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Tuesday, January 5 - Virtual Meeting, 12 Noon

THE UPCOMING UTAH LEGISLATIVE SESSION Brad Wilson, Utah State House of Representatives

Rep. Wilson, a Republican, has represented Davis County's District 15 in the Utah State Legislature since 2011 and currently serves as Speaker of the House. He will give us a preview of Utah's 2021 Legislative Session.



Tuesday, January 12 - Virtual Meeting, 12 Noon

OUR ROTARACT CLUB Various Rotaractors

Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18 and older to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. In communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service. From big cities to rural villages, Rotaract is changing communities like ours. Rotaract members decide how to organize and run their clubs, manage their own funds, and plan and carry out activities and service projects. Club 24 sponsors offer guidance and support and work with our Rotaract club as partners in service.

Tuesday, January 19 - Virtual Meeting, 12 Noon

UTAH INLAND PORT AUTHORITY: A STATEWIDE SYSTEM Jack Hedge, Executive Director, Utah Inland Port Authority

You've heard of Utah's Inland Port – but what does the Utah Inland Port Authority (UIPA) actually do and why should Utah have one to begin with? We'll discuss the statewide role the organization plays to facilitate smart, sustainable logistics now and into the future. Learn the vision UIPA has set for Utah and the factors that sets it apart based on data-driven strategies. Economic benefit and environmental sustainability are not mutually exclusive. You inherit dirty logistics; you don't have to build them. Elizabeth Gamarra, Rotary Peace Fellow, will speak, too. See Speaker Note, page 7.



Tuesday, January 26 - Virtual Meeting, 12 Noon

REMOTE LEARNING Dr. McKell Withers, Immediate Past Superintendent of SLC School District

McKell Withers will discuss the challenges, options, and plans to address remote learning, learning gaps, and promising learning models in Utah.



Dear Salt Lake Club Rotarians,

It's been quite a year. I can hardly wait for the adventures of 2021.

I always try to take some time at the end of the year to evaluate my progress. Did I accomplish the goals that I set? What do I want to accomplish in the year to come? What went well and what do I need to change. I am confident that many of you do the same.

As President of our club, I am happy to report that our club is doing very well. We have continued to find ways to serve in our community. Some projects have been put on hold due to COVID, yet other opportunities have presented themselves. We were able to help the Navajo Nation while they were severely impacted by COVID-19. The principal of Franklin Elementary reached out to us letting us know that there were many families in need of

assistance this year and could we help with our Sub-for-Santa project. We helped 15 families through this project. The Acts of Kindness committee has never had more requests than they have in 2020. They are assisting numerous people in our community through their partnerships with local social workers.

The International Committee has remained active working on projects around the world in partnership with foreign Rotary Clubs. They will be reporting to all of us this year on the projects that they've been working on. There have and continue to be numerous other projects and acts of service performed by our members.

Financially the club is healthy. We changed the dues structure this year to more appropriately fit the needs of the club. This allowed us to reduce the cost to members while still maintaining a financially healthy organization. Our financial strength in addition to the support of our foundation allows us to take on important projects and continue to serve.

Our program committee has adapted to the need to find virtual speakers. They have continued to find meaningful programs to educate and inspire us.

These are extremely challenging times to maintain membership and yet due to the great work of our membership committee and numerous members we've been able to maintain our numbers. I am confident we'll even grow by a few people this year. It's a great time to be part of the Salt Lake Rotary Club.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve as club president this year. I am inspired by each of you and your commitment to serving in our community/world. I am honored to be associated with such wonderful people. I pray that each of you will find joy and prosperity in 2021.

Sincerely,
Christian Deputy



President's Message

from **Christian Deputy**

Acts of Kindness Update

By Rolayne Fairclough

As you can imagine, the impact of the pandemic and all the related issues have increased the need and the number of requests to the Acts of Kindness (AOK) committee. Its members have a front row seat to the growing pain.



