Hi Everyone,

Well, May was a bitter sweet month that began on Saturday the 1st with DG Joy’s all day virtual District Conference. Thanks to club members who attended, presented and helped make it a success. There were lots of interesting speakers including our RI President Holger Knaack and Jennifer Jones of Canada who will be our first female President in 2022-23. Also, there were educational and fun sessions as well as recognition and awards for Rotarians and clubs. Joy and her team did a great job.

On the 6th we had a farewell social for our good friend and Charter member Suha Kilic on the rooftop of Hotel 1110 on Del Monte. The weather cooperated, the views great and a good time was had by all. Nice that his wife Melania and daughter were able to join us in sending him off to Turkey with well wishes and thanks for his many contributions to the club and Rotary. And special thanks to Yavuz for organizing the event.

Looking ahead to the easing of statewide covid restrictions on June 15th, your Board met on May 27th and among the agenda items discussed was our meetings. And decided that beginning in July we will continue with our two Zoom club meetings and Board meeting, but add an in-person meeting or social each month. This will allow members who are geographically challenged to attend meetings, and perhaps be more acceptable to prospective members and guest speakers who do not like our early morning time. This flexible approach is being encouraged by President Holger who wrote in the June Rotarian: “Let’s apply what we’ve learned in order to offer experiences and opportunities for our members, such as online attendance as a regular option.”

Finally, I have enjoyed serving as your President this past year and appreciate your support, advice and participation during these difficult times. As you probably know I will be continuing as co-President with Berniz House, so I will not be completely vacating this role but do want to say thanks to you all for helping me keep the club going in right direction during 2020-21.

President Joe
Events Calendar

6/17 Kick Out/In Party at Danette’s Home
11521 Hidden Valley Rd, Carmel Valley
5:30 – 7:00pm

Meetings & Programs

6/3 Club Meeting (Zoom)
8:00 – 9:00 am
6/17 Club Social
5:30pm (see above)
6/24 Board Meeting (Zoom)
8:00 – 9:00 am

Birthdays

None

Wedding Anniversaries

6/9 Ilge Karancak-Splane
6/10 Dwight Wilson
6/23 Yavuz Atila
623 Ed Smith

Club/Rotary Anniversaries

6/18/20 John Hetz (1)

Grants Update
Ilge Karancak-Splane

Syrian Refugee Education & Integration
Project, Torbali, Turkey - Global Grant
All equipment, furnishing and training
delivered, completed and paid. Hoping a
May-June trip to Turkey for completion of
the Integration phase with Dr. Selin Yildiz
Nielsen will happen. Depends on travel
restrictions due to the pandemic.

Baja & California Virtual Conservation
Training - District Service Grant
Development of an online fresh water
curriculum. Final report in May. New DSG
coming soon for 2021-22 Rotary year.

Training for USA/California and Mexico
Teachers in Conservation of Natural
Resources - Global Grant
Application will be submitted at the
beginning of the new Rotary year July 1,
2021 when the new RI environmental area of
focus goes into effect.

2021 Marks 36th Year of
PolioPlus Program

Nearly 3 Billion Children Immunized
Against Polio
99% of World Polio Free
Over $2.1 Billion Contributed
Africa Recently Declared Polio Free

Latest News
Through May 18th only one new case of the
wild virus in Afghanistan (January 1st) and
one in Pakistan (January 27th). This compares
to 12 and 47 as of the same date a year ago,
and a total of 56 and 84 for all of 2020. Let’s
hope this is the end of the wild virus in these
last two endemic countries and we have
ended polio in the world!

Member Profile
Dwight Wilson

Dwight has been involved in long term health
care his entire career. He was with the VA
Medical Center in Palo Alto for 30 years
managing their extended and long term care
programs. He was then CEO at Mission
Hospice and Home Care in San Mateo for 11
years and most recently was in the same
position at the Central Coast Nursing
Association & Hospice, Monterey. Dwight
has an undergraduate degree from University
of Oregon Health Sciences and graduate
nursing degree from the University of
Washington. He also did doctoral studies at
the University of California at San Francisco.

He has served on a local school board, and
water and sewer district board. Dwight has
been involved with Rotary for about ten years
beginning with a club in San Mateo and later
Half Moon Bay where he served as
Treasurer. He joined our club in July of 2019
and is serving as our Treasurer. He became a
Paul Harris Fellow in 2018 and says his
father was a lifelong Rotarian who served a
district governor.

He and his wife Julia will be married 50
years in June, and have three adult children
ranging from 36-45 years of age. He’s a
lifelong cyclist and has ridden to and from
work most of the time. He now resides in
their “family” home in Moss Beach just north
of Half Moon Bay.

KICK OUT/IN PARTY
Thursday, June 17th 5:30 – 7:00pm
Danette Roberts Home
11521 Hidden Hills Road, Carmel Valley
Potluck Dinner
RSVP Sharon Pira & what you’ll bring
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