

THE NILES ROTARY PINION

July 2020



There's a new kid on the block!

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FROM PRESIDENT DIRK -

ROTARY MAKES US BLOOM

Hello fellow Rotarians! Thank you for allowing me to be your President in what is bound to be the most unprecedented start of any Rotary year ever. I know I express our entire club's gratitude when I give a huge shout out to now Past President Bruce. His steady leadership, guidance and humor through what has turned out to be the most unprecedented END to any Rotary year ever can not be overstated. Thank you PP Bruce....we all look forward to your demotion...whatever form that may eventually take!

Today, as I flip through The Rotarian magazine, I see article after article that reminds me why I was inspired to make "Rotary makes US Bloom" my tag line for my year as Niles Rotary President. Basically, being a Rotarian brings out what is naturally within each of us. It provides an avenue to channel that which is good within every member of this club and Rotary International. Yet...attending a meeting of Niles Rotarians is the very best way to see how each of us "bloom" in Rotary. At the time I am writing this article, we are all still "zooming" our meetings. I can't tell you how anxious I am to be able to once again look around the tables in the room at Washington West and celebrate in person how each of YOU adds to what I'd consider to be the most beautiful "bouquet" I've ever seen. Each member contributes

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FROM PRESIDENT DIRK (continued)

in their own way....yet no one member is more "beautiful" to the overall "bouquet" than any other. The fertile soils of Rotary's motto "service above self" certainly allow Niles Rotarians to Bloom!

As stated earlier, it's an unprecedented start to my year as president. At the beginning of March, I had a different set of goals and objectives than I now have. By the end of March I started thinking about a total "reboot" of my year. My thoughts of membership growth became some sleepless nights of contemplating membership retention. Knowing how the pandemic affected my business, I worried about others in the club whose businesses were dramatically altered. I contemplated our club's tradition of generosity....yet how we could best serve members who may need financial help maintaining their membership. As the next few months unfold, we will be contemplating what needs to be done to address these and other issues in our efforts to maintain the vitality and financial footing of our 82 year old club. Yet...of great importance is that we continue to **ENJOY** Rotary. I will elaborate on what I mean by this in the coming weeks. It will help us investigate new opportunities to keep Niles Rotary fun and relevant.

As Rotary International President Holger Knaack's theme for the year states: "Rotary Opens Opportunities".... among those include the ability to allow each of us to bloom as a Niles Rotarian.

Now let's all hope we can soon "open" the doors of Washington West and be together again. Once we do, I've proposed a Niles Rotary Family Reunion theme for that day. In the words of past president Brian Hughes....When we all can meet and come together, "let the good times roll!" Thank you for your Rotary heart and your membership in Niles Rotary!

Keep on Blooming! President Dirk

WATCH THIS SPACE – for President Dirk's motto and logo, which will be revealed at his first meeting – in August *Pinion*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events are cancelled until further notice. There may be Zoom virtual events

ave the date – RI Convention Taipei – June 12-16, 021. Contact: Audrey Kearns

Area 3 information is 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 vebsite – calendar and Events sections

CLUB PROGRAMS

The weekly eBulletin lists each club program. Meetings - via Zoom. Weekly programs/speakers are announced 1 the weekly eBulletin

uly 2 – Kim Petersen, Fremont Police Chief

uly 9 – TBA

uly 16 - TBA

uly 23 – Amir Adibi and Andrew Palmer – Cryptocurrency and Intellectual Property uly 30 - TBA

MEMBERSHIP

President Dirk 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

Fabio Salahudeen – Software Engineering

Pete Wang – Home Care – Seniors

Debi Pavlecic-Bischoff – Public Education

Deepak Jain – Software/Technology Services

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:
 - 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 via Zoom - June





June 4 meeting – gallery views of some of the 52 or so people attending



June 4 program – Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley





June 11 meeting – some Gallery views

CLUB MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS – June (continued)





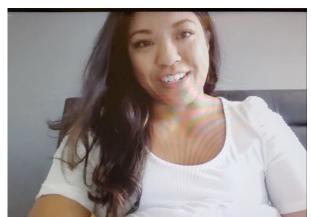
June 11 meeting – more Gallery views

June 11 program-Denisse Rojas Marquez – Health Care for all – Denisse is a DACA resident in the U.S.





June 18 meeting – some Gallery views



June 18 program – LeShelle Perez – Nevada Donor Network – Family Services & Organ Procurement



June 18 – almost Pres. Bruce's last meeting!

CLUB MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS – June (continued)





June 25 – President Bruce's last meeting!