AOK was given emergency funding by the board in May to address COVID-19 needs. We are grateful for the board's insight providing the extra assistance. The committee also received the \$7,000.00 annual gift from our club's foundation. The balance of our yearly budget comes from the District's Foundation. Due to a change in the allocation of District funds this year, the AOK committee only received \$100 instead of the typical \$7,000. This decrease in funding presents a significant problem. The committee members, knowing the incredible impact COVID-19 has created, have each volunteered to give \$250 to help meet the community's needs. While this is not a viable long-term solution, it will help until other funding can be obtained.

In the last six months, AOK has filled 28 grants impacting the recipients and their families, totaling 98 people. The average age of the recipients is 42 years. The majority of the requests were for housing, car repair, tire replacement, and medical care & supplies. In addition, recently unemployed people asked for help with business license fees and new business start-up costs as they hope to create their own employment. Acts of Kindness also provided assistance to obtain a laptop for an autistic student, a wheelchair ramp and cremation costs.

Nothing is easy this year and those already having difficulties find life ever more challenging. Salt Lake Rotarians should be proud that their club has a vehicle to help those in need.

Bell Ringers

Rotarians hit the streets to raise money for the Salvation Army in December.

Pictured at top left, Floyd Hatch, Charles Dahlquist, Judy Fang, and John Mertens. Pictured at top right, Martin Banks, Leslie Peterson, and Paul Nelson. In bottom photo, Charles Dahlquist, Mabel Langford, Santa, Judy Fang, John Zaccheo, John Eberhart, and John Mertens.



Sub for Santa 2020

Rotarians bring the magic of giving to families at Franklin Elementary for Christmas

In a year that was particularly difficult for the families of students at Franklin Elementary, our Rotary Club stepped in for Santa to be sure that the children received Christmas gifts this year. In all, we provided a Christmas celebration for 15 families, with a total of 59 children. Of course, their parents received gifts and food as well and offered many expressions of gratitude for the service.

Many thanks to these Rotarians and their family and friends who generously participated: Christian Deputy, Mike Deputy, Mark Maxfield, Heidi Ruster, Joshua Creer, Carlton Christensen, Judy Fang, John Ashton, Randi Jackson, Bruce Hough, Ronnie Daniel, Clair Rood, Jim Schwing, Scott Leckman, Frances Gillmor, Scott Rosenbush, Tom Thatcher, Charlie McLeskey.

Children received new coats, boots, pajamas, clothing, shoes, many toys, and a few even received a new bike. In addition, some family gifts were given, providing needed kitchen supplies and food for a Christmas dinner. One family wrote a heartfelt expression of gratitude:

“Just want to thank you for helping our family of 12 my husband and I are truly blessed. My husband and I have been married 21 years. We married young, we have 8 biological kids and 2 kids we adopted in July. Being a big family already in January of this year we came across these two kids that were in foster care for 2 years being abused. They were placed at my moms house awaiting for a family that can take them I just couldn't bare the feeling of them being split and going through more. I knew financially I wasn't stable but I knew I can offer them a home to be loved and cared for. I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping my family. My husband works full time I work part time, my other job I was furloughed in March. Thank You so much for making Christmas for our family.”

Due to COVID-19, this year employees from the school, including Principal Randy Miller, helped with the shopping and delivering of gifts. Please read the inspiring words one of the school employees wrote:

“I want to thank you sincerely for loving our families as generously and deeply as the Rotarians have during this Christmas season!!!! I wish you heard the overwhelming excitement and humble gratitude from our parents both as we were filling out the applications and as the presents were delivered. This is my first year helping with 'Sub for Santa'. The deep pleasure I have experienced as I called families to fill out their applications is too much for words. So many of our families have been negatively impacted by COVID. It has been hard to be in school without the students, especially the last week before break. Our experience of assisting with 'Sub for Santa' has helped brighten the office, and it has provided that extra bit of Christmas cheer!!!! Oh, the unexplainable joy of sharing with parents the gifts for Christmas! May you all be as blessed as I have felt through your generosity.”

On the next page is a picture of Principal Miller, who dressed up for his part of the deliveries. This was his first year participating in this personal way, and he said, “It was very eye opening, experiencing first hand what you and your members do. I'm humbled to have been a part of it directly this year.”

