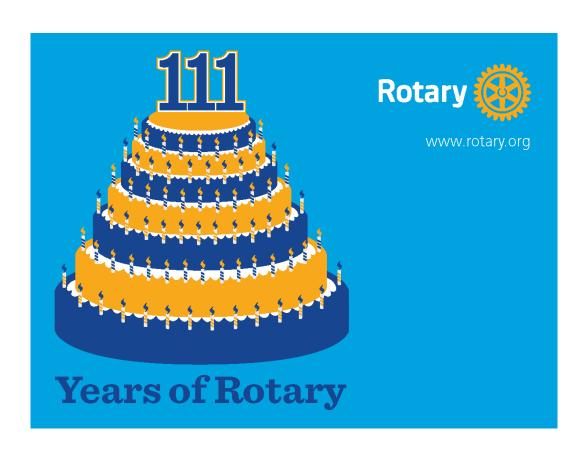






## ROTARY CLUB OF GILBERT, AZ February 18, 2021 7 AM on Zoom



# Happy Birthday Rotary 23 February, 2021



## **WELCOME TO GILBERT ROTARY**

**Attendance:** Debe Mahoney, Donna Backhaus, Bill Nuzbach, George Pettit, Cori Christenson-Barimo. Jim and Pat Schermetzler, Chuck Holland, Mike Flores, Mark Grady, Diana Tacey, Curt Ward., Emmah Njoki, Toyin Atolagbe, and Dr. Vince Pellegrino

### **ROTARY MOMENT**

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"We will Break our Silence"

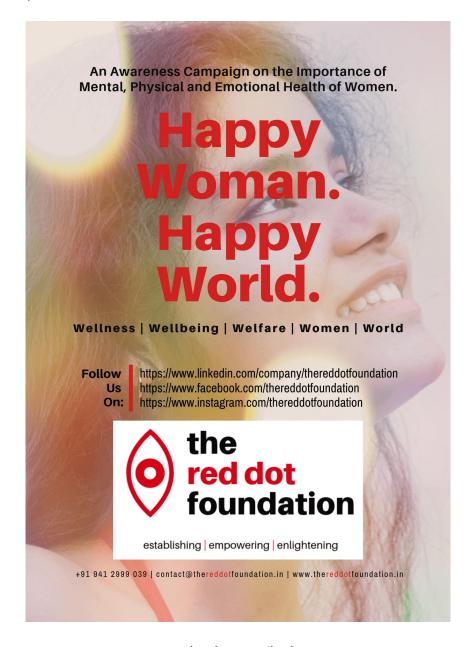






"Sexual violence is a global pandemic. According to the UN, approximately 1 in 3 women in the world experience it at least once in their lifetime. Women don't tend to report it or talk about it, which creates a gap in the dataset. "Peace is really the absence of any kind of of conflict." A former Rotary Peace Fellow Elsa Marie De'Silva is now the CEO of the Red Dot foundation, in the US and India, whose work is sexual violence prevention, through a crowd map in an app called Safe City. The foundation uses technology to give women a platform to recall their experiences. They identify patterns and trends and maps potential hotspots. Approaching law enforcement with theidr data has effected change in beat patrol guidelines. De'Silva says, "public space safety os absolutely critical to the contribution of women to the economy".

Women are not afforded the same privilege as men with access to quality education and, not being allowed travel far from home, limits their educational options. It also impacts thie access to transportation by charging expernsive fees. :" Look with your hearts and not with your eyes" and use SafeCity, to make communities safer".



Thank you Mike!





Joe Tansill

Joe Tansill is the new CEO at Paz de Cristo and "wants to be the hands, feet and heart of God to people in need". Joe was to be our speaker this morning but had to cancel for a family emergency. He will be rescheduled.

Diana Tacey has a recent conversation with him at Paz. He showed her around the campus and they discussed the hygiene kits they provide. They are distributed every Wednesday when the portable showers are available. There were about 30-40 people waiting for showers when she visited. The campus also provides clothing, haircuts and many other services beyond their food service.

The Paz kits contain a razor, deodorant, shampoo, and a small bar of soap, toothbrush and toothpaste. Diana and Joe discussed ways the club could help beyond the meal service. He also provided her with a sample bag to see what was included.

Thought from members also included:

- Work with the Gilbert Senior Center to ascertain needs
- Assemble another bag with other needs, such as heavier sox, tuna and cracker kits, bottles of water, (there is a great need for bottled water), bandanas, masks, sanitizer, granola bars, Band-Aids, nail clippers and wet wipes.
- Include a card with all of the services available through Paz de Cristo.
- The club could reach out to the community and accept donations through Venmo
- Diana and Cori will do research on what this might cost to see what kind of budget the program needs.



#### **Midwest Food Bank**

Mark will check with Midwest for spots on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Proposed dates were 13 March and 20 March 2021. Mark will check on availability and the limit of members we could have.

#### **Rotary Week of Service**



"This doable, meaningful service project addresses two of Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus: "Peace" and "Supporting our Environment." Promoting peace has long been a Rotary priority and supporting the environment was recently added recently to our Rotary efforts. Changes in climate have deeply affected world peace. The loss of farmland, persistent drought and violent storms has disrupted people living on the margins all over the world. The upheaval and massive migrations of starving, frightened people resonate with all of us.

Building even one garden or planting one tree can provide benefits to a community. Imagine if Rotarians all over the state contributed their efforts to "green and growing" projects! Working with local partners we can contribute toward improved air quality while helping to stabilize lives all over the world.

Interested? Start by identifying potential agencies and/or partners to approach. Your club might engage schools and colleges, County Master Gardeners, governments, private garden s and landscape centers Partnering with other Rotary Clubs will expand club resources "https://www.rotary5495\_2/20/21

Mike reported that he understood the District had called off the group project. They didn't discourage clubs from doing something on their own. RI wants to minimize risk fir Districts. What could we do at a club level?

- Peace Pole at Paz or by the Observatory
- COVID Vaccine Volunteer (Standing on feet for long periods required)
- Sun Lakes is doing a Peace Pole in a park and planting peace roses around it.

Debe challenged Rotarians to throw put ideas doable by a small club with limited mobility. This would be a big project to do for her presidential year. Please send suggestions to Mike.



District Governor Elizabeth Mahoney call with Presidents:

#### President Debe reported:

- Officials District Governor level and higher are forbidden by RI to travel to visits in-person
- DG Elizabeth and DGE Brad are going to visit the projects as individual Rotarians

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#### **Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

**February 25, 2021** – Club Assembly – 7AM – Zoom – EVIT Student-of- the- Month

March 4, 2021 – 7 AM – on Zoom -Marilee Baptistery – Midwest Food Bank

March 11, 2021 -7 AM - on Zoom - Joe Tansill CEO Paz de Cristo

March 18, 2021 – 7 AM – on Zoom – Gilbert Mayor Brigette Peterson

March 25, 2020 – 7 AM – on Zoom – Club Assemble – EVIT Student- of -the -Month