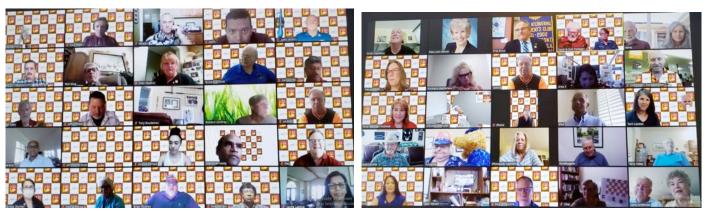
Special virtual background prepared – Dirk transfers to his shirt





June 25 – 70 people present!

Past Niles Rotary President Jerry Haley - visiting Rotarian from Sacramento



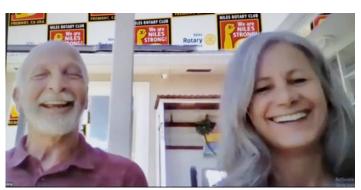
Lots of We Are Niles Strong virtual backgrounds!

CLUB MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS – June (continued)





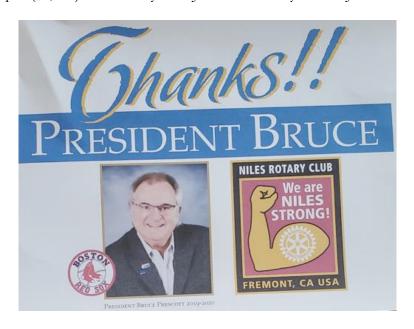
June 25 – special recognition from Pres. Bruce to Ray Pedersen, who was the recipient of many "special recognitions – fines." Last donation from Ray was \$1,000 that Ray handed over to President Bruce in 50 \$20 bills!





And the Rotarian of the Year is Dana Jones!! Congratulations!! Dana has served as Club Administration Director for 3 years, filling in the remainder of a term for her predecessor. Bruce mentioned Dana as the voice of reason at board meetings. And Dana has done a ton of work as Club Admin director.

And the black ball drawing was done for the entire pot of money. Oly Tavares won \$100, Maggie Guilbeaux won \$200, and the rest of the pot (\$1,067) was won by Rick Jones! Good day for the Jones!



CLUB MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS - June (continued)

June 25 meeting and June 27 District Roast & Toast – special awards and recognitions from President Bruce and District 5170

District Governor Ramesh asked all his Presidents to name no more than five members of their club who made special contributions to their club during the pandemic shutdown with a short description of their contributions. President Bruce sent the following list with his comments to DG Ramesh.

Paul Phipps -- Paul's knowledge of the Zoom platform was and remains instrumental to my ability to effectively run our virtual meetings. In addition to giving tutorials on the platform he helps each week with check-in through the Zoom waiting room and setting up our breakout rooms.

Chuck Canada - Chuck is the chair of our membership development committee and has done an outstanding job keeping the committee engaged during the pandemic. Among other things, he has helped us induct a member and have another exchange her red badge for blue during our virtual meetings.

Audrey Kearns - President-Elect Nominee Audrey has been a loyal and tireless worker during the pandemic. When we had to cancel our "Elimination Raffle" fundraiser, Audrey was instrumental in handling the administration behind a program through which 208 of the 232 persons who had purchased a ticket agreed to donate their ticket price to our Niles Rotary Foundation. With a match from the Foundation and Audrey's family, we now have over \$80,000 to contribute to local not-for-profits through our granting process, meaning we ended up having a fundraiser despite the pandemic.

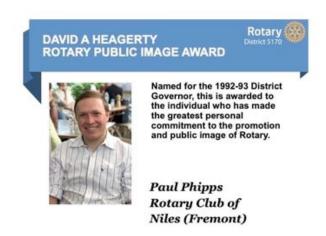
Mary Lynn Pelican- Mary Lynn is our club photographer and she's done a great job of taking photos during our virtual meetings, which we then post on our Facebook page, in our weekly bulletin to our members, and in our monthly newsletter, the Pinion. I believe these photos help keep our members engaged.

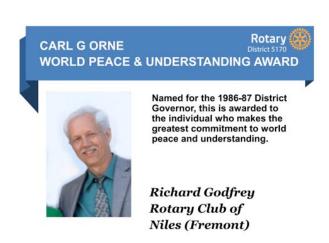
Steven Lloyd - Steven is our International Service chair. He was working on a very exciting project involving a peace center being built in the former Yugoslavia when it got aborted due to the pandemic. Steven remained focused and worked with a former international service chair to identify an alternative project for the use of Area 3 funds. He also is the chair of our communications committee and has kept it working throughout the pandemic on its primary task this year -- a new website for the club.

