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THE ROTARY CLUB OF HUNT VALLEY WEEKLY UPDATE

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Meeting at the Greene Turtle Hunt Valley first Wednesdays 12 noon. See wwwhuntvalleyrotary.com for monthly calendar!!

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APRIL 21, 2021

COMING EVENTS:

May 5 -- meeting – noon – Ken Solow, District YPA

May 13 – Happy Hour – 5:30

May 19 -- meeting – noon – Stephen R. Brown, Past Trustee, The Rotary Foundation 2010-2014: "Volunteer Work in Afghanistan"

June 2 -- meeting – noon – TBA

June 10 – Happy Hour – 5:30

June 16 -- meeting – noon – TBA

THIS WEEK'S VISITORS:

No visitors, but **Keith, Bill, Steve, Matt, Lynne,** and **Jane** enjoyed a fascinating talk by **Dr. Christopher Puttock**

Chris Puttock is a botanist with four decades experience in environmental conservation and habitat restoration. A **Rotarian** since 2004, **Chris** has attended every Rotary International Convention since 2010 (Montreal) and is a founding Director and current Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (**ESRAG**).

THIS WEEK'S MEETING:

President Keith rang the bell, opened the meeting with the pledge, and introduced **Chris Puttock. Keith** recorded the meeting in case you missed it. https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/dPp202F0sl9FX7vEtuL-qXcA18Yl3HPOhkLsE7oyVKmNF8axxx8UQfSbkhyi8z5z.5DAn3xk2uVb7sjLD Passcode (copy/paste): IC2+2jCz

Chris Puttock, District Environment Committee Chair, gave us an exceptionally informative program regarding Biodiversity Sustainability. There are numerous impactful (and very necessary) initiatives on many fronts, and Rotary is helping to lead the way! The forests are going away, replaced by grass; the sea has more plastic than fish, and the sky is hot. What's next? **Chris** is particularly concerned with the maintenance of ecosystems to function naturally, sustainably, and in preventing demise of ecological services by human exploitation reaching past the tipping point where nature is not permanently damaged. The goal is net zero impact. Research shows that today we use three times more resources than in 1970. If our consumption patterns do not change by 2050, we will need the resources of three planet Earths to sustain us. The true cost of goods isn't always the price we pay for them — too often environmental damage isn't included in the price. To live sustainably, we each need to reduce our ecological footprint, which is the amount of environmental resources (such as land, water, plants, animals, or clean air) required to produce the goods and services necessary to support our lifestyles. **Chris** can speak on anything to do with the environment, biodiversity, ecosystem restoration, sustainable food production, environmental resilience, global warming, Rotary's seven areas of focus. **Chris** also introduced a keynote speaker at the District Conference, **Doug Tallamy**, whose topic was "Nature's Best Hope." Take the time to view these zoom recordings. District conference recordings are on the **7620** website—**4WT** speeches, too. Are there ways WE can take part in reclaim/repurpose/reuse projects? See https://www.esrag.org/ Protecting the environment is now one of RI's new focus areas. https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/protecting-environment

>>Quarterly Dues were due April 1**.** They may still be paid via the website, however it would be much simpler if members paid their dues by check, easily done on your bank's online bill-pay, payable to **"Rotary Club of Hunt Valley."** Rather than address payments to the PO Box, it would be more convenient for **Lynne** if checks were to be sent to her home address, c/o **1208 Dulaney Woods Rd., Cockeysville, MD 21030.**

>>Storage! We need space to store our stuff! Who has some???? Garage? Basement? Attic?

>>Virtual Happy Dollars--$20 donated through Gilchrist provides 1 "Covid Kit "in Tanzania: hand sanitizer, liquid soap, bucket with a spigot for hand washing (they don't have running water), food including 20 kg. corn & 4 kg. of beans. Our goal to help is $1,000 (50 kits)--https://gilchristcares.org> Giving (Direct donation to "Tanzania")

>>Spring Clean-up soon -- NCR Trail/Ashland Road. We hope to have the water fountain working again, and promote Rotary community awareness.

OF SPECIAL NOTE! IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

Happy Hours now on 2nd Thursdays…. By ZOOM for now –5:30

Board meetings 2nd Mondays of the month – next one May 9 - by ZOOM - 5:30

Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and around the globe. The **1.2 million Rotarians** who make up more than **35,000+ Rotary clubs** in nearly every country in the world share a dedication to the ideal of **Service Above Self**.

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Steve 4/15/15

BIRTHDAYS:

