

Program: August 6, 2020
Speakers: International Committee

Program: August 20, 2020
Classification Talks
Speakers: Randy Lindell and Phil Bieg

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Michelle opened the virtual meeting and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Chris Franz** gave the invocation for those family members and friends directly affected by COVID-19 and asking for help for us to be mindful of others.

Glen Sweet chatted that birthday greetings were extended for **Bill Friedmann, Patty Jefferis, Steve Quigley, Charles Streitwieser, Cynthia Stroup, and Iliana Tati.**

Happy Bucks:

Cathy Palmquist pledged \$9 for her 59th wedding anniversary. **Fran Curtin's** son, Alex had a Zoom wedding recently. **Mark Yoder** celebrated his 50th birthday and is now working at Greyhawk Home Care in Chesterbrook, He will be going to Chicago for his brother's wedding. After being lifetime denizens of West Chester, **Mickey and Bob Hall** moved to Traditions @ Longwood in Kennett Square. **Sue Flynn's** son and wife had a baby in Savannah. **Paul Woodruff's** newest greatgrandchild, Logan, was born recently. He will see them this weekend. **Arlene Adam** pledged \$10 as she was in the top ten for sales in the Cocoa Exchange for this fiscal year. **President Michelle** was glad that **Paul Woodruff's** image did not come up sideways this week.

Announcements:

Sue Casso Rogers reminded us that dues are due. Our club needs to make its financial commitment to Rotary International now.

President Michelle mentioned several committee meetings: The Fellowship Committee under **Phyllis Dunns'** leadership met to plan events for September through November.

Joanne Tadeo has made the committee listing update.

The Assimilation Committee, with **Carol Hanson** as chair, met to find ways to involve new members.

The Community Warehouse has been moved to a new location in West Chester.

Rob Malone led the calling of seniors in our community by 20 club members.

Our sister club in Spain has a themed venture called, "We Respond Against Loneliness" and are calling people to let them know they care.

Cathy Palmquist announced that if you purchase Kellogg products, you can get a voucher to buy children's books for the Laundromat program. Spanish books are especially needed.

President Michelle informed us of International projects including one in Belize to support college freshmen, Rotoplast International, and South Africa support for children.

Michelle's (Historical) Musings:

Our archives used to be stored at First National Bank and are now scanned by **Bill Friedmann.**

In 1921, the Greentree Club formed our Rotary Club. They met every Thursday at the Greentree Club (in the building of that same name). Initiation was \$25, Annual Dues \$20.

Our club was the 910 charter of Rotary International.

SPEAKERS REVIEW

John Abitabilo began his classification talk by asking each of us to write down two strengths that we have that define who we are. These exemplify Service Above Self.

Quoting Whale Done by Kenneth Blanchard, John pointed out that negative reinforcement doesn't work well with killer whales or humans!

The Stockdale Paradox by Jim Collins (who also wrote Good to Great) tells the story of James Stockdale, the highest ranking officer who was a POA in Vietnam. He noted that optimists who believed that they would be held for a short time were the first to

not make it. "Never confuse faith that you will prevail in the end with discipline to confront the brutal facts of reality." Utilize your strengths to get where you want to be by taking into account your shortcomings.

John's experience with personal strengths comes from training 2,000 people for Dale Carnegie and from the Marine Corps.

The reason John joined Rotary was to follow in his dad's footsteps (a 30+ year Rotarian).

He enjoys us to use our strengths and The Stockdale Paradox to live Service Above Self.

His company is ACT & C LLC. [A Google search found this stands for Assessments, Coaching, Training, and Cleaning]

The most exciting thing about Rotary is that Rotary is people of actions and Rotary gets things done.

His final thought, "Nothing great is ever achieved without enthusiasm."

COVID-19

As people of action, Rotary members are engaged in their communities — gathering for projects and offering help to those in need.

Fighting disease is one of Rotary's main causes, so members already support efforts to promote proper hand washing techniques, teach people other ways to stay healthy, and supply training and vital medical equipment to health care providers. Now they're helping health authorities communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19 and donating protective gear and other supplies to clinics and hospitals that are under strain because of the pandemic.

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HOLGER KNAACK SELECTED TO BE 2020-21 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Holger Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, has been selected to serve as president of Rotary International in 2020-21.

The Nominating Committee's decision follows the resignation last month of President-nominee Sushil Gupta due to health reasons. Knaack will officially become president-nominee if no other candidates challenge him by 31 May.

To build a stronger membership, Knaack says Rotary must focus on increasing the number of female members and transitioning Rotaractors into Rotarians.

Knaack believes that the People of Action campaign offers new public awareness possibilities for Rotary. "This campaign conveys our global image while still respecting differences in regions and cultures," he says.

A Rotary member since 1992, Knaack has served Rotary as treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, representative for the Council on Legislation, zone coordinator, training leader, and district governor.

He is an endowment/major gifts adviser and co-chair of the Host Organization Committee for the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg. Knaack is the CEO of Knaack KG, a real estate company. He was previously a partner and general manager of Knaack Enterprises, a 125-year-old family business.

He is a founding member of the Civic Foundation of the City of Ratzeburg and served as president of the Golf-Club Gut Grambek. Knaack is also the founder and chair of the Karl Adam Foundation.

Knaack and his wife, Susanne, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Bequest Society.

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