More awards and District recognitions on the next page

June 25 meeting and June 27 District Roast & Toast – special awards and recognitions from President Bruce and District 5170

Niles Rotarians received two of the special named awards from District 5170 that are done each year. Paul Phipps received the David A. Haegerty award and Rich Godfrey received the Carl G. Orne Award.





At the Disrrict Roast & Toast several other Niles Rotarians were recognized by DG Ramesh for the special contributions to the District.

Daren Young - Lieutenant Governor and for his generous use of DRYCO for meetings and events

Sandra Young - Chairing and Planning for the District Conference that had to be cancelled

Jeff Schinkel – artwork for the District Conference

Dirk Lorenz – Produced the COVID business panel for the District

Lisa Lorenz – Assistant Governor for Area 3

Mary Lynn Pelican – becoming a member of the Arch Klumph Society with her generous donation Rick King - Advisor

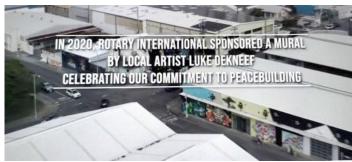
RI VIRTUAL CONVENTION – June 20-21+



Session 1 - RI President Mark Daniel Maloney



entertainment – Aria



Session 2



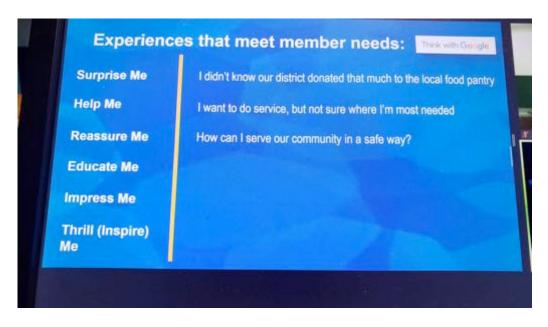


when in Honolulu be sure to visit this dynamic wall art that was the RI sponsored mural

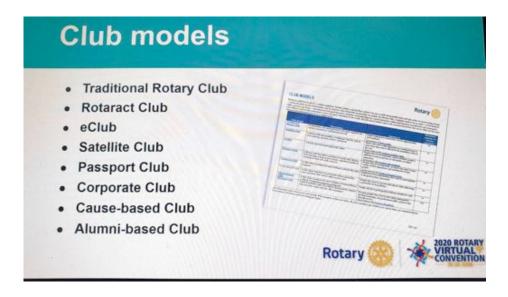


Session 2 entertainment – Jake Shimabukuro

RI VIRTUAL CONVENTION – June 20-21+ (continued)



Breakout session on Membership – Using virtual tools to engage members - Embracing a few best practices for engaging with participants in the virtual world will inspire you to create experiences that are memorable and meaningful.



Breakout session –Grow Rotary Through New Club Types - Learn about new club models, processes for starting new clubs, and the factors underpinning success.

FELLOWSHIP FRIDAYS – every Friday at 7:30 pm – Past President Bruce sends the Zoom link



June 5 – some hats moments!



June 12



June 19 - nice to see Kimberly Hartz & Steve Foster and Kimberly Macfarlane, Gael Stewart



June 26, 2020

SOME NOTES ON NILES ROTARY MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

These notes are taken from an article that President Bruce did for the April Pinion:

- 1. Our weekly club meetings are being held via Zoom. If you have not yet used Zoom, you can install Zoom at: https://zoom.us/download
- 2. The link to the meeting is the same every week, so you can save one message with the link information; President Bruce has also sent link information each week.
- 3. Attendance at the virtual meetings is voluntary. You do not have to attend and will not be penalized if you don't. But knowing Niles Rotarians, President Dirk is sure you will want to attend. This crowd is too much fun to avoid!
- 4. Depending on how long the stay at home environment lasts, Zoom also will enable us to continue having committee meetings, and we'll even use it for social interactions like Fellowship Friday. Other suggestions are welcome.
- 5. With our diverse membership, we have many members who, due to their own age or medical condition, or that of family members, need to be extra vigilant about outside interactions and exposures. We also have members for whom the risk associated with Essential Functions is less of a concern. Our We Care Chair, Margo Hood, will assemble a list of Niles Rotarians willing to volunteer to help out those members who need assistance, which will be published and made available to the entire membership, all of whom can feel free to contact anyone on the list to ask for assistance. The list will identify where each of the volunteers lives, so that anyone in need can contact someone in their vicinity. Requests will be held in strict confidence. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE VOLUNTEER LIST, PLEASE CONTACT MARGO AND LET HER KNOW!!!

