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Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

6/01/20

COVID-19 UPDATES – State of Nevada

In keeping with current quarantine restrictions, today's meeting was again held via the "Zoom" conferencing application. Until in-person meetings are allowed, we plan to continue meeting via Zoom each Monday at our regular time of noon o'clock. **Jordana Lane** will send out the Zoom invites. Thanks so much Jordana!

Check out the meeting screenshots (see below) taken by **Paul Gustilo** or pictures of the screen taken by **Keith Thomas** (click [here](#)).

Pres. Sean brought the meeting to order and called on **Keith Thomas** to give an invocation. Keith's computer immediately crashed and kicked him out of the meeting (apparently a message from on high??) He was able to log back in, however, and instead of praying and risking a possible lightning strike, provided the following thought from George Washington's Farewell Address in 1796:

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness."

Announcements

Pres. Sean announced that the regularly scheduled board meeting will be held (again via Zoom) next Monday, 6/8, at 11:00 a.m. More discussion will be held then about resuming in person meetings including for the next social evening on 6/25.

A screenshot of the participants in the 5/21 social evening follows.

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



Pres. Sean also said a thank you letter (see copy below) had been received from [Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth](#) for the club's recent donation.

Paul Gustilo announced that the [Project 150](#) donation had been funded.

Jordana Lane announced that [District Assembly](#) will be held via internet beginning tomorrow. Everyone should have received invitations already by email. Or click on the District Assembly link in the first paragraph.

2020-21 On-Line District Assembly Training

Scheduled Trainings:

- Board of Directors Training — June 2 @6pm
- District Assembly General Session — June 4 @6pm
- District Assembly Public Image Session — June 11 @6pm
- District Assembly Membership Session — June 18 @6pm
- District Assembly Foundation Session — June 25 @6pm

Registration - Does Not Require DACdb Login

**Registration for District 5300
Rotarians**

Joe Wittenwiler announced that two scholarship recipients have been selected. Carlie Pachinger and Oluwatosin Dylan (Tosin) are our scholarship winners. Each applicant is asked to submit an essay along with the application. Copies of the essays are attached below.

Ed Guthrie provided an update from the District 5300 president-elect phone call last week (see below for his notes.)

Keith Thomas thanked the board for the recent donations made to support the Navajo Nation project; \$1,000 was used to assist in the purchase of cleaning wipes and \$1,000 was used to purchase pillowcases from [Lighthouse Charities](#). A full report (copy enclosed below) was emailed to the club's mailing list. Included with the report is a thank you letter from Coconino County, Arizona, where the reservation is located. Keith delivered the check to Lighthouse Charities and toured their facilities (click [here](#) for pictures).

Keith also announced the Ferron Elementary School, the site of many of our Happy Feet projects, will be undergoing a major rebuild but will still be functioning on site with temporary trailers, etc.

Keith announced that the Rotary trees in the [Provident Community Garden](#) are doing very well and already are bearing fruit. Mature trees in the garden are loaded this year and apricots have already been harvested (some of which were donated to a nearby food bank). Click [here](#) for pictures. If anybody would like a tour, just let him know.

RECAP OF RECENT DONATIONS

COVID-19 donations have been made to:

1. [Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth](#) to help with their increased demand caused by COVID-19,
2. [Nevada Homeless Alliance](#) to help in their placement of COVID-19 vulnerable homeless in motel rooms,
3. [Project 150](#) to help in their food distribution for Clark County School District homeless students,
4. Our in-person participation in our regularly scheduled "Feed the Homeless" on 4/29/20 was not possible due to the quarantine. So, this time, rather than doing it all ourselves as we usually do, we ordered boxed meals from a local restaurant, [Belmont's American Eatery](#) in Anthem Village, in order to support it during this difficult time.
5. Cleansing wipes for the Navajo Nation.
6. Pillowcases for the Navajo Nation purchased from [Lighthouse Charities](#) (employs refugees to sew the items).

