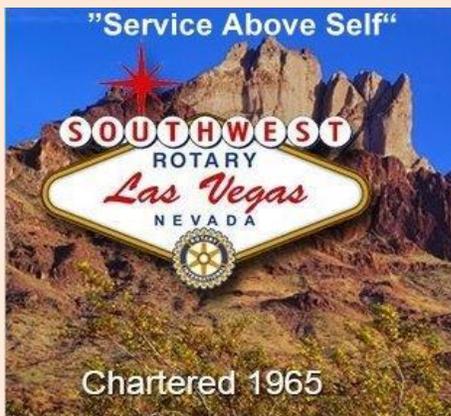




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# Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

## 11/4/19

Presiding and Conducting:

**President Sean Tanko**

Rotary Moment:

**Cliff Silverstein**

Pledge:

**Cliff Silverstein**

Photos:

**Ted Henderson** (see below or click [here](#) for better quality pictures taken at today's meeting.)

Mic duty:

**Joe Wittenwiler**

Newsletter:

**Obadiah Dogberry, Esq.**

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### VISITING ROTARIANS

**Kathy and Steve Jones**, who are both members of the [Rotary Club of Ames, Iowa](#), visited us today. She is a retired executive administrator who recently retired after 42 years at Iowa State University. He is a retired professor of civil engineering who taught at ISU for 38 years. They are frequent visitors to Las Vegas and we welcome them back the next time they are in town. Steve is on an international water project committee (which our district supports) building water facilities in Tanzania in conjunction with the [Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania](#). His club is the national co-sponsor. He has been a Rotarian for 16 years and she has been a Rotarian for 12 years.

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### GUESTS

**Joe Abreu** was a guest today of **Pres. Sean**. Joe is a former Rotarian from Stanford, CT (Rotary District 7980), who recently relocated to Las Vegas to work for [MassMutual](#) as a financial services representative.

## SERVICE ABOVE SELF



### The Object of Rotary

THE OBJECT of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service

### The Four-Way Test

OF THE THINGS we think, say, or do:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### Rotarian Code of Conduct

The following code of conduct has been adopted for the use of Rotarians:

AS A ROTARIAN, I will

- 1) Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
- 2) Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- 3) Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
- 4) Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians

**Carolyn Gollhier** joined us today as a guest of **Rebecca Collett**. Carolyn recently joined [Aflac](#) as a benefits counselor.

**David Vossmer** joined us today. David is the General Manager for the Apex Landfill for [Republic Services](#).

**Adam Joseph** was a guest of **Ed Guthrie**. Adam is the Vice President of Philanthropy at Opportunity Village and will be one of our upcoming speakers.

**Daniel Dudas** was also a guest of **Ed Guthrie**. Daniel is a custodian at Opportunity Village.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ted Henderson** reminded club members that many have not returned their presidential survey indicating their contribution levels for 2019-2020. He is handing out forms again today for you to complete.

**Ed Guthrie** announced:

1. Our club is again supporting Cheyenne's Magical Forest project with both money and volunteers. Our volunteer day is Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Oakey Campus. It is a great opportunity to serve children many of whom would simply not have the means to attend the Magical Forest any other way.

2. Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> is Opportunity Village's 15<sup>th</sup> annual "Great Santa Run". Sign up now for \$35 (or \$25 if you have a coupon-check with Ed, he can probably get you one) and you will not only be able to run in the race but you will also receive a free Santa suit to wear during the race. OV is again trying to set a world record for the most Santa's running in a race.

**Fred Fukumoto** announced that the Club's 4-Way speech contest will be held on February 3, 2020. If you know, for any high school student that excels in public speaking, this is a great opportunity for them to speak before our club and also have a chance to win a \$5,000 award if they win at the District 5300 level. For more information, contact either Joe Wittenwiler or Fred Fukumoto.

**Richard Bowler**, the best singer in our Rotary Club, announced that the choral group with which he has been associated to these many years, is coming to an end and will be presenting its final Christmas concert at Artemus Ham Hall on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend. Admission is free of charge.



**Rebecca Collett** announced the upcoming Peace Conference to be held at the Treasure Island on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. See the attached flyer for details.

**Cliff Silverstein** announced that the Family Holiday Bowling Party will be held on Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, at the South Point Bowling Alley beginning at 6:00 p.m. This year there will be a special bowling competition for anyone that would like to put together a team. He said there would even be prizes!!

**Eric Colvin** announced that the Holiday Party will again be held at his home and will be on Thursday, December 12

**Bryan Dziedziak** announced that Ron Steffey's funeral services will be November 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Las Vegas Country Club. Ron was a long-time member of our club. All are invited.