I am aware that many of you keep in contact and offer assistance on your own. These measures are not intended to interfere with that, so keep on doing what you're doing. And, if you have any ideas of your own that you think might help the club maintain continuity and collegiality, by all means let me or any other member of our board, or any of our service chairs, know. Together, we're going to weather this storm and come out even stronger than ever!

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP/MENTOR CHECK-IN MEETING June 2



Lots of good discussion about membership, flexibility, and new ways to look at Membership while retaining important Niles club tradition.

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 (www.nilesrotary.org) 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

- Membership Committee information from Audrey Kearns:
 - o Membership Comm. meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 at the office of Rose Evernden-Andrade, or via Zoom at present. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.
- New Member/Mentor Quarterly Meetings: Next date not yet set
- Meetings are contingent on removal of Shelter in Place situation or may be via
 Zoom

Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings

ROTARACT

Mary Lynn encourages all area Rotarians to attend a Rotaract meeting – held on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays from 1 - 3 pm at Slap Face Coffee, 37324 Fremont Blvd. at Peralta. (Rotaract Club of Greater Fremont) – when regular meetings begin again. In the meantime, Rotaract is meeting virtually.

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 been chartered, sponsored by the FUN Rotary Club. Contact: josemarimgalang@gmail.com

Rotaract board meeting – June 6



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 (June 24, 2020)

Polio Endemic Countries	2020 ytd	2019 ytd	2019 total
Afghanistan	19	13	29
Pakistan	53	44	147
Total:	72	57	176

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 2021 June 12 – 16, 2021







Check out the convention at www.rotarytaipei.2021.org to register, to find out about the HOC (Host Organizing Committee) events, about Taipei, and more. President Elect Audrey will let us know of trip information, and she will be scheduling meetings to discuss the convention.



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 5th 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: www.nilesrotary.org
District 5170: www.rotarydistrict5170.org
Rotary International: www.rotary.org
RI Convention: www.riconvention.org

RI Theme – 2019-2020



All meetings contingent on Shelter in Place order or whether the meeting will be a virtual meeting

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

Note: Shelter in Place results in these inperson meetings being cancelled. Meetings are on Zoom

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 (2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesdays, no meeting 1st Wed. of month; there is often a social on 1st 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 (2nd & 4th) 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

Rotary Club of Silicon Valley for Global Impact – chartered April 29, 2020 with 55 members

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

Bill Arvoy	July 9
Alan Olsen	July 13
Angus Cochran	July 18
Sandi Pantages	July 19
Jeff Schinkel	July 22
Tracy Salvato	July 24
Raj Salwan	July 28
Pete Wang	July 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Audrey & Mike Kearns	7/3/1976	44 yrs
Tim Gavin & Regina Lin	7/5/2010	10 yrs
Bill Arvoy & Dolores Viano	7/13/1991	29 yrs
Steven & Carolyn Springer	7/13/1985	35 yrs
Stella & Henry Levin	7/25/1999	21 yrs

NILES ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

Tammi Souza	7/3/2014	6 yrs
Fabio Salahudeen	7/9/2019	1 yr
Bruce Prescott	7/27/1995	25 yrs
CyndyMo Mozzetti	7/30/2015	5 yrs

AREA 3 EVENTS:

Mission San Jose Rotary club did a service project of spreading mulch at the Rancho Higuera Historical Park





NILES ROTARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2020-2021

President: Dirk Lorenz

Past President & Social Chair: Bruce Prescott

President-Elect: Audrey Kearns **President-Elect-Designate:**

Club Administration: Sam Forbes

Service Projects/Community Service: Jeff Schinkel;

Steve & Terri Landon

International Service: Steven Lloyd

Youth Service: Merna Morse

Vocational Service: Kimberly MacFarlane

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:** Craig Steckler

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

Public Relations: Jeff Schinkel **Club Runner Updates:** Tammi Souza

Transition & Leadership Development: Jack

Rogers

Youth Protection Officer: Steve Landon Weekly eBulletin: Maggie Guilbeaux

Rotary International President: Holger Knaack

District Governor: Gregg Giusiana **Governor Area 3:** Lisa Lorenz

Pinion Editor: Sandi Pantages — send information & articles to: (sandipantages@comcast.net). A new editor would be welcome! Let me know if you are interested.

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 5th Thursday of
the month. Remaining 2020 dates
are: 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.◆◆

Logistics contingent on Shelter in Place