Gifts for the President – once again nobody stepped forward. I guess it is hard to find a "virtual pair of socks."

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Today's speaker was Tom Axtell, President and General Manager of [Vegas PBS](#). (Click [here](#) to see pictures from the 3/4/20 telethon fundraiser in which we participated as a club.) Tom was born in Chicago and has worked at television and radio stations in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Fargo/Morehead, Spokane and Milwaukee. He has served as a college vice president for advancement, legislative aide to a state senator, political campaign manager and swimming coach. He is a graduate of Gonzaga University Law School. He has been married for 42 years and has twin daughters. Since Tom's leadership began in 1994, Vegas PBS has launched a dozen new broadcast and cable channels, developed new technology services to serve K-12 education and workforce development, and pioneered innovative emergency communication services. Vegas PBS's commitment to civic

leadership is exemplified in programs such as the weekly local affairs show Nevada Week. For the last decade, the station has ranked as one of the three most watched PBS stations in the U.S.

Tom's talk today focused on the many changes that had to be made in the past 60 days in order to respond to the quarantine's effect on students' access to learning. He said that one of three households in Clark County do not have access to a computer and two thirds of the students qualify for government assistance. He said that Las Vegas is highest in the nation in terms of "churn rate"...the rate of students moving in and out of schools.

He said that CCSD is preparing 4 plans for reopening schools in the fall, plans which contemplate different scenarios based on the governor's approved phase at the time. The plans are to be announced at the end of the month.

He spoke to the difficulty of recruiting teachers in a school district that has 18,000 teachers with a turnover of 1,500 to 2,000 each year. The shortage of teachers produced by local institutions combined with trying to recruit from out-of-state combines to make it difficult to fill positions.

Zoom Meeting

Speaker View

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Zoom Meeting

Speaker View

The meeting grid consists of 15 video thumbnails arranged in three rows and five columns. The participants are: Row 1: Melissa Brooks, Paul Gustilo, Joe Wittenwiler, Sean, Cliff; Row 2: Bruce, adrienne, georgemartin, Ed, Keith Thomas; Row 3: Jack Woodcock, Jordana Lane, Bryan, localadmin, and a large white name card for Karl Maisner.

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April 24, 2020

Rotary Club of LV Southwest Foundation
PO Box 70126
Las Vegas, NV 89170-0126

Dear Rotary Club of LV Southwest Foundation,

I wish to thank you for your generous contribution to the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth and for your dedication to helping us fulfill our mission "To Eliminate Homelessness Among Nevada's Youth."

With your donation of \$ 2,500.00, we are able to take greater strides toward providing for the basic needs of Southern Nevada's growing population of homeless youth, while helping young people in need achieve long-term self-sufficiency and success.

In 2018, Nevada had the highest rate of unsheltered homeless children and youth living on our streets of any state in the U.S., with the overwhelming majority of these youth residing in Southern Nevada. During the 2017-2018 school year, over 15,000 homeless students were enrolled in the Clark County School District, a shocking 38% increase over the prior year. NPHY needs our community's support now more than ever to combat this growing problem: this is why we are so grateful for supporters and friends like you.

Thank you again for your generous donation. For your records, our federal tax ID number is 88-0476452. Please feel free to contact me directly at (702) 383-1332 if you have any questions. Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of Southern Nevada's most vulnerable population.

Sincerely,

Arash Ghafoori
Executive Director

*No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution.