**Keith Thomas**, in Paul Gustilo's absence, thanked everyone who participated in the 10/30 Feed the Homeless service opportunity at Amazing Grace Ministries at Christ Church Episcopal. See pictures below or [here](#).

**Jordana Lane** reported on the Monday morning presentation at Ferron Elementary School. Kevin Janison (who recently spoke at our club) held assemblies for the entire school where he read from the book series that he wrote ([Deputy Dorkface](#)), copies of which were presented to the school. Our club helped finance the purchase of the books and Jordana and **Shawn Callahan** were both in attendance and our club was recognized for our participation.

**Ted Henderson** announced that he is helping PDG Randy Pote publicize the upcoming Rosebowl Float District 5300 project, now in its 41<sup>st</sup> year. Ted is selling raffle tickets which, if you win, will give you an opportunity to not only have dinner with the current RI President but also get a grandstand ticket. Ted said you also would be riding on the float but I don't know how you sit in the grandstand and ride at the same time, Ted! Tickets cost \$100 and only 200 are being sold. See attached information forms.

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## PINS

Not mentioned.

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## RECOGNITIONS

No time...too many announcements.

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## GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT (Socks, anyone?)

**Joe Wittenwiler** presented Pres. Sean with a pair of socks from Nashville. More importantly, he presented Pres. Sean with a check for \$1,000 for the Happy Feet program. As you will recall, Joe pledged a certain portion of each commission he earns during 2019. Thanks so much, Joe!!!

**Ron Reynolds** gifted Pres. Sean with a pair of candy cane socks that he said are only available to those who are flying to Las Vegas from Brazil. Sounds like Ron was attending another of Dan's "Imagine Dragons" concerts in Rio??? Sounds like recognition material to me! (Particularly since the socks were probably given out free to all the plane passengers??)

**Ted Henderson** presented two pairs of socks from NPR. Ted, as you know, is involved in many different organizations in the valley and he is an avid supporter of KNPR.

**Cliff Silverstein** gifted a pair of socks from Florida where Cliff had recently been visiting and riding around on air boats.

Wow, Sean. Quite a haul! Of course, it means good things for our Happy Feet program because Pres. Sean has pledged to buy a dozen pairs of socks for each pair that he is gifted.

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## JOKE OF THE DAY

Not today.

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## DRAWING

Rebecca Collett was today's big winner.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/11/19 Dark for Veterans Day
- 11/15/19 Ron Steffey's funeral services will be November 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Las Vegas Country Club
- 11/16/19 [Rotary Peace Conference](#)  
30th Annual Rotary District 5300 Peace Conference  
Registration Saturday, November 16, 2019 Conference: 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM  
Doors open at 8:00 AM (Sign-in and Continental Breakfast)  
\$35.00 Pre-registration \$45.00 at the door  
Students \$10.00 Treasure Island (TI) Hotel and Casino  
3300 Las Vegas Blvd. S Las Vegas, Nevada  
Questions: Mary Ann Lutz: 626-695-6222
- 11/18/19 Dark for Social
- 11/19/19 Our club is again supporting Cheyenne's Magical Forest project with both money and volunteers. Our volunteer day is Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Oakey Campus.
- 11/21/19 Social Evening at Home Plate
- 11/25/19 Dark for Thanksgiving
- 12/6-8/19 Teen Leadership Camp for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders coming up on December 6<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup> at Big Bear, California. Contact Joe Wittenwiler if you have an eighth grader interested.

- 12/7/19 Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> is Opportunity Village's 15<sup>th</sup> annual "Great Santa Run".  
12/12/19 Holiday Party at Eric' Colvins on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 12/27/19 Family Holiday Bowling Party will be held on Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, at the South Point Bowling Alley beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- 5/1-3/20 [District Assembly/Conference](#)  
Registration starts 9-1-19.  
Westin Pasadena, 191 N Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101, (626) 792-2727.
- 6/6-10/20 RI Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii  
6/12-16/21 RI Convention in Taipei, Taiwan  
6/4-8/22 RI Convention in Houston, Texas
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## PROGRAM

Today's speaker was John Hudak. John is deputy director of the Center for Effective Public Management and a senior fellow in Governance Studies for the Brookings Institute. His research examines questions of presidential power in the contexts of administration, personnel, and public policy. Additionally, he focuses on campaigns and elections, legislative-executive interaction, and state and federal marijuana policy. His 2014 Presidential Pork: White House Influence over the Distribution of Federal Grants demonstrates that pork-barrel politics occurs beyond the halls of Congress. This research explores the balance between political control and bureaucratic expertise in the delivery of public policy. John's 2016 book, Marijuana: A Short History, offers a unique, up-to-date profile of how cannabis emerged from the shadows of counterculture and illegality to become a serious, even mainstream, public policy issue. He holds a B.A. in political science and economics from the University of Connecticut and an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from Vanderbilt University.

