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Cars 2nd Chance

A recent auto donation resulted in a \$4,400 return which covers roughly two-thirds of our website renovation. Urgently needed is a new carrier for liability insurance, as the current carrier declined to renew. The insurance coverage expires at the end of October. Cars 2nd Chance is seeking Commercial insurance brokers experienced with 501©(3) nonprofits and familiar with automobile dealer/car donation organizations.

Mammography Machine Project

Great news was announced that the long-delayed mammography machine has cleared customs, arrived in Mexicali, and has been shipped to San Felipe. This marks a major milestone after more than two years of work!

Guest Speaker—Trina Coffman

Trina Coffman is with Integrity Lending and the Watsonville Rotary, and she is the incoming Area Governor. She spoke on a Rotary Grant supporting Saku Secondary School in Uganda. The original goal was providing housing to retain doctors in the area, but Rotary grant restrictions prevents funding construction. Therefore, the project evolved into funding vocational education, workforce development, and clean water infrastructure. The grant would support agriculture, tailoring and fashion, healthcare, hospitality and culinary, construction, entrepreneurship and IT. The goal is to help students develop employable skills without needing a university degree. The grant also includes a solar-powered borehole (well), water storage tanks, safe drinking water for the the school and nearby community, and water for agricultural training.

Trina shared example of international collaboration between Scouts in California and Uganda with the flag retirement ceremony, campfires and s'mores, tree planting, "Leave No Trace"

environmental education, and a youth-led “Water Walk” fundraiser that raised approximately \$1,300. The original budget for the grant was about \$68,000, but the current budget is about \$79,700 due to exchange rates and rising costs. The grant is essentially complete and is awaiting final funding. Larry announced he plans to request a \$2,500 contribution from the Club’s charitable fund, which could possibly be matched by the District. Additional ideas discussed included water purification systems, medical scholarships, and introducing an inexpensive 3D printing/manufacturing education.

Club Business

Jeff is following up with Cesyli for membership. Irene reports that her guest, Alida, plans to join later this month after she finishes the purchase of a home in Mexico.

Members are encouraged to use the Rotary Ignite app for club communication and Rotary Foundation tracking.

Upcoming are a White Pony volunteer day, a Bocce tournament in September, and an Adopt-a-Street cleanup time.

Rotary Minute Highlights

Jeff’s daughter started soccer and Jeff is coaching her team.

Jeff’s father has been experiencing additional health issues.

One member’s daughter hit for The Cycle (single, double, triple, home run) in a softball tournament while batting 1.000!

Also discussed were a Columbia/Snake River cruise, visiting family, Great Dane puppies, business being unusually busy, a woodworking drill press purchase, a month-long stay in San Francisco, heavy rains and disease prevention in Uganda, and local community events and concerts.

Happy Bucks

Family returning home safely from Italy.

A vintage Oldsmobile race care recreation receiving praise from Dale Earnhardt., Jr.

New Rotary memberships prospects.

Safe rafting trip.

Jeff announced a new real estate listing in Fremont, helping the family of a lifelong friend following the passing of the friend's father. He also enjoyed reconnecting with the client's mother after roughly 25 years.

Closing

Uganda-themed gifts (tea towels, reusable bags, coasters, etc.) were distributed.

A framed gift from Saku Secondary School was presented to the Club.

Group photos were taken.

Bob Huck ultimately won the coffee drawing after several re-spins.

Key Action Items

Seek commercial insurance referrals for Cars 2nd Chance.

Larry to pursue charitable fund support for the Uganda Global Grant.

Jeff to continue following up with prospective member Cesyli.

Members to sign up for White Pony and Bocce events.

Continue promoting the Rotary Ignite app for communication and Foundation participation.