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Barbara Mulholland

Ted Olivas
Rory Reid
Sig Rogich
Tony Sanchez

Patrick Smith
Sandra Soltz
Laura Jane Spina
Bob Teuton

Arash Ghafoori, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Peter Navarro, COUNSEL

Wow! Thank you all for recognizing the important issue of youth homelessness in our community, especially during these trying & uncertain times. I deeply appreciate your time, support, & generosity. We are seeing more youth than ever, & I think again for your invaluable support. Stay well, AT-T
your
Netty
Garcia

Carlie Pachinger

March 28, 2020

Why Should I Receive This Scholarship

At the age of 8, my family began to struggle financially due to the economic crash. Our family lost our home, our business that we had for 12 years, and I was taken out of a school that I had been in since the 1st grade. Over the course of the next 7 years, my family fell apart. My mother suffered a severe mental breakdown, my father was incarcerated, and life as I knew it was gone. Our living situation was very unstable. We had no home and had to rely on the goodwill of friends for a place to stay. In a very short time, I had changed several different elementary schools because of our instability. To say that it was difficult is an understatement. Every day was a struggle. I was 8 years old and struggled with severe anxiety and depression.

At the age of 10, I began experimenting with drugs as a way to cope. I was extremely lost and had no support system. During this time, my mother began to pull herself back together and began creating a stable life. When I was 11 and my father was released from prison I decided to move in with him. I believed moving in with him would bring us closer together and make up for lost times. Unfortunately, that was not the case. My father resented my mother for leaving him and because of this, he made my communication with her brief and rare. My relationship with him was rocky and I was never able to have the relationship I wanted with him. My addiction became worse because of this. I was extremely unhappy and I could not express that to anyone. Over the course of the next few years, I was hospitalized 3 times because of multiple suicide attempts. I also suffered from psychological nonepileptic seizures, which haunted me for 2 years. These seizures stemmed from severe anxiety and PTSD. After 4 years of being with my father, I

finally decided enough was enough and I left to be with my mother. I was much happier with her, but my addiction became stronger and our relationship suffered because of it. I was constantly putting myself in situations no young girl should be in. Thankfully, at the age of 15, my mother took me to my first A.A. meeting, and my life began to turn around. This change did not happen immediately and it was not an easy road. I came into the rooms of A.A. with extremely low self-esteem, anger, depression, and trust issues. I didn't know how to live my life without drugs and alcohol. Through the grace of God, the program of A.A., and the supportive fellowship, I began to find my way. I was also enrolled in Mission High School and academically began to excel. The teachers, staff, and the outstanding principal at Mission High School helped me tremendously. Not only did they help me academically, but they spent countless hours helping me work through difficult emotions. What I experienced at a very young age was very traumatic and cannot possibly fit into 750 words. It took an army of caring individuals; Barbara Collins, my school counselors, my mother, my A.A. sponsor, and my friends in the program to help me work through my traumas and come out a stronger person. Words alone cannot describe the gratitude I feel for the support I received from Mission High School, A.A., and my family.

Being at the point now that I am graduating early and having been accepted into Nevada State College brings new meaning to my life. Having the opportunity to become a nurse will help me give back to my community. On a personal note, I remember on one occasion while I was hospitalized and at my lowest, a nurse showed me extreme kindness by buying me a Gatorade from a vending machine. It seems like a simple gesture but as a scared child, it left a lasting impression. As a nurse, I will be able to show that same kindness to others. This scholarship will

help me tremendously to achieve this goal. I believe I deserve this scholarship because I have worked very hard to graduate early, receive straight A's, maintain a job, and recover from a traumatic past. I also have the proven perseverance to graduate with my nursing degree. Financially I still have my struggles and this scholarship would alleviate some of those burdens. To receive this scholarship would be a tremendous gift and I would be infinitely grateful.

“We proved that we are still a people of doing big things and tackling our biggest challenges” - Barack Obama. For the first 8 years of my life, the schools I attended were labelled, “Not Meeting Annual Yearly Progress, At Risk, Title I” and more because of demography. The habit in these schools was for students to think that it was “cool” to not make academic progress. My classmates wanted to choose my path for me. They told me to forget about my academics and play basketball because of my height. I was verbally taunted, called a nerd, and told to “act black”. I resisted blending in. Through hard work and perseverance, in every school I was Student of the Month, I got the highest score in Scholastic Math Inventory and was ranked 2/450. Due to my involvement in the community, I was awarded the North Las Vegas Mayor’s Award. I should be awarded the Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club scholarship because I have overcome many obstacles.