He was introduced by Bill Brown. Bill received his undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1978 and his graduate degree from the University of Michigan in 1981. Bill has held appointments as an academic research librarian, faculty member, and administrator at Yale University, the University of Miami, and the University of California, Berkeley, before joining UNLV in 2005. As UNLV Director of Brookings Mountain West Bill coordinates the programs, lectures, and activities of Brookings Mountain West in Southern Nevada, including the Brookings Public Policy Minor at UNLV. He has published a diverse array of scholarly works in American history, literature, politics, and related fields.

John gave a very interesting presentation on the pending impeachment proceedings and the likely outcomes for both political parties.

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## CONCLUSION

We concluded the meeting by standing and reciting the Four-Way Test:

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# District 5300

## Garbis Peace Institute 30th Annual Peace Conference **Pieces of Peace**

Saturday, November 16, 2019 / 8:00 am—1:30 pm  
Treasure Island Hotel and Casino  
3300 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada



**Mattias Sundholm**  
Strategic Communications  
Officer  
United Nations



**Dr. Marta Meana**  
President  
University of Nevada,  
Las Vegas



**KEYNOTE**  
**Azim Khamisa**  
Founder of Tariq Khamisa  
Foundation,  
Author, Peacemaker



**Congresswoman  
Susie Lee**



**Peace Corp  
Attorney General**



**Rotary District Governor  
Luanne Arredondo**



**Conference Chair  
Dr. Garbis Der-Yeghian,  
PDG**



**Conference Emcee  
Michael D. Driebe**

### Breakout Session Options Include:

- Human Trafficking—Matt Crystl of Destiny Rescue
- Global Issues—PDG Chehab El Awar
- Peace Fellowship—Peace Scholar, Chantelle Doerksen
- Millennial Response to Peace—SGV New Gen Club

### Registration/Admission

(includes continental breakfast)

- \$35.00:** pre-registration by November 9, 2019
- \$45.00:** at the door if seats are available
- \$10.00:** students with ID

To **REGISTER** and for more information, visit the event website at:

<http://district5300.org/peace-conference/>

Youth-Centric Programing— Art for Peace Student Contest— Youth Peace Champions— Peacemaker of the Year Award



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER — Azim Khamisa

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Following the murder of his son in 1995, Azim Khamisa founded the Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF.org), which started a subsequent forgiveness movement that has reached millions.

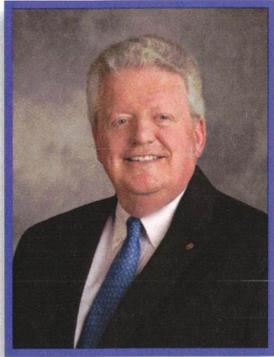
He has received over 60 local, national and international awards amongst which are: In 1997 he received the National Crime Victims Special Community Service Award presented by President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno, In 2002, he received Search for Common Ground's prestigious award alongside Desmond Tutu and Ted Koppel In 2004, he participated in the Synthesis Dialogues with His Holiness the Dalai Lama which was hosted by Pope John Paul at his summer palace in Castelgandolfo, Italy and in 2006 he was given the "Spirit of Crazy Horse Award" from the Reclaiming Youth Network alongside Mohammad Ali. In addition, Azim has been the recipient of the California Peace Prize in 2003 and the Pepsi Freedom Heroes Award in 2006.

Azim has served as TKF's founder and chairperson for over 23 years. He is an emissary of peace and an international inspirational speaker with over 600 keynotes, including one to 300,000 people at the Lincoln Memorial at the Stand For Children Rally organized by the Children's Defense Fund, as well as a speech to the United Nations General Assembly at the High level forum on the culture of peace.

With a strong passion to share his message with the youth and to inspire nonviolent leaders proactive as peacebuilders, Azim has given over 1,000 presentations to over a million students worldwide. He is the author of four books: Award-winning *Murder to Forgiveness (being made into a feature film)*; *From Forgiveness to Fulfillment*; *From Fulfillment to Peace* and *The Secrets of the Bulletproof Spirit: How to bounce back from life's hardest hits* co-authored with Jillian Quinn and published by Random House. He has been featured countless times in local, national and international media. In November 2018, Azim spoke for the TEDWomen conference that has been viewed by over 1 million viewers: [go.TED.com/azimandples](https://www.ted.com/talks/azim_khamisa).