Yours in Rotary,
Nancy Brown



Sub for Santa 2020

Rotarians from Club 24 pitched in to help Santa with his deliveries. Top row recipients had the help of Randi Jackson; middle left, Mark Maxfield took a big shopping trip; and at right, Heidi Ruster drops in with some cheer.

At left, a very jolly Principal Miller from Franklin Elementary, who is mentioned on the previous page.

Elizabeth Gamarra

Speaker Note: On January 19, 2021, Elizabeth Gamarra will give a very brief update to our club during our noon meeting. She is not our main speaker for the week and will only have a few moments to report to us, so here are some things to know about her in advance. — Ed.

Elizabeth Gamarra is from Utah and was endorsed by our Rotary district's Peace Committee. She received a Rotary Peace Fellowship in 2018.

She recently completed a Master's Degree at the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan as a Rotary Peace Scholar.

Elizabeth will speak briefly to update us on her studies and about the Rotary Peace Scholarships which are awarded each year.

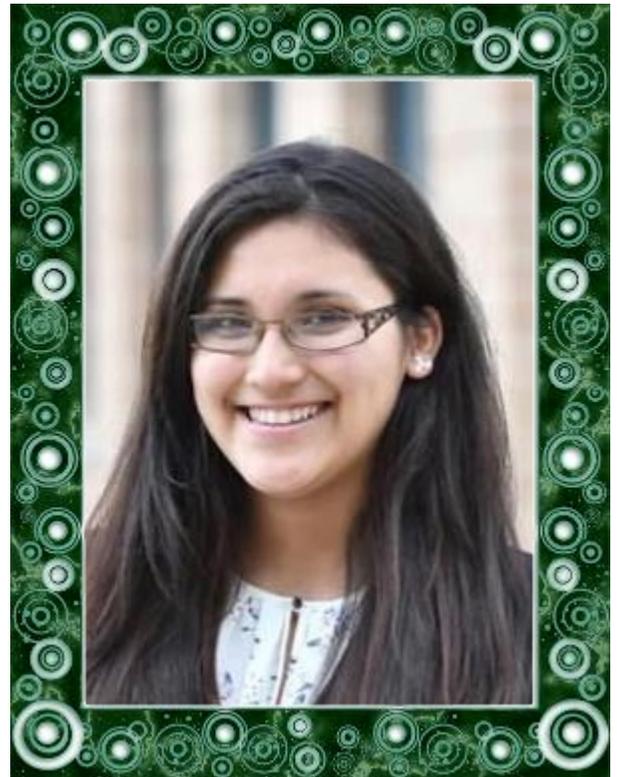
This impressive woman is a TEDx speaker, Fulbrighter at Instituto Empresa (IE) University in Madrid, and former World Rotary Peace Fellow at International Christian University. She is a researcher and mediator trainee through Mediation Beyond Borders International.

She has a double Masters in the field of Mental Health (U.S) and Peace and Conflict Studies (Japan), permitting her to work as a therapist with refugee and indigenous communities from North and South America; as well as non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

After completing her graduate-level studies at the record age of 19, she worked closely with Amnesty International USA, the Center for Migration and Refugee Integration, the Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan, and currently, the Academic Council of the United Nations Systems (ACUNS). She is concurrently a Japanese Government funded MEXT Researcher at International Christian University.

At age 14, she founded "Generation of Legacies," an NGO focused on educational empowerment for people of color. She is the former recipient of the 2020 TUMI USA National Award, the Martin Luther King Drum Major Award, Young Philanthropy Award, the Diversity and Equity University Award among others.

Currently, she sits on the Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan's Board of Directors and is a member of the Board of Trustees at Pax Natura International.



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Monthly Committee Meetings

1st Tues: Acts of Kindness 1:30 pm
2nd Tues: Membership 11:00 am
Program 11:15 am
3rd Tues: International Service 10:45 am
4th Wed: Board of Directors 4 pm

Other Committees Meet As Needed



Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years.

Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

We've helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. So far, Rotary has contributed \$1.8 billion+ toward eradicating the disease worldwide.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

[Explore the history of Rotary and polio eradication.](#)

Since 1988, we've seen a worldwide reduction in polio cases of 99.9%. For more than two years, we've seen wild polio cases in only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

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