“No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave” - Calvin Coolidge.

I should be awarded this scholarship because I am graduating in the top 10% of my class, even while taking college classes while in high school. I have taken and am taking rigorous coursework and will be graduating with a College and Career Readiness Diploma, the highest high school diploma. I had a score of 27 on my ACT. I was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, the largest honor society in America Higher Education. The more I succeed, the more I push on. This is why I should be awarded this scholarship.

I am a good candidate for this scholarship because I have been accepted to the University of Nevada, Reno. College is expensive. My mom works five jobs to make ends meet yet she cannot afford to pay for my college expenses. She supports my sister who is in law school and already in debt of over \$150,000 in student loans. She is also responsible for taking care of her aged parents and her sibling in Africa. In reality we are a family of six. I would have loved to attend the University of Nevada, Las Vegas to reduce the cost of my education by living at home. Unfortunately my course, Biomedical Engineering, is not offered at UNLV and I do not want to change my course because I am passionate about designing devices that will improve peoples' lives. This scholarship will give me access to higher education.

I deserve this scholarship because I have been involved in leadership. I am a two time Secretary of the Student Body. The first time, I introduced peer tutoring during the last 30 minutes of Student Council meetings, thereby improving students' scores. Now as a Secretary for the second time, I am involved in mentoring students on how to navigate the dual credit high school program. With this scholarship, I will become an engineer and can mentor females and minorities to seek careers in Biomedical Engineering because this is a field they seldom choose.

I should be awarded this scholarship because your organization stands for what I believe in. Annually, I volunteer at the Convoy of Hope Outreach event, every month at the Veterans Village Outreach, and Shade Tree where I advocated against domestic violence. With this scholarship, I can acquire the skill and knowledge to better serve my community, especially at the medical tent, during the next Convoy of Hope. I also

regularly volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club in my community. I hope to inspire young minds and let them know that they can achieve great things despite what people say.

I should be awarded this scholarship because at 14, I was offered a scholarship by the Department of Defense (Army Education Outreach Program) to attend a six week STEM program at UNLV. The investment produced a result. I co-published a research paper titled *ScanAlert: Electronic Medication Monitor and Reminder to Improve Medical Adherence*. With this scholarship I can improve on that research and see to its implementation, because lack of medication adherence is responsible for billions of dollars lost and massive harmfulness in the health industry. I can also engage in more research towards the making of other life saving devices.

I should be awarded this scholarship because I have a goal. "If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else." - Yogi Berra. My long term goal is to contribute to the medical field by specializing in Rehabilitation and Orthotics which focuses on designing products that deal with bones, muscles, and prosthetics. I believe everyone deserves an opportunity to feel independent and complete.

I should be awarded this scholarship because I will be better today than yesterday and better tomorrow than today.

Rotary District 5330: Presidents Elect Meeting

4/28/20

Greg Jones hosted the call.

District Governor Lou A. sent out guidelines for deciding to resume in-person meetings to club presidents. Greg shared the guidelines with the P/E's. . Some of the suggestions were to survey the members and share the results at a Board meeting. Each club should also develop a "decision tree" and decide whether their current venue meets their needs in this time of Covid-19 Some clubs are meeting in Parks and members back yards.

Rosie Mares (?sp) will contact each of the clubs about visits from the District Governor (i.e. Greg). Virtual visits are encouraged during the 1st half of the year.

Rotary International Convention: Information is on the website General Sessions will be 6/20 & 6/21. Breakout sessions will be the following week (5 days of sessions). With the earliest starting at 6:00 AM PDT. Everyone who registers for a session will receive a recording of the session, even if you cannot attend.

Greg talked about the need to adapt to keep our members engaged and staying relevant to our community.

There will be a PETS make-up session on Thursday (date?) at 7:00 PM and the session will be 1.5 hours.

