

### THE NILES ROTARY PINION

January 2020



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#### FROM PRESIDENT BRUCE -

Holy cow...it's January already!! 2020...a new year, a new decade. Where does the time go?

We have a lot to look forward to in the coming six months – the District 5170 Richard D. King Speech Contest, a visit from our District Governor (date TBD), our Niles Rotary Reverse Raffle Fundraiser, more service projects, social events and interesting speakers, the recommencement of Fellowship Fridays, the District Conference, the Rotary International Conference, more fines for Ray Pedersen (③), and, finally, the demotion of yours truly and ascendency of President-Elect Dirk to the throne!

Speaking of Dirk and the Reverse Raffle, have you bought your ticket and started selling to others? This year's event looks like it's going to be a real winner — Dirk and his crew have secured Campo di Bocce as the venue, which will give us more space than we are used to. Once again, a ticket will get a sit down meal for two, a one in three hundred fifty chance to win \$5000, oodles of other chances to win money, a funfilled evening with lots of good people, an opportunity to bid on silent and live auction items, and, best of all, the experience of having made a real contribution to our community.

This is Niles Rotary's signature event. Net proceeds go the Niles Rotary Foundation, which then donates the money through a granting process to local causes. The back of this year's flier has a list of some of the charities we have supported over the years. Check it out – it's very impressive. This also is a great opportunity to heighten community awareness

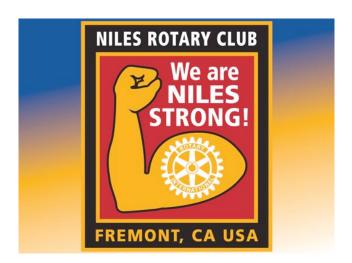
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#### FROM PRESIDENT BRUCE - continued

Rotary in general and Niles Rotary in particular, as our guests see first-hand what a vibrant, energetic, funloving, and service oriented group we are, and they get to experience the pleasure of giving back.

Of course, to make the event the big success it deserves to be, we have to sell tickets – 350 of them. With just under 100 members, that's 3 to 4 tickets per member. Not hard to do if you believe in the cause, which all of us must. So go to your family, your friends, your neighbors, your work associates, people you do business with...anyone you can think of. Give them the opportunity to feel the power of Niles Strong in action.

Bruce





#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 25, 2020 – StarStruck Theatre – "The Wizard of Oz" at Ohlone College. Contact: Lisa Lorenz \*\*

February 14 – 16 – Paso Robles Wine Adventure. Contact: Chuck Canada\*\*

Sunday March 15 – 3:30 pm+ - Wine Steward in Pleasanton – Niles Rotary Wine Event\*\*

April 4, 2020 – Save The Date! Niles Rotary Annual Reverse Raffle – Campo de Bocce\*\*

May 16 – Save The Date! District Conference – Casa Real Winery\*

Area 3 events are listed later in *Pinion*\*good Area or District activity for Red Badgers
\*\* good Social or Community Service activity for Red Badgers

For current calendar information, check the club website – calendar and Events sections

#### **CLUB PROGRAMS**

The weekly eBulletin lists each club program. Club programs/Speakers are listed on the club website: www.nilesrotary.org

Jan. 9 – Botanicals – Jasmine Basrai

Jan. 16 – TBA

Jan. 23 – Homeless Navigation Center – Raj Salwan

Jan. 30 – Hot!Hot!Hot! Chili Pepper Challenge – Presentation of Checks – Daren Young

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

President Bruce reminds us to keep bringing guests to our club meetings. Membership Development, Engagement, and Retention are the keys to our future and to the continued success of Niles Rotary.

The following members have joined Niles Rotary since July 2017. Please make sure you have met them, know who they are, and that they know you.

