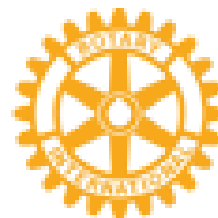




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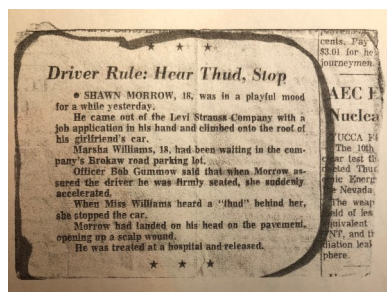


Chips from the Buzzsaw

Weekly Newsletter of the
Rotary Club of West Sacramento
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Member Q & A: Kumaraswamy Sivakumaran

By President Elect Jaclyn Powell



Welcome back everyone! For those of you who tuned in last time, I'm sure you're waiting in anticipation to hear which of Shaun Morrow's three "facts" about himself were the lie. Wait no longer, as you can see from the image here – Shaun did in fact fall off the roof of a car and made the news. It turns out he also got four tickets in less than two months on his souped up motorcycle, and eventually sold it after a judge told him to. The lie? He did not get caught in a tree hang gliding – he was apparently a savvy enough hang glider to avoid saplings of every kind.

Next up we have Kumaraswamy Sivakumaran! For those of you who don't know Siva, he's pretty much the most selfless and kind person you'll ever meet. He embodies Rotary and what we stand for, and puts words into action. He planned and oversaw one of our most impressive service projects – an International Water Project done in partnership with the Tegucigalpa Metropolitan Rotary Club. I can't even get Troy Bird to stop wearing questionable costumes to Rotary events, but Siva generated the funds and oversaw a project which built a clean water delivery system in Honduras! To say that our club was impressed is an understatement.

Without further ado, my interview with Siva:

Q: When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A: To be honest, I did not have the slightest idea of what I wanted to be when I grew up. When I was around 10 or 12 years old, I used to help our neighbor, an undergraduate, to make a transistor radio. As it took almost a year from knowing your Advanced Level examination results to enter the university, I entered Sri Lanka law College during the interim and completed the first year at Sri Lanka Law College. Later, I wanted to be an electrical engineer, but one of our neighbors, a civil engineer, convinced me that there were no jobs for electrical engineers. So, I became a civil engineer.

Q: What do you do for a living now?

A: I have a small consulting firm known as Neer & Veethi Consultants LLC, and provide consulting services for private clients – Flood inundation mapping, preparing Emergency Action Plans, designing water and wastewater systems, and using mathematical models (computer programs) to predict water flows and water quality in streams, rivers, lakes, and estuaries.

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Club 558 of District 5180
PO Box 288
West Sacramento, CA
95691
Meets Every Friday at
Club Pheasant, 12:15

Save the Dates

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Wade “Steve” Thorpe



Steve, has been approved by the Board as a prospective member. If an active member

has any concerns or objections to a proposed new member, he/she should contact Membership Chair Denice Domke, or any Rotary Club of West Sacramento Board Member.

Steve is a West Sacramento resident and a past member-in-good-standing of the Mighty Rotary Club of West Sacramento (1983-2010). H’s proposed for membership and sponsored by Barry Kalar. While technically “retired”, Steve fills his days as an Adjunct Professor (Sac City College), Chair of the Yolo County Retired Peace Officers Assn and Committee Member of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

SPEAKER PROGRAM

October 1st
Zoom Meeting
Wen Chen
Current Art and Culture in China

October 8th
DARK

October 15th
On Location
Old Schoolhouse Project,
Clarksburg

October 22nd
In person at Club Pheasant
Program TBD

October 29th
In person at Club Pheasant
District 5180 Governor



Mondays: Route 9

10/4 Tom Wallace (Tues Delivery)
10/11 Paul Kolarik and John Hills
10/18 Tom Wallace
10/25 Joanie Kapell and JoAnn Moffett

Tuesdays: Route 7

9/7 Dave Santiago

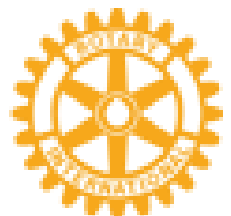
Wednesdays: Route 1

Jeff Post and Kent Ramos—Every Week

Wednesdays: Route 6

10/6 Pedro Cisneros and Dustin Dumars
10/13 Steve and Donna Heringer
10/20 Shaun Morrow
10/27 Dan Ramos and Pedro Cisneros

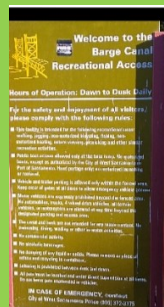
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West Sacramento Rotary — People of Action

Submitted By Kumaraswamy Sivakumaran

The month of September is dedicated to cleaning up the waterways in the State of California. Several organizations arrange the cleanups at different locations. The club participated in the annual cleaning up of the waterways in West Sacramento on the 18th of September at the Barge Canal access location at Jefferson Road.