Assembly General Sessions will be On 6/4 with 3 great speakers. Greg will send out a list of the speakers and a mini-agenda for each session. The topics will be:

- Grow your Rotary Brand.
- Strategic 5-Year Plan
- Rotary foundation and Covid-19.

Other sessions will be:

- Public Image (6/1)
- Membership (6/18)
- Foundation (6/15)

There are 250 slots available and 80 people have already registered.

Greg introduced the Assistant District Governors. Jackie Thornhill will be working with our club.

Someone suggested the we have members of the Rotoplast Committee as a virtual speaker at each of the clubs.

Greg will send out a chart with chairs of all the District committees. He's still searching for a chair for Polio Plus and for Interact.

Next President-Elects meetings will be on July 20th.



Obadiah Dogberry <obadiahdogberryesq@gmail.com>

Navajo Nation Project - Southwest Rotary Grants - COVID-19 Efforts

Obadiah Dogberry <obadiahdogberryesq@gmail.com>

Sat, May 30, 2020 at 5:40 PM

To: Adrienne Cox <adriennecx@cox.net>, Al Lewis <albrollin@gmail.com>, Andrew Patterson <drewpatt44@yahoo.com>, Angela Castro <castroa@rtcsnv.com>, Aric Graham <aricgraham22@gmail.com>, Beth Pope <bpope8@aol.com>, Bruce Pope <bpop2020@outlook.com>, Bryan Dziedziak <BJD@cpa.com>, Candy Rosenberg <candy@phoherb.com>, Chris Publow <CPUBLOW@aol.com>, Cliff Silverstein <Cliffsilverstein@yahoo.com>, Clinton Pope <clinton@cbpstrategies.com>, Dave Doto <DaveDoto@live.com>, Doug Driggs <ddriggs@nevadafirm.com>, Doug Malan <dmalan@kcnvlaw.com>, Ed Guthrie <esgut3lv@yahoo.com>, Elaine Barlin <eabarlin@outlook.com>, Elaine Vinson <southwestrotary@cox.net>, Eric Colvin <ecolvin@meadowsbank.com>, Francesca Gilbert <Francesca@thegilbertteam.com>, Fred Fukumoto <fredsgwen@msn.com>, Hank Falstad <hfalstad@accesssts.net>, Jack Woodcock <jack@jackwoodcock.com>, Jeanne Radde <jeanneradde@gmail.com>, Jim Andres <jandres@manpowerlv.com>, Joan Soriano <joanbrem@comcast.net>, Joanne Blystone <jblystone@cox.net>, Jordana Lane <jordana@thegilbertteam.com>, JOSE CHARLES <pcharles2@cox.net>, Joseph Wittenwiler <joe@directfundinginc.com>, Julie Johnston <julie@camprhino.com>, Justin Kalb <justink@kalbind.com>, Karen Strawn <kstrawn42@aol.com>, Karl Maisner <kmaisner@kmjwebdesign.com>, Keith Thomas <kthomas@byu.net>, Linda Bertuzzi <linda.downtownlvrotary@gmail.com>, Luanne Arredondo <rotarylu@gmail.com>, Marcia Rands <marcia.rands@batterylasvegas.com>, Mark Rowley <mark.r@rowren.com>, Megan Schimick <mschimick@cox.net>, Melissa Copeland Brooks <melissabrooks1@outlook.com>, Michael Holden <Michael.Holden@edwardjones.com>, Paul Gustilo <paul.gustilo@swgas.com>, Peter Hill <peter.k.hill@gmail.com>, Rebecca Collett <rccollett@hotmail.com>, Renee Schivo <reneems@bhhsnv.com>, Rich And Athena Bowler <rbowler@pbt.com>, Ron Gifford <rgifford@roadrunner.com>, Ron Reynolds <ron@reynoldslawyers.com>, Scott Baranoff <priapos@cox.net>, Sean Tanko <seantankolaw@hotmail.com>, Shawn Callahan <shawn42892@gmail.com>, Sherm Fredrick <Sherm@lasvegas.com>, Ted Henderson <Escapenow12@aol.com>, Tom Martin <GMartin3rd@aol.com>, Troy Lochhead <tlochhead@nevadatitle.com>, Valerie Almirola <valeriealmirolaquintero@gmail.com>, sherriethomas@gmail.com, rachelthomasesq@gmail.com, edjamison@gmail.com