Azim was born in Kenya of Eastern roots and educated in England in mathematics and finance and has over 45 plus experience in international finance. Azim lives in La Jolla, California and is the proud father of daughter Tasreen and grandfather of Shalin, Khalil and Miya.

And for more information on Azim, please visit [www.AzimKhamisa.com](http://www.AzimKhamisa.com).



**Mark Maloney**  
Rotary International  
President 2019-2020

I love to hear people talk about Rotary, but there's one phrase about us that I never like to hear – that Rotary does great work, but it is not for me. The truth is, Rotary is for everyone! We are the world's most social, most inclusive, most people-friendly service organization. And we are proud to show it!

I cannot think of a better way to show how Rotary Connects the World than to display our gregarious compassion and creativity on one of the world's biggest stages, the annual Tournament of Roses Parade. Furthermore, I cannot think of a bigger honor than to ride on that float with my partner Gay.

Thank you to everyone involved in creating this float and contributing to this tremendous opportunity. As we display to the world Rotary's global mission, think of all the people who relate to this message and how we can make them part of Rotary's growing family.

I cannot wait to see you in Pasadena!



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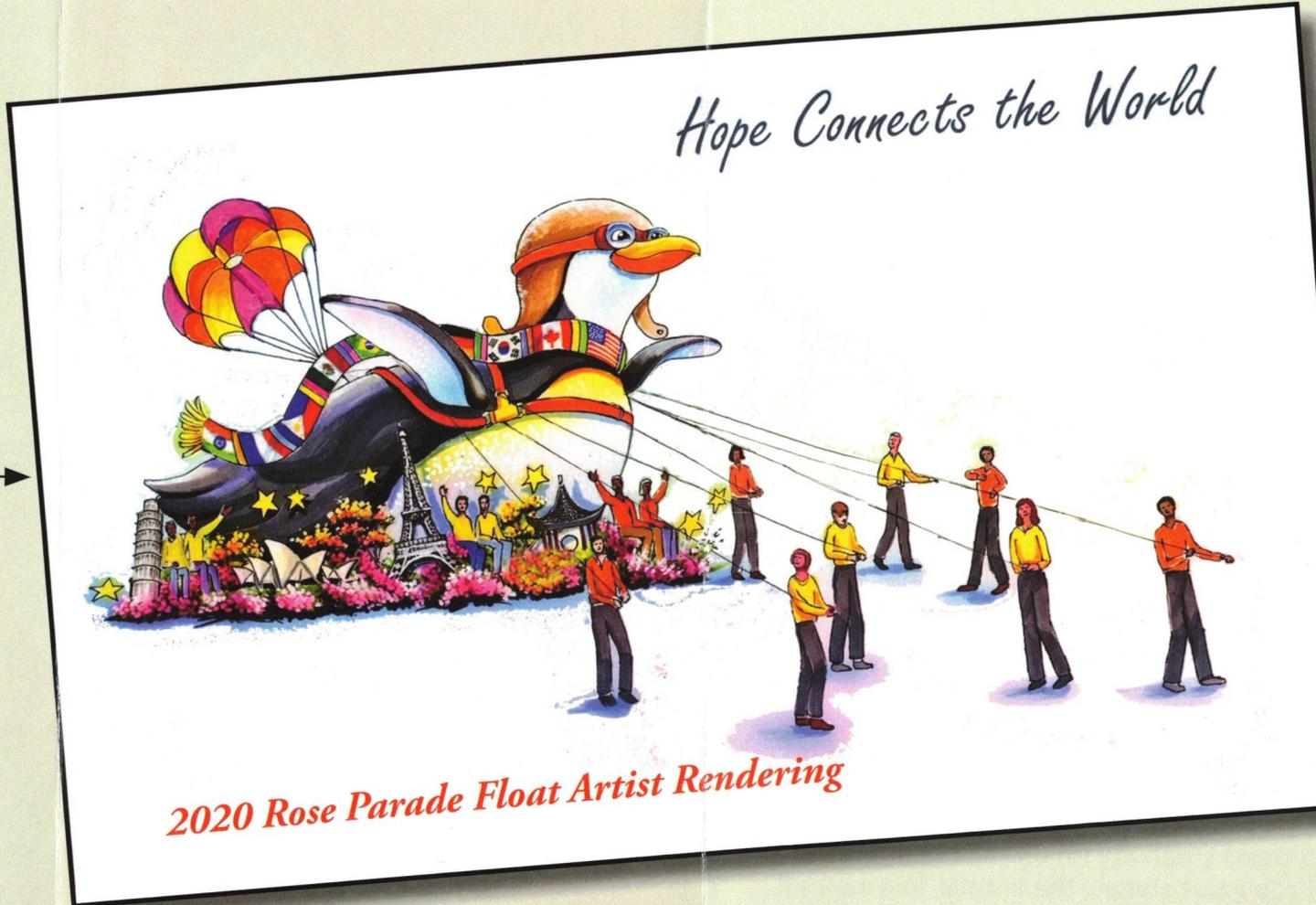
The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee

*Promoting Rotary to the World Since 1980*

# You can help transform this sketch into reality

## Did you know...

- This will be our 41<sup>st</sup> consecutive entry.
- The float is completely funded by generous donations from Rotarians.
- The Rose Parade is viewed live by approximately 700,000 people.
- The Rose Parade has a television audience over 37 million viewers in the U.S. alone...and millions more worldwide.
- Volunteers donate more than 6,000 hours in preparing decorations and applying them to our Float.



*Hope Connects the World*

*2020 Rose Parade Float Artist Rendering*

## Why the Float?

Paul Harris said, "In the promotion of Rotary, it is important to reach large numbers and you cannot reach them privately."

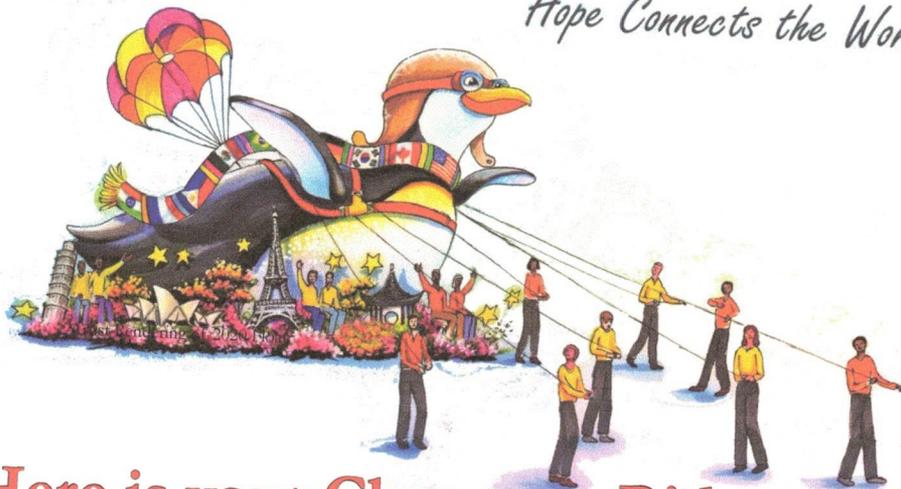
When Rotary International's directors approved the Committee's first entry in the parade over four decades ago, they saw in it an unrivaled opportunity to bring Rotary's name into public view. They reasoned that an eye-catching float would capture the interest of broadcast commentators and remind the world of Rotary's good works.

### And so it has!

For the 41<sup>st</sup> consecutive year we proudly present our float to North America and the world. Each year, more Rotary clubs enthusiastically contribute financial support to this most important Rotary public image effort.

Please join your fellow Rotarians and their friends in supporting the 2020 Float "**Hope Connects the World.**"

Hope Connects the World



## Here is your Chance to Ride on our 2020 Rose Parade® Float!

**\$100 per ticket**

*Only 200 tickets will be sold*

Grand Prize also includes:

Two (2) Holiday Dinner Party Tickets, December 30, 2019 – Value \$200

One (1) 2020 Rose Parade® grandstand ticket – Value \$100

Drawing will be held December 1, 2019, winner need not be present.  
Winner will be notified via e-mail and text message.

For order forms, raffle rules and additional information or questions visit: [www.rotaryfloat.org/ridersaffle](http://www.rotaryfloat.org/ridersaffle)  
**Tickets are not directly available on-line.** Order tickets by mail. Confirmation of mail orders will be by USPS return mail only, be sure to complete the address section on the form.

*Winner is responsible for transportation and lodging costs. Appropriate dress (costume) is required and will be provided by the Committee. Entries will be processed by postmark date, in the order received. Entries received after the maximum available (200) tickets are sold or the drawing date has passed will be returned. Minimum age is 18.*

Complete below provide payment (\$100 per ticket) U.S. Dollars and we will send your ticket(s).

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets purchased: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed (payable to: Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee)       Charge my credit/debt card

Please print: 2020 Rider Raffle in the memo line of your check.

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form with a check or card information (\$100 per ticket) to:

Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee

P.O. Box 92502

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