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## An Eye Opening Experience

A very serious topic was presented at the August 7, 2020 meeting of our Mighty Rotary Club. Dr. Wen Chen, a Biologist and Information Scientist from CalTech, spoke about her experiences growing up in Mainland China and what living behind "the Great Wall" really means. She

introduced our club to the plight of the millions of Chinese who choose to practice Falun Gong. According to Dr. Chen, this practice is not welcome under China's communist structure because it promotes independent thinking.



Dr. Chen told her story about growing up in China and her shock at finding out the difference in the way that

information was presented to her inside and outside of the country after she left. She was fortunate to be awarded a scholarship to study in the U.S. as her way out of China. She went on to talk about the terrible things that are being done to the Falun Gong, including being subjected to slavery and organ harvesting.



These practices are still happening and, even though various countries in the world have taken steps to try to combat such atrocities, she reported that China has been deliberately controlling its media to ensure that it controls the way the facts are seen by all sides. The slides presented by Dr. Chen and included at the end speak for themselves with regard to how China is able to use its increasing economic power to maintain their status quo. At the end of this somber but fascinating presentation, a few of our members were able to ask Dr. Chen some questions.



**Andy Wallace** wanted to know whether any threats had ever been made on Dr. Chen's life because of the work that she does speaking about these atrocities. Dr. Chen mentioned that she has not been back to China since 1998. Her family still lives in China and she hasn't seen them in over 20 years. To keep them safe, she doesn't tell them what she does.

**Peter Anderson** asked whether China was really infiltrating us because of the recent Executive Order involving the ban against Chinese-owned TikTok. Dr. Chen stated that, because of a national security law passed in China in 2017, TikTok is required to give all of its security data to the Chinese government if that data is ever requested. The company is not allowed to refuse in any way or they could get in trouble.



## Chips from the Buzzsaw

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**David Kamminga** noted that we saw a lot of protests at the end of British rule and democracy in Hong Kong, and the Chinese government trying to stop the protests before Britain left for good. He wanted to know what was currently going on in Hong Kong. Dr. Chen gave us the sad news that many protestors simply disappear and that the government is getting better at doing it without getting caught. The future is a gamble and it's important to see how international society acts and responds to what is being presented. Dr. Chen concluded by saying that full attention and coverage need to be given to Hong Kong because this is what will prevent the communist party from going too far.

The presentation given by Dr. Chen was certainly one that our club needed to hear. Although we are currently living in times where there is much to complain about, there are others who have it so much worse. It is unbelievable what horrors continue to happen in the world, but it is organizations like ours that are dedicated to exposing and eliminating such horrors.

**REPORT INTO ALLEGATIONS OF ORGAN HARVESTING OF FALUN GONG PRACTITIONERS IN CHINA** by David Matas and David Kilgour, 2006  
http://www.davidkilgour.com/2006/Kilgour-Matas-organ-harvesting-07-july-06.pdf

**Tianjin Oriental Organ Transplant Centre:**  
Chief-Physician Song at this centre in mid-March this year volunteered that his hospital had more than ten "beating hearts". The caller asked if that meant "live bodies" and Song replied, "Yes it is."

**Wuhan city Tongji hospital:**  
An official at this hospital two weeks later told the caller that "it's not a problem" for his institution when the caller said, "...we hope the kidney suppliers are alive. (We're) looking for live organ transplants from prisoners, for example, using living bodies from prisoners who practise Falun Gong. Is it possible?"

**Organ Transplant in China: Alarming Short Wait Time**

Waiting time for kidney and liver transplant:

US: 2 ~ 3 years  
China: 1 ~ 4 weeks without effective donation system

**Tianjin First Central Hospital Orient Organ Transplant Center:**  
"Average wait time for a liver transplant is 2 weeks."

**Communist Party Powered by Trade**

- Cheap/slave labor
- Pollution for profit
- Currency manipulation
- Subsidies on export against WTO rules
- Intellectual property theft
  - Technology exchange for market
  - Reverse engineer
  - Counterfeiting

**Infiltration to Hollywood**

**Dalian Wanda Bought: AMC Theaters (2012), Camike Cinemas (2016), Legendary Entertainment Film Making (2016)**

**Infiltration to the U.S. Media**

- Beijing actively buying English media
  - San Francisco Examiner
- China Global TV in 6 channels in the U.S.
- People's Daily from China carried by the Washington Post
- "China Watch" insertion in ~30 mainstream newspapers worldwide

**U.S. Actions Against Infiltration**

Sep. 2018: DOJ ordered two Chinese state-run media organizations to register as foreign agents

- Xinhua News Agency is China's largest news organization
- China Global Television Network operates six TV channels

August 2018: National Defense Authorization Act

- No government use of Huawei and ZTE tech
- No US funding on programs offered by Confucius Institutes
  - ~15% Confucius Institutes closed in 2019
  - ~40% Confucius Institutes closed in 2020

**Western Companies in China**

**CISCO** helped the CCP to build the Great Firewall  
**YAHOO** gave email contents of Chinese journalists to the CCP

**Shi Tao: Jailed 10 years with Yahoo!'s help.**

**International Response**

**Israel 2008:** Insurance not cover Organ transplant in China

**Spain 2009:** Organ transplant in China breaks criminal law

**Taiwan 2015:** 1-5 years prison term for organ tourism brokers

**Italy 2015:** 3-12 years prison term for organ tourism brokers

**United States 2016:**  
H.Res. 343 condemning forced organ harvesting in China

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**Books**

**THE SLAUGHTER**  
Updated Report June 2016: 60,000 ~ 100,000 transplants annually in China ~90% from Falun Gong, ~10% from Christians, Tibetans and Uighurs.  
Based on data analysis from Chinese medical journal publications.

**HUMAN FLAUNT**  
2015 Peabody Award Winning Documentary

**Confucius Institute**

- Free program operated by the Chinese government in 106 universities and 538 high schools in the U.S. (2018)
- China spent 200 million dollars in 15 years for CI worldwide
- Blocks topics about Tibet, Taiwan and Tiananmen Massacre
- Teachers not allowed to practice Falun Gong
- Blocks human rights speakers to local universities

**Acknowledgement**

<http://stoporganharvesting.org>

<http://www.theepochtimes.com>



# MEETING RECAP

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Prior to Dr. Chen's presentation, President **John Raney** broke out into song and entertained us with his rendition of "Witchcraft" by Frank Sinatra. He then promptly blamed **Andy Wallace** for causing him to do it. In commiseration with **Barry Kalar**, who was not present at the meeting, John also announced that he, too, was missing his gall bladder. (Where did it go?)

The club also talked about possible virtual community service projects, with **Chris White** suggesting possible online tutoring or even taking time to read to kids over a Zoom call. **Wayne Enke** noted that there was a reading program years ago for bilingual kids. **David Kamminga** also chimed in with an idea of having around 20 kids call into Zoom for a reading session and that it is important to do this so that kids don't fall behind. **Denice Domke** asked whether **Shawn Morrow** should look into it further, and this was approved by President Raney. Until the next time we zoom again...