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Rotarians and friends,

Just a quick note from "Obadiah's alter ego" to express heartfelt appreciation for the generosity of the Southwest Rotary Club in assisting with a much needed project on the Navajo Reservation this past week.

On Monday of last week, local members of my church were asked to provide 1,000 hygiene kits for the Navajo Nation (see email below for details). Because of the cost of the cleansing wipes (and their bulk) it was determined that they should be directly shipped. My daughter Rachel (a Paul Harris Fellow) lives in Palo Alto, California but heard about what we were doing and volunteered to organize the effort to assemble and purchase the wipes (not an easy task given the restrictions all the suppliers had on purchases.) She found some other donors (including her husband, Ryan Elliott, also a PHF and a member of the Rotary Club of Palo Alto) and combined with the generosity of our LVSWR directors who approved a \$1,000 grant to help defray the cost of purchasing the wipes, was able to assemble and ship the needed wipes (see thank you email below.)

On Thursday, I was asked if there was any money left over from the wipes project because the Navajo Nation folks had indicated a pressing need for pillowcases. I asked what they needed and our LVSWR directors were again very generous in approving another \$1,000 grant to purchase the pillowcases. The project coordinator had a connection at Lighthouse Charities, a local non-profit that helps refugees and one of the projects they do to raise money is have the refugees sew pillowcases for sale. LC had pillowcases available for \$1 each. So your club's donation had a two-fold effect...helping the Navajo Nation and helping refugees here in Las Vegas.

Again, thank you all for being part of the wonderful world of Rotary. It is certainly an unusual time but you have once again stepped up to the plate and hit a home run.

My personal thanks,

Keith Thomas

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Deanna Warden** <domarcus@me.com>

Date: Sat, May 30, 2020 at 2:49 PM

Subject: Navajo Project Report

To: Brother Larkin <tslarkin@earthlink.net>, Joyce Haldeman <joycehaldeman@gmail.com>, Steve Mann <stevemann@churchofjesuschrist.org>, Larry Moulton <lmoulton2010@gmail.com>, Keith Thomas <keithvernthomas@gmail.com>, Jorgensen, J. Christopher <CJorgensen@lrrc.com>

1000 Hygiene Kits for Home Health Care for the Navajo May 2020

Way too much detail for most to read- skip down to highlighted info if you only want results.

I was asked to gather up to 1000 hygiene kits for the Navajo's most vulnerable in the time frame of about 2-3 weeks.

I sent out requests for immediate help via stake RS presidents and Stake JS directors in the West Coordinating Council, and the Public Affairs Committee. The need was posted on JustServe and on social media. Within three days packages of individual items and completed kits starting arriving. We set up 6 missionaries to help out first by writing cheerful messages to place in side the kits and then to meet at the Red Rock Stake pavilion to assemble kits. It was supposed to be 300+ kits the first week and the second week 700. But it soon was clear that it may be the reverse as so many people responded immediately. (Now we believe we may get as many the next week as the first or more.)

My goal was not only to get donations but take people through JustServe and have them use that sight more. The problems with this listing was there is no way to do amounts of donations so I made it amounts of volunteers and asked each stake to sign up for amounts of volunteers- for example if they had 30 completed kits they were to sign up for 30 volunteers under the product completed kits. It worked well as I could keep a running total of items and volunteers pledged. I will be providing feedback to the website on glitches to this issue to help in the future. So many wanted to do more that I am sending out a list to them of other JustServe projects to get involved in.

