward your information to our District Governor if you want to speak at one of our District meetings or Conferences.

Ed Harris, Community Service Chair, Rotary Club of Nipomo, 10-20-2018

Thank you for coming to our meeting. Your information was quite eye opening and inspiring.

Tara Thomas, President, Rotary Club of Moorpark Morning, 9-27-2018

On behalf of our Rotary Club, our community and humanity I wanted to thank you again for sharing your time and your passion of educating all of us of this terrible process of harvesting organs. I applaud you for your courage and your skilled approach to educate all of us of this hidden genocide that exists today in our time and global existence. Hopefully with your persistence along with all of the others discussing and sharing this genocide you can get this situation to go away. You briefly discussed the brainwashing you possessed when you came to California as a young adult student, and revealed how little we know and understand what is really going on in China with the communist regime. We must help and try to rid our world of atrocities and genocides as you have disclosed to us. Thank you for your wonderful efforts and commitments to help educate and hopefully stop this travesty from continuing.

With your permission I will pass along your information along to our morning Rotary Club. Do you have your dates yet for June when you are presenting again up in our area? And it was an honor to meet such an accomplished humanitarian and scie.....! in our own community. Thank you for your service to humanity.

Steve Gregory, Paso Robles Rotary Club, 1-12-2018

What a wonderful, passionate, and informed speaker you are! You were delightful to listen to, even with the weight of such a serious topic. I could tell that our whole group was mesmerized. And yes, they will be talking to others, so I think you more than accomplished your objective.

Sue Herron-Wysocki, Covina Rotary Club, 10-12-2017

Thank you! And thank you for your presentation. I had no idea about the forced organ harvesting occurring in China. I'm glad you educated us about this atrocity. Keep up the good work!

Robin Dudley, SLO Daybreak Rotary Club, 8-8-2017

Thank you so much for your presentation this morning...it was very powerful, and eye opening to many.

Steve Dinielli, Cayucos-Seaside Rotary, 8-10-2017

I did not have a chance to thank you for your presentation this morning. I appreciate your taking time out of your day to address our club on events and relationships between the US, China, CCP, media, and education. I was shocked to learn of the existence of organ harvesting in China, efforts within the US government to ignore and essentially support these ongoing acts, and the continued manipulation and propaganda by the Chinese government.

Thank you for a very educational and enlightening presentation. Please join us at our Friday morning meetings whenever you can as a guest or as a member!

Jim Hall, President-elect 2016/2017, Tempe South Rotary, 4-28-2017

Enjoyed your talk very much! ... Keep up the good work, that story must be told!

Greg Donahue, Moreno Valley Noon Rotary Club, 3-27-2017



Dues are due for the 2020-21 Rotary year. A formal invoice has been issued by **Dustin Dumars**.

Dues for the year will be \$250. Checks can be mailed to our P.O. Box 288, West Sacramento 95691 or dropped off at **Dustin's office**. Use the email sent by **Dustin** if you want to make your dues payment via Paypal.



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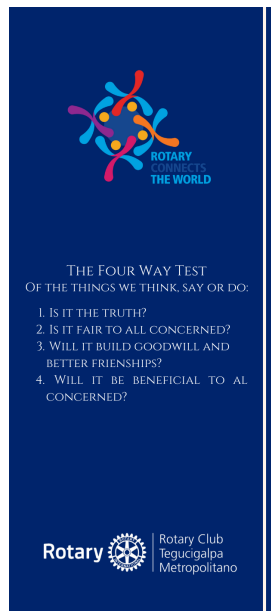
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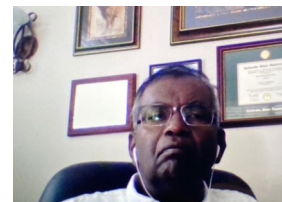
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LOVE FROM HONDURAS!

We have been recognized by the Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa in Honduras, thanks to the efforts and diligence of our International Service Chair, **Siva Sivakumaran**. (Thank you, Siva!)



A Barry Scary Time...



On July 26, we received quite a scare when we learned that our dear friend **Barry Kalar** was hospitalized and staying at a Veteran's facility in Rancho Cordova. We also learned he lost a lot of weight. He seems to be on the mend as he was able to attend the July 30 Rotary Board meeting. If you'd like to send him well wishes, please mail it to him at: 1601 Norfolk Ave., West Sacramento, California 95691.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A NEW MEMBER?

KNOW ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

Check out the New Member Process.....(a little refresher)

1. Attend the required 3 Rotary weekly meetings as a guest of your sponsor, who is an active Rotary Club of West Sacramento member.
2. Fill out the application to become a member and submit it to the Board of Directors for approval.
3. Once approved, you will be published in the weekly *Chips from the Buzzsaw*, for three weeks, giving members time to submit concerns, questions, and comments to the Board.
4. Once you are inducted as a new member, you will receive your red badge (provisional member), and fulfill the requirements to exchange it for a blue badge (permanent, active member).

Questions? Contact Denice Domke, Membership Chair or John Raney, President



River City High School Interact Club News

RCHS Interact Board had their first meeting and will be electing their Officers for the new year. They are trying to plan meaningful events during the pandemic. All ideas are welcome! Please send them to Kat.

We also still have more chocolates to sell!! Anyone who is interested in purchasing the World's Best Chocolates, they are \$1.00 per bar, and if you buy 5, you get 1 free.

The President's Page

Raney's Remarks Opening Remarks From John's First Meeting

Fairy tales can come true
It can happen to you if you're young at heart
For it's hard, you will find
To be narrow of mind if you're young at heart

You can go to extremes with impossible schemes
You can laugh when your dreams fall apart at the seams
And life gets more exciting with each passing day
And love is either in your heart or on it's way

Don't you know that it's worth
Every treasure on earth to be young at heart
For as rich as you are
It's much better by far to be young at heart

And if you should survive to a hundred and five
Look at all you'll derive out of bein' alive
And here is the best part, you have a head start
If you are among the very young at heart



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OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the: ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of ideal of service by every Rotarian to his/her/ personal, business and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideals of service.



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badly hurt; having surgery; a
loved one passes away —
Members or close family—

Please contact **Little Miss
Sunshine Chair, Carol
Bogart**, at
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The 4 Way Test

Of the Things we Think, Say or Do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and better **FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



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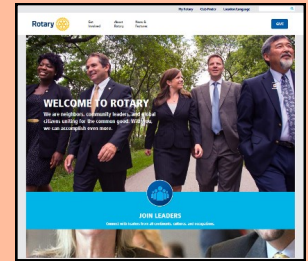


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District 5180 Rotary Clubs Meeting Times and Locations So You Can Make Up Each Week

Day	Who	When	Where	Who	When	Where
Mon	Foothill Highlands	12:15pm	Lions Gate at McClellan Park	Walnut Grove	12:30pm	Tony's Place
	Sacramento	12:15pm	Red Lion Hotel—Woodlake	Fair Oaks	6:45pm	Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
Tues	Oroville Sunrise	7:00am	The Monday Club	Oroville	Noon	The Monday Club
	Rancho Cordova Sunrise	7:00am	Cordova Casino	Marysville	12:10pm	Peachtree Country Club
	West Sacramento Centennial	7:00am	Collins Teen Center	Loomis Sunset	5:30pm	Refer to Home Page
Wed	Arden Arcade	Noon	Piatti	Carmichael	6:30pm	Ancil Hoffman Golf Course Clubhouse
	Folsom Lake—Folsom	Noon	Empire Ranch Golf Club	South Placer—Rocklin	Noon	Whitney Oaks Golf Club
	El Dorado Hills	7:15am	Community Service District	Citrus Heights	12:15pm	Citrus Heights City Hall
	Laguna Sunrise	7:45am	Valley Hi Country Club	North Sacramento	12:15pm	Doubletree Hotel
	East Sacramento	Noon	Evan's Kitchen Banquet Room	Yuba City	12:15pm	Hillcrest Plaza Room
Thu	Elk Grove	12:15pm	Chason's Crab Stadium	Midtown Sacramento	5:30pm	Café Bernardo
	Historic Folsom	7:00am	Folsom Veterans Hall (VFW)	Lincoln	Noon	Lincoln Women's Club (2nd/4th)
	Roseville Sunrise	7:00am	Gingers Restaurant	Lincoln	6:00pm	Beermann's Restaurant (1st/3rd)
	South Yuba County	7:00am	Peach Tree Restaurant	South Sacramento	11:30am	Casa Garden Restaurant
	Pocket-Greenhaven	7:30am	Aviators, Executive Airport	Folsom	7:00pm	Rotary Clubhouse-Lew Howard Park
	North Sacramento	Noon	Lemmon Law Office (1st)	Roseville	Noon	Sierra View Country Club
	North Sacramento	5:30pm	Mama Kims (3rd)	Gridley	Noon	Parish Hall
Fri	Rocklin-Loomis Basin	7:00am	The Window Box Cafe	Rotart eClub	6:00pm	Next mtg February 9th
	Orangevale	7:00am	La Placita Restaurant	Natomas	7:15am	Denny's
	Point West	7:00am	Doubletree Hotel	Granite Bay	12:15pm	Cattlemens Steakhouse
	Twin Rivers	6:15pm	Aviator's Restaurant (1st and 3rd)			