# Save the Dates

## SPEAKER PROGRAM

### August 21st

Dan Ramos—Davis Innovation  
and Sustainability Campus

### September 4th

RCHS 2020-2021 Interact  
Board—Video Presentation

**More to be announced soon!**

## 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

## 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](mailto:kat@gjlaw.org).

**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.

# MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

## Leadership Team

**President**  
John Raney

**President-Elect**  
David Kamminga

**Past President**  
Peter Anderson

**Secretary**  
Amy Busch

**Treasurer**  
Dustin Dumars

**Club Service**  
Shaun Morrow

**Community Service**  
Mike Campbell  
Quirina Orozco

**International Service**  
Siva Sivakumaran

**Vocational Service**  
Drew Gidlof  
David Santiago

**Membership**  
Denice Domke

**Meals on Wheels**  
Tom Wallace

**RI Foundation**  
Barry Kalar

**WSR Foundation**  
Jim Engstrom

**Speaker Chairs**  
Dan Ramos  
Troy Bird

**Youth Service**  
Joanie Kapell  
JoAnn Moffett

**Scholarships**  
Ken Wilson

**Meals on Wheels**  
Tom Wallace

**Interact Advisors**  
Kat Gallagher

## Rotarians at Work

**Quirina Orozco** pulled off another successful School Drive event on Saturday, August 8, 2020, collecting myriad supplies for kids starting the new school year. Undeterred by the pandemic, her continuous dedication to this event allowed the community to donate much needed supplies while still practicing social distancing rules.



**Katie Baker Villegas** and Past President **Peter Anderson** also connected recently and in a socially distant way when Peter delivered a check from our club to help Yolo County Children's Alliance with food for Project Roomkey Hotel Guests! We truly live service above self no matter the circumstance!

## Leadership Team

**Song Master**  
Dick Marshall

**Fine Master**  
Tim Kwong

**Club Photographer**  
David Kamminga

**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Steve Oren

**Webmaster**  
Peter Anderson

**Sunshine Chair**  
Carol Bogart

**Bulletin Editor**  
Kat Gallagher

### 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

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Board:

President: Aubrey Winger  
Co-Vice Presidents: Cara Mann and Vanessa Onate  
Co-Secretaries: Mia Antonelli, John Giang, and Mason Tri  
Co-Treasurers: Sierra Raubach and Eeve Anaya  
Public Relations Manager: Kalia Quenga

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*

Dear Rotarian:

It's amazing when everything works, members pay dues, Dustin receives same, and speaking arrangements get made. As mentioned to the Board earlier last month, I had a very warm conversation with Lew Carnahan, Tim's brother, wherein the importance of all his efforts thorough Rotary were discussed. Some recognition of Tim's importance to our club by way of Gloria is in the offing. I also mentioned to the Board and perhaps in the general membership thereafter that I had been contacted by the Los Altos Rotary Club about becoming involved in an RI sanctioned pilot program to collect CFC's (Freon) and thereby help reduce greenhouse gases. The pilot effort at our level will be small, so before committing to the undertaking I agreed to participate through our firm to glean more information prior to committing the club to the full blow program next year.

I'm John Raney and I'm the space cadet who's proud to be the 76<sup>th</sup> president of the Rotary Club of West Sacramento.





# Stay Connected to Rotary



**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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Seriously ill/hospitalized;  
badly hurt; having surgery; a  
loved one passes away —  
Members or close family—

Please contact **Little Miss  
Sunshine Chair, Carol  
Bogart**, at  
[carol@bogartonline.com](mailto:carol@bogartonline.com)

**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?



**Time To Visit Club Runner and Update Your Information?**

1. Go to <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/7521>
2. Click **MEMBER LOGIN** (upper right corner)
3. If you forgot your password, or have never logged in, click “New and existing users: retrieve login and/or reset password” on the bottom of the screen. You will receive an e-mail with instructions to reset your login.
4. Once logged in, click **MEMBER AREA** (top left corner).
5. Click **EDIT MY PROFILE** (center of screen)
6. Update your information (including birthdate and anniversary)

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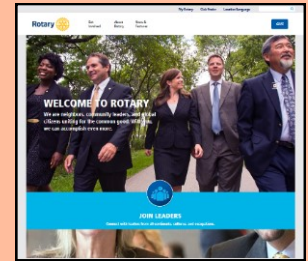


[www.rotaryclubofwestsacramento.org](http://www.rotaryclubofwestsacramento.org)



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2020-2021  
Rotary International President  
Holger Knaack



2020-2021  
Rotary District 5180 Governor  
Brent Hastey



2020-2021  
Rotary District 5180 Assistant Governor  
Megan Ham



## 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)			