

**Meeting Date:** April 13, 2021



**Today's Meeting** President Tabb Randolph called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m., even as he was still admitting people. Dan Stroski led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Tabb was our Zoom guru. He thanked Les Engelmann for Meals on Wheels last week. Dick Hoppin has the honors this week.

Inspiration, “Real change, enduring change happens one step at a time.”  
Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Tabb reminded us that Mystery Golf is May 19<sup>th</sup>. Yolo County is still in the Orange tier, which means restaurants can be at half capacity for indoor dining.



**Visiting Rotarians and Guests** Mahlon Whittle faithfully joined us again.

Dena Lawrence from the Sunrise Club also joined us and will likely become a member as a change in her schedule necessitates her moving from the Morning Club.



## *Announcements*



We had our happy/social hour in the Courtyard of the Hotel Woodland. It was very successful. Don Huff, Jr. and Don Huff III were present as well as Steve Venable with Lydia.

May 4<sup>th</sup> will be our first in person meeting at the Hotel Woodland since the Pandemic began. Tables will seat 3 and they will be conference style instead of round. Jayne Williams and Jim Nolan volunteered to be servers.

Dan Stroski had the honors of introducing Police Chief, Derrek Kaff as our newest member. Derrek began his career in with the L.A. P.D in 1996. He became a police officer with the City of Woodland in 2002. Since then he has had many jobs in the Department. He became interim Chief in July of 2019, and became the Chief of Police in October of 2019.



Derrek expressed his gratitude at becoming a Rotarian. His father-in-law was a Rotarian and Derrek was impressed with the work they did.

## *Anniversaries*



We had no anniversaries.

## Birthdays



Roger Kohlmeier on April 8<sup>th</sup>, Chuck Maltese on April 8<sup>th</sup> and George Burger on April 9<sup>th</sup> all had birthdays, but none were present.

**Recognition** Karl Diekman Held down recognition duties.



Karl fined Chief Kaff, upholding the long standing tradition of fining new members upon induction.

Seth Wurzel was happy as he was driving home from his second COVID vaccine.

David Pinto, our photographer for the day, was happy as the prior week he and his wife visited three national parks and hiked in all of them, Arches, Canyon Lands and Capitol Reef, all in Utah. This trip was part of their goal to hike all the the National Parks. They have done 25.



I was happy Gaye and I finally got to see our daughter on the field on opening day for the Giants in San Francisco. I had sad time as our German Sheppard dog had to go into ICU and UCD, but against predictions he survived and is coming



home Monday.

Nick Roncoroni was fined for not knowing that Rotary on World Health Day, April 7<sup>th</sup>, honored six people as persons of action.

Yvette Roy did not know the name of an Ethiopian Rotarian recognized for polio eradication efforts.



David Janes learned that Rotary awarded its largest grant ever for a project in Zambia, \$2,000,000.



Kevin Haarberg learned that Rotary's new area of focus will be the environment.

## Rags to Riches



On hiatus, but the picture below is a little history, taken in the late summer of 1983, Jim Nolan and I and our partner Chris Hugo with our wives celebrating Shiela Hugo's first pregnancy.



A presentation slide titled "Polio and COVID-19 India NID 2019 Why Rotary?". The slide features a large photograph on the left showing a woman in a yellow vest with "MAN WOMEN" text interacting with a group of children. On the right, there is a small video inset of a woman speaking. The slide also includes the "END POLIO NOW" logo in the bottom right corner.

**Today's Program** Gary Wirth introduced our speaker, Patricia Bergman. She is the Vice Chairperson of the District 5160 Polio Plus Committee. She is a member of the



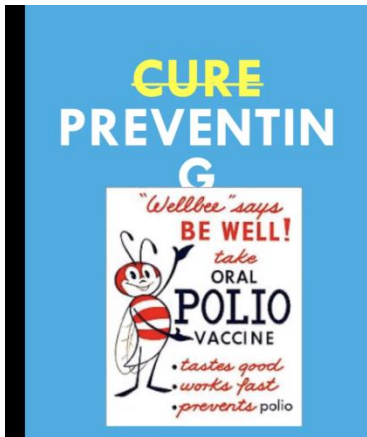
Patricia Cochran-Bergman was the Chief Financial Officer of VSP (Vision Service Plan), the United State's largest specialized health plan for vision care for twenty years (1990-2009). Serving over 55 million Americans through a network of 26,000 eye doctors in all fifty states and selling eyeglass frames globally, the company generates annual revenue of \$3.5 billion. For nine years, Fortune magazine designated VSP as one of the 100 best companies to work for in the U.S. For three years, J.D. Powers recognized VSP as the national vision plan with the highest overall member satisfaction. As Chief Financial Officer, Patricia had direct responsibility for managing the areas of financial



Patricia has been a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) since 1977 and served on its national Board of Directors, Governing Council and Foundation. She is also a past Chair of the Board of Trustees of the California CPA Education Foundation and the current Chair for CalCPA Health, which provides healthcare insurance to California CPAs. The California Society of CPAs awarded her the Distinguished Service Award in 2014. Patricia was named as the CFO of the year for large private companies by the Sacramento Business Journal in 2008 and to the Business Hall of Fame by Junior Achievement in 2007. She was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Alumni Association of California State University, Sacramento in 2001 and the College of Business Administration named her alumna of the year in 2005. She received the 2000 Executive Woman Award from the Sacramento Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Patricia is now retired, living as a hay farmer in the Fall River Valley. She spoke to us about Rotary's continued fight to eradicate polio, which now exists in only two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan. 11 members of our Club are part of the Polio Plus Society which is a commitment to contribute \$100 each year to Polio Plus.

In 1988 about when Rotary's efforts began, there were 350,000 cases of polio worldwide. Now there are just a handful. Over 2.2 billion oral vaccine drops have been given.

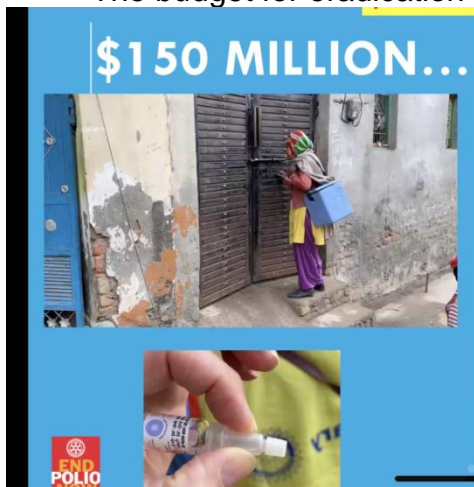


Continued vaccinations of children in India are critical because of the proximity to Pakistan. Dr. Mathew Varghese runs the last polio clinic at St. Stephens hospital in New Delhi. He works to help those who had polio improve functioning. His clinic is sponsored in part by Rotary.



Our own David Pinto knows of the doctor and his clinic and the hospital. In addition to vaccines, education on sanitation is important. Polio is a disease of poor sanitation. If not eradicated, in 10 years there will be over 200,000 cases.

The budget for eradication is 961 million dollars. 150 million comes from



<b>Child</b>	<b>39 %</b>
<b>Awareness</b>	<b>24 %</b>
<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>19 %</b>
<b>Detection</b>	<b>14 %</b>
<b>Experts</b>	<b>3 %</b>
<b>Research</b>	<b>1 %</b>



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**Upcoming Programs** Next week Tabb promised that Jayne Williams will be our speaker.

See more program listings on the Club's website at:  
<http://www.woodlandrotary.org/Programs.cfm>