Padmaja Magadala – Physician, Global Health
Chiral Desai – Bakery – Retail/Boutique
Larry Day – Industrial Boilers
Tina Fernandez Steckler – Healthcare Foundation
Irshad Rasheed – Construction Technology
Stella Levin – Optometry
Jasmine Basrai – Pharmacy – Administration
Russ Whiteford – Human Resources
Paul Phipps – Information Technology
John Jenkins – Industrial Technology
Annu Suresh – Music Instruction
Alanna Powell – Non Profit Organization – Youth Health
& Self Esteem
Tracy Salvato – Restaurant – Catering/Banquet
Hiren Saraiya – Real Estate

# When someone asks us what is Rotary, here is what we can say – the short version:

- It's a leadership organization ... We're made up of local business, professional, and civic leaders.
- We meet regularly, get to know each other, form friendships, and through that, we're able to get things done in this community.
- We join and stay in Rotary to:

Fabio Salahudeen – Software Engineering

Pete Wang - Home Care - Seniors

- o Participate in service projects
- o Enjoy goodwill, friendship, and fellowship
- Connect with people outside of our own circle of work and personal life

## **CLUB MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS – DECEMBER**





December 5 program - Reverse Raffle kickoff and team members drawing



December 5 – Dirk and Reverse Raffle kickoff Baseball (Red Sox) theme, at Campo de Bocce on Saturday April 4



December 5 – and of course, a skit ...

# CLUB MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS - DECEMBER (continued)



December 12 program – Fremont Christian School jazz band – at Harbor Light Church



December 12 – JD Eshelman and former Niles Rotarian from Harbor Light, Ken Rankin

# **CLUB MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS – DECEMBER (continued)**



December 19 program – Rick King Sing-along Rick selects various groups to highlight songs – this is more or less the Dick McKay table group



Past and future District Governors



Couldn't do the singing without Merna on piano!



Dec. 19 – Rotaract and Interact guests

# **TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE – 2020 – ROTARY FLOAT**



• "Hope Connects the World" by Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee (Phoenix): Tournament Volunteer Award for most outstanding floral presentation of the Rose Parade Theme among floats 35 feet and under in length.

## **NILES ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS - December**

On December 21 we had our usual December community service projects: Pizza With Santa and Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

Pizza With Santa: Rose Evernden-Andrade's favorite day of the year! Niles Rotary works with the City of Fremont Human Services social case workers to determine 5 or 6 families who are the most needy and appropriate for the gift and party event. Volunteer shoppers spend a lot of time interviewing the families to determine their wants and needs, and then do the shopping – there are tons of gifts, as the photos indicate. The week prior the gifts are all wrapped. The party is held in the Centerville Pres. Free Dining Room, with decorations and set up done on the Friday before the Saturday party, and early Saturday the many Niles Rotarian (and family) volunteers begin arriving to help with the event. There are craft tables where the families assemble and decorate gingerbread houses – craft elves assist. There is a jump house that is always popular. And then the horses arrive, along with Manuel and Karen – this year's horses were Trigger (who has worked this day for years) and Pandora (in the photos with the cute Christmas antlers) – Manuel and Karen decorate the horses appropriately, and the kids get to ride around the church with the horses walking. And THEN ... SANTA arrives!!! Santa sits in the front of the room as each family is brought up, and the gift elves bring all the gifts up as well for a family photograph. The gift unwrapping is fun to watch as needed clothing and desired toys are all unveiled; there are gifts for everyone. After all that, pizza arrives so that everyone has Pizza With Santa! Santa is a very special Niles Rotarian!! Thank you Rose and all the volunteers who work so hard on this project.



Niles Rotarians, family, Rotaracters who worked Saturday morning

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# **PIZZA WITH SANTA (continued)**





Rotaracters (and Gael) worked to prep the gingerbread houses

Gael helps with the craft project



them home

Gingerbread houses completed – the families take



a room full of happy families and gifts

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# **PIZZA WITH SANTA (continued)**





Pandora with riders





Rich has a very special job!

Pandora



Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Sandi & Padma at Dale Hardware Niles Rotary also did bell ringing at Safeway - Hub

## **NILES ROTARY DECEMBER SOCIALS**

December brought beautiful socials with the singalong and choral music at the home of Scott and Joy Chambers on December 6, and the holiday party at the home of Sandy & Daren Young on December 20. Thank you Chambers and Youngs for the parties – excellent food and wonderful Niles Rotary fellowship!



Dec. 6 - beautifully decorated Chambers home on Espada Court



Music for Minors choir



December 6 party – always good food!



**Hosts Joy & Scott Chambers** 

### **DECEMBER SOCIALS - continued**





December 20 - Thank you hosts Daren & Sandy

lots of good food!







Sandy with Cherie & Rick King and Sophia's mom



the outside bar is always popular



as is wine in the wine cave

## **DISTRICT 5170 PARTY AND LEADERSHIP MEETING AT DRYCO**

On December 14, DRYCO hosted the District leadership event and holiday party, which included an ugly sweater contest.



Niles Rotary group plus DG







# NILES ROTARY ANNUAL ELIMINATION RAFFLE April 4, 2020 - Campo di Bocce

If you have questions concerning the Elimination Raffle Event or would like more information, go to

#### www.NilesReverseRaffle.com

or call any member of the Niles Rotary Club or Dirk Lorenz at (510)797-1136

All 350 tickets will be entered.
All numbers will be drawn.
The first and every tenth ticket
will receive a cash prize.
The last number drawn will
win the Grand Prize of \$5,000.
Prizes for unsold tickets, if any,
will go to the Niles Rotary Foundation.



P.O. Box 7104, Fremont, CA 94537

Join us
Every Thursday
at 12:00 PM
Washington West Building
(West of Washington Hospital)
Conrad Anderson Auditoriums
2500 Mowry Avenue,
Fremont, CA

# Funds raised at this event support many local programs.

With your help, the Niles Rotary Foundation continues its' support of local charities.

Some past recipients include:

- Fremont Education Foundation •
- Fremont Symphony Orchestra •
- Central Park Summer Concerts •
- East Bay Agency for Children (EBAC) •
- American Legion Auxilliary Unit 837
  - Tri-City Health Center •
  - StarStruck Theatre Boldly Me
    - Abode Services Y.M.C.A. •
- S.A.V.E. Drivers for Survivors One Child •
- League of Volunteers Music at the Mission •
- ASEB (Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay)
- Tri-City Young Life, Wyldlife, Capernaum
  - HERS Breast Cancer Foundation •
- Life ElderCare Tri-City Volunteers •
- Boy Scouts of America, Mission Peak District
   LEAF (Local Ecology & Agriculture Fremont)
- Washington High School Music Program
- Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation •



Campo di Bocce of Fremont 4020 Technology Place, Fremont, CA 94538



Event information and a ticket order form are available on our website: <a href="www.nilesrotary.org">www.nilesrotary.org</a> as well as at club meetings. Teams have been formed and ticket sales are now in progress.

#### THANK YOU WEBSITE SPONSORS!

Interested in being a sponsor for our Club's website? Great! We would love for you to be a sponsor and help keep our website the award winning site that it is.

What do you receive as a sponsor? So much! You and your firm will be acknowledged in our weekly eBulletin as well as in the *Pinion*. Wow! What more can you ask for you say? How about a slide at our weekly meeting with your firm logo and a big Thank You! Too much you say? But wait, there is more! You get a monthly thank you announced at our club meeting AND you get your logo on our club website. What can be better than that? Nothing!

#### To be a sponsor, here are our levels:

Annual sponsorship – \$500 Quarterly sponsorship – \$150

To become a sponsor, you can complete the Sponsorship Form which can be found on our website (<a href="www.nilesrotary.org">www.nilesrotary.org</a>) under "About" or contact Dana Jones or let us know at a club meeting. We will get you started.

#### THANKS TO OUR CURRENT SPONSORS

John Dutra 510-543-6678 johnj@dutraenterprises.com



Jasmine Basrai Jasmine@hallersrx.com



#### MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

 Did you know that you can find the minutes of Niles Rotary Board of Directors meetings on our website: www.nilesrotary.org

Go to Members > login at ClubRunner > click on Administration > and then go to View club documents

- Membership Committee information from Audrey Kearns:
- Membership Comm. meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:30 at the office of Rose Evernden-Andrade. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.
- New Member Quarterly Meetings:
- Tuesday, Jan. 7th at 6:00 p.m. at BJ Travel. Agenda includes: New member status, plus presentations on Youth and Community Services
- Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD
- Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD

Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings

# Gift Gallery and the International Kitchen and Niles Rotary

Many of you will have heard or read that the Gift Gallery is closing. There is a connection between the Gift Gallery, the International Kitchen, and Niles Rotary. Members of the Querner family owned the Gift Gallery and the International Kitchen. Niles Rotary met for many years at the International Kitchen - Don Querner was a member of Niles Rotary. No doubt every Niles Rotarian has noticed that our large bell on the podium is blackened one side, and is NEVER to be cleaned; this is the result of the fire at the International Kitchen many years ago. So we remember the generations of the family and their businesses in our community, and cherish the connection with Niles Rotary.

#### **ROTARACT**

Mary Lynn encourages all area Rotarians to attend a Rotaract meeting – held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from 11 am -12:30 pm at Slap Face Coffee, 37324 Fremont Blvd. at Peralta. (Rotaract Club of Greater Fremont)

Check with Mary Lynn or the club president (president@rotaractfremont.org) to confirm meeting & location before attending. Mary Lynn is the Niles Rotary advisor to Rotaract.

a new Union City Rotaract club has just been chartered, sponsored by the FUN Rotary Club. Contact: josemarimgalang@gmail.com

Rotaractors helped with Pizza With Santa on December 21



**END POLIO NOW** – check this website for the most up to date information on the drive to eradicate polio: www.polioeradication.org

#### Polio Eradication Update – Wild Polio Virus-Polio endemic countries - Polio Case Countdown – Year to date (December 2019)

Polio Endemic Countries	2019 ytd	2018 ytd	2018 total
Afghanistan	24	21	21
Pakistan	101	9	12
Total:	125	30	33

WHO has certified type 3 of the wild poliovirus as eradicated – big news, according to RI Foundation Chair Gary C.K. Huang. And we have gone 3 years without any wild poliovirus on the continent of Africa, which may soon be certified polio-free. But our fight isn't over. There's still work to be done in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the two remaining polio-endemic countries. (Editor's note: Pakistan is especially troubling as you can see from the table above!)



• The October 14 issue of Kid Scoop in the East Bay Times newspaper was devoted to Polio!

## RI CONVENTION 2020 HONOLULU JUNE 6 – 10



If you are planning to attend the convention and need hotel/condo lodging, Carol Smith has an arrangement with Darmic Waikiki Banyon – contact Carol (altocarol311@yahoo.com) or Chuck Canada (CCanucme@comcast.net) to get reservation information.

For convention information go to:

#### www.riconvention.org

For the Host Organizing Committee events and Honolulu information, go to:

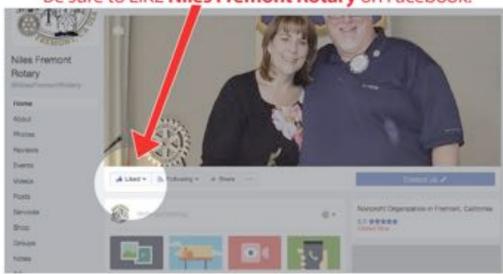
#### www.rotaryhonolulu2020.org

There is also a closed Facebook page – Aloha Rotary – for Niles Rotary and Area 3 at RI – check with Paul Phipps or with any Niles Rotarian who is a Facebook friend for an invite to the page.

The following image is from Jeff Schinkel on best way to see Niles Rotary's Facebook page:

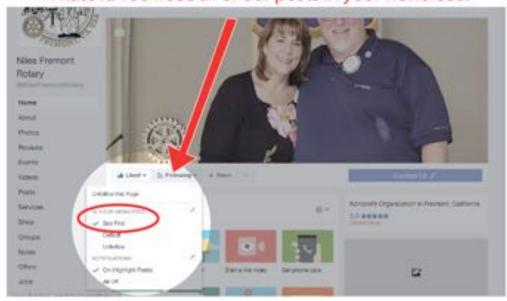
# How to never miss another Niles Rotary Club post on Facebook.

Be sure to LIKE Niles Fremont Rotary on Facebook.



Click FOLLOW and select SEE FIRST.

That's it! You'll see all of our posts in your newsfeed.



## **Centerville Free Dining Room Food Handlers Card Information**

To volunteer at Feed the Hungry you must have a food handler certificate (unless you are the door greeter or person taking census) – this is just for our club service at Feed the Hungry – this information is not on Rotary International or District websites.

#### From Rose Evernden-Andrade:

As a result of a recent Alameda County Environmental Health Department inspection at the Centerville Free Dining Room, all Rotarian volunteers that handle food are required to have a California Food Handler card to work at Feed the Hungry dinners.

This includes all: Kitchen food handlers; Servers; Dish Washers

The only volunteers exempt for this rule are the Greeters and the person taking the Census.

Rotarians can obtain their card by going on line to www.premierfoodsafety.com.

There is a cost for the course. You must create an account, sign-in and listen to the training video, which runs about 45 minutes. There is a 40 question quiz at the end that you must pass with a 70%. It is very easy and really just goes over the basics of food handling.

Once you have passed you can print your certificate and card on your home or work printer.

There is a form that needs to be signed. If you have not yet had the form signed, you can bring a copy of your card to Feed the Hungry, and they will have you sign the form.

ROTARIANS WITHOUT CARDS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS PROJECT.

If you would like assistance with this PLEASE call me – I am happy to set time up in my office and walk you through the process. I can be reached at 510-304-7703.

If you have spouses, significant others, or friends that attend this project they will be required to have their card and signed document also.

Thank you for your support -

Rose Evernden-Andrade

There is a <u>link</u> to the California Food Handler Card Exam Study Guide at California-Foodhandlercard.com

Our last 2019 date for Niles Rotary at Feed the Hungry (at Centerville Presbyterian Church) was October 31. Our 2020 dates are: January 30, April 30, July 30, October 29, December 31. We do Feed the Hungry when there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

It is time to renew our Food Handler Card – Rose has sent an email to all who need to renew.

#### **MEET OUR MEMBERS - WEBSITE**

Did you know that our nilesrotary.org website has a special section each quarter called "Meet Our Members"? It features 4 members along with brief bios of each. Usually the photos are of long time club members, a new club member, and an active community club member. Here are the 4 Niles Rotarians featured on the website right now —



Dick McKay



Dirk Lorenz



Jeff Falk

Sophia Ahmad - See next column

#### **ROTARY WEB LINKS**

Niles Rotary: <a href="www.nilesrotary.org">www.nilesrotary.org</a>
District 5170: <a href="www.rotarydistrict5170.org">www.rotarydistrict5170.org</a>
Rotary International: <a href="www.rotary.org">www.rotary.org</a>
RI Convention: <a href="www.riconvention.org">www.riconvention.org</a>

RI Theme – 2019-2020



NILES ROTARY BOARD MEETINGS: Fremont Bank, 3909 Decoto Rd., Fremont 94555 (at Fremont Blvd. & Decoto Rd.) meeting room on second Thursdays from 5:30 – 7 p.m.

**DISTRICT CABINET/LEADERSHIP MEETINGS:** Second Wednesday of the month from 6-8 p.m. at Dryco—check with President Bruce, or the District website calendar, or our Area 3 Assistant Governor Lisa Lorenz to confirm location and date.



Sophia Ahmad

#### WHERE AREA 3 CLUBS MEET

**TUESDAY** at 12 noon. Newark Rotary • Bistro 880 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 39900 Ballantine Dr., Newark

**WEDNESDAY** at 7:15 a.m. Fremont Morning Rotary Club • Fremont Senior Center, 40086 Paseo Padre Parkway (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, no meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of month; there is often a social on 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. evening)

**WEDNESDAY** at 12 noon. Fremont Rotary • Spin a Yarn Restaurant, Fremont

**THURSDAY** at 7:00 p.m. F.U.N. Sunset Rotary • Crowne Plaza Hotel, Union City

**FRIDAY** at 12 noon. Mission San Jose Rotary • Papillon Restaurant, Fremont.

**SATURDAY** (last Sat. of month at 10 a.m.) Rotary Club of Huaren in Silicon Valley – 4500 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara

**SATURDAY** (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) at 2 pm. Fremont Bridge Rotary Club. 39899 Balentine Dr. #265, Newark

**Rotaract Club** of Greater Fremont – see information in the Rotaract column

Rotary eClub of Silicon Valley – meets online www.siliconvalleyrotary.com

# What kinds of meetings and events constitute a make-up for a missed Niles Rotary club meeting?

You can make up a missed club meeting either 2 weeks before or 2 weeks after the meeting of Niles Rotary that you missed. Makeups include: attending a meeting of another Rotary club anywhere in the world (go to the R.I. or District 5170 websites to find out where clubs meet); an e-club meeting; club socials and community service projects (e.g. Feed the Hungry); committee meetings (e.g. Chili Cook Off Comm., Membership Comm., etc.); Niles Rotary Board of Directors meetings, District or R.I. events, or Rotary special events.

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

January 3
January 17
January 19
January 25

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Jim & Maelene Brunelli	1/9/1993	27 yrs
Fabio Salahudeen & Sanam Khan	1/19/2012	8 yrs
Stephen & Nancie Allen	1/22/1983	37 yrs

#### **NILES ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES**

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Harry Avila	1/1/1968	52 yrs
Rich Brunelli	1/1/1956	64 yrs
John de Sousa	1/1/1985	35 yrs
John Kimber	1/1/1962	58 yrs
Rick King	1/1/1980	40 yrs*
Dick McKay	1/1/1979	41 yrs
Frank Pirrone	1/1/1979	41 yrs
Nick Stratigopoulos	1/1/1971	49 yrs
Steve Whetzel	1/1/1985	35 yrs
Tina Fernandez Steckler	1/4/2018	2 yrs
Raj Salwan	1/8/2015	5 yrs
Savita Aggarwal	1/13/2011	9 yrs
Dana Jones	1/29/2015	5 yrs
Rick Jones	1/29/2015	5 yrs

<sup>\*</sup>Rick King joined Rotary in 1968 (San Lorenzo), and moved to Niles Rotary in 1980.

Note: The January 1 date is used for club members who had joined up until about 1985 because of the record keeping at the time.

#### **AREA 3 EVENTS:**

No information

## NILES ROTARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2019-2020

**President:** Bruce Prescott

Past President & Social Chair: Brian Hughes

**President-Elect:** Dirk Lorenz **Club Administration:** Dana Jones

Service Projects/Community Service: Jeff Schinkel

**International Service:** Steven Lloyd

Youth Service: Wendy Mills

Vocational Service: Secretary: Tammi Souza Treasurer: Don Cole

Parliamentarian: Manohar Reddy

**Membership Development:** Chuck Canada **Club Foundation Treasurer:** Paul Phipps

Sergeant-at-Arms: John Jenkins Program Chair: Dan Smith

Rotary Int'l Foundation: Paul Iannaccone

Pinion Editor: Sandi Pantages

Club Photographer: Mary Lynn Pelican

Club Greeter: Jeff Falk

Website/Social Media: Padma Magadala/Jeff

Schinkel

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**Transition & Leadership Development:** Jack

Rogers

Youth Protection Officer: Steve Landon Weekly eBulletin: Maggie Guilbeaux

**Rotary International President:** Mark Daniel

Maloney

**District Governor:** Ramesh Hariharan

Governor Area 3: Lisa Lorenz

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articles to: (sandipantages@comcast.net)
Photographer: Mary Lynn Pelican

Niles Rotary meets Thursdays at 12 noon at Washington West, 2500 Mowry Ave., Fremont

## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do

- I. Is it the TRUTH?
- II. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- III. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- IV. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

#### CENTERVILLE FREE DINING ROOM – 2020

2020 Niles Rotary at the
Centerville Free Dining Room
Dates – mark your calendars now
for this Community Service project
that we perform at the Centerville
Pres. Church's Free Dining Room
whenever there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of
the month. 2020 dates are: January
30, April 30, July 30, October 29,
December 31. Shifts are from 2-4 or
3:45 to 6 p.m. Note: a Food Handler
Certificate is required for most
volunteers. Contact: Jeff Schinkel or
Rose Evernden-Andrade ◆◆