The President's Page

Remarks from President David Kamminga

Hello Rotary Family

We appreciate all your patience with the ups and downs of the Pandemic. We have one more Zoom meeting for now. October 1st the speaker will be Wen Chen. She was our speaker last year when she spoke about human rights in China. This time she will be sharing about the current state of Art and Culture in China.

Upcoming meeting schedule

October 15 (two weeks) we will be meeting at the Old School House project in Clarksburg

October 22 we will be at the Pheasant Club on the back patio.. Outdoor meeting.

October 29 we will be at the Pheasant Club on the back patio and this is the District Governor Visit. We will have Desiree Wilson our current District Governor making her presentation to the Club. This is also Halloween weekend, so I think Superhero Costumes are very appropriate (hint hint).

See you all on Zoom This Friday

Yours in Service,

**David Kamminga, 2021-2022 President
Rotary Club of West Sacramento**



Member Q and A: Continued for Page 1.

Q: What do you do in your free time when you're not saving the world with your exceptional philanthropy projects?

A: Usually, I go to the gym three to four times a week, walk along the Clarksburg trail, learn Karnatic music and when time permits participate in Los Oradores Toastmaster's Club (a bilingual Spanish -English Club).

Q: What is your favorite part about Rotary?

A: The Rotary volunteer activities and getting to know the community members.

Q: Tell us two truths and one lie about you...we'll put it out to the membership and reveal the lie in the next issue of Chips.

Fact #1: I am married to a Sri Lankan.

Fact #2: I have lived in six different states in the US.

Fact #3: I have worked in Nigeria for four years.


Check in next week to find out which of the facts is the lie!

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Leadership Team	
President	David Kamminga
President-Elect	Jaclyn Powell
Immediate Past President	John Raney
Secretary	Amy Busch
Treasurer	Dustin Dumars
Membership	Denice Domke
Speaker Chair	Dick Marshall
Interact Advisor	Kat Gallagher
Youth Service	Jaonie Kapell JoAnn Moffett
Club Service	Shaun Morrow
International Service	Kumaraswamy Sivakumaran
Sergeant at Arms	Marty Garozzo
Social Media/PR	Peter Anderson
Finemasters	Chris Bradford Katie Villegas
Rotary Foundation	Barry Kalar
Vocational Service	David Santiago
Community Service	Shaun Morrow
Rotary Youth Exchange	Steve Oren
Meals on Wheels	Tom Wallace
Scholarships	Ken Wilson
Club Prayer	Marty Garozzo

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Brian Russ



Brian has been approved by the Board as a prospective member. If an active member has any concerns or objections to a proposed new member, he/she should contact Membership Chair Denise Domke, or any Rotary Club of West Sacramento Board Member.

Brian is a West Sacramento resident and a past member-in-good-standing of the Rotary Club of Santa Cruz, CA (2008-2011) — category Law-Business. He’s proposed membership and sponsored by Peter Anderson. Brian is a Paul Harris Fellow and looks forward to being active in our club. His law firm, Brian Russ Law, Inc. is based in West Sacramento. Brian is the Vice President of the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce.

Birthdays & Anniversaries	
September Birthdays	
Dick Marshall	2nd
Ken Ruzich	2nd
Timothy Kuzelka	9th
Marty Swingle	15th
Bill Bevier	25th
September Anniversaries	
Quirina Orozco and Jose Yopez	15th, 9 years
Clark and Donna Cameron	23rd, 56 years
David and Joyce Santiago	30th, 13 years



Wen Chen, Speaker Biography

Arts and Culture in China

Wen was born in China at the end of the Great Cultural Revolution. Being the victim of this 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 went to a top university for undergraduate study and then came to the U.S. in 1994 for graduate school. Wen received a Ph.D. in Biology at the California Institute of Technology in 2000. Because of her personal experience of being brainwashed in China, she decided to voice for the voiceless. Since 2012, she has given over 300 presentations to community organizations about Chinese culture, history, and society.

Wen has been working for Caltech since 2000 as a biologist and information scientist on genomics and biological research. Her everyday work includes scientific outreach by speaking at conferences and seminars in universities like UC San Diego and Harvard Medical School. In her personal life, she is an active member of Amnesty International, focusing on human rights in China. She is also a board member for Caltech Women in Biology and Biological Engineering.

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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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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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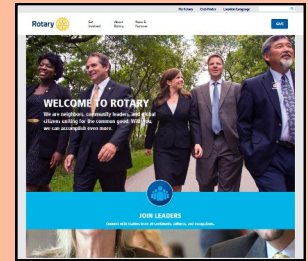


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Shekhar Mehta



2021-2022
Rotary District 5180 Governor
Desiree Wilson



2021-2022
Rotary District 5180 Assistant Governor
Martha Ng



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
	Sacramento Breakfast	7:15am	Evan's Kitchen	Rancho Cordova	12:15pm	Rancho Cordova City Hall
	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)			