The help was amazing. We could not keep track of all the numbers but the Blue Diamond stake led with over 250 completed kits delivered. Other stakes that I know of (often packages were left with no idea who had left them) dropped off including Red Rock, Highland Hills, Tule Springs, Dessert Foothills and a stake in Henderson (last three not in West coordinating council but heard about the need and wanted to be involved). People outside of Las Vegas sent money and items from Amazon. One non-member whose father was a member of a tribe himself thanked us for doing this and dropped off 5 kits. Lakes and Las Vegas stake were a huge help. We didn't think we needed help other than the missionaries to assemble the kits but women stayed from Las Vegas and Lakes to help and stayed to the very end. Also Elder and Sister Larkin tirelessly worked to the end through the 100+ heat.

We had individual donations and some generous help from Lighthouse Charities, Ninth Island Aunties and the Rotary Club. The first two bringing many supplies to assemble kits and the latter using a grant to buy \$1000 worth of personal wipes to send directly to home health care (see thank you note they received).

At the last minute during a conversation while assembling kits himself Elder Larkin found out that the Home Health Care are also in desperate need of pillowcases. I knew that Lighthouse Charities had been paying refugee women to sew pillowcases to sell and had them immediately on hand. They had 1144 ready to sell at \$1 a piece. Rotary came through thanks to Keith Thomas with an additional grant of \$1000. Lighthouse said the cases were not perfect so they threw in the whole amount (I added \$25 I had received as a donation). Delivery was made to 4 different cars which transported to St George on May 29 of the supplies listed below. Delivery is arranged by Chris Jorgensen to Tuba City. There was one more donation of 9 boxes of travel sized personal care products someone dropped off as well. Below is a list of what was sent and what we still have.

*******In total we transported 635 kits, one box of travel size body wash and one box of shampoo, plus 4 of the 5 large boxes of pillowcases (about 800 cases).**

Next Wednesday we will do a final assembly of kits and I expect to have about the same amount. Some stakes did not do anything of the first week but have contacted me for drop off this week and I have heard that other stakes who are not under me and did not get asked personally to help have sent out donation sign up genius..... **I will have many more than the original 1000 asked for. IF you all have somewhere these should go let me know. Staying in my hot garage won't be a great solution for long** (I am more concerned for the state of the items than storage.). **Also there is the large box of cases (250 about) and the left over boxes of travel sized items for the Navajo.**

I understand that Elder Larkin will be able to transport some next week but not all.

Deanna Warden
West Coordinating Council Just Serve

THANK YOU NOTE FROM HOME HEALTH SENT TO ROTARY

From: **Fowler, Lena** <lfowler@coconino.az.gov>
Date: Fri, May 29, 2020 at 12:32 PM
Subject: RE: Deliveries of Baby Wipes for Navajo Nation

Rachel and team.

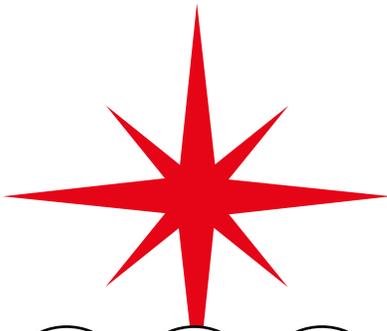
You're all so generous to help the Navajo people. All the baby wipes that you bought and sent to the Tuba City Command Center will be distribute to the Tuba City Regional Healthcare public health team who are make home visitations daily to people in quarantine, elderly that live alone and high risk patients. I have asked Public Health nurse director Dollie

Smallcanyon to take some photos for you. The Tuba City Chapter is the headquarters for the command center which serves 13 Navajo communities, Hopi tribe and the San Juan Southern Paiute. The Tuba City Regional Healthcare and Dollie's team are part of the command center team.

Thank you, just doesn't seem to be enough, but Thank You. Hugs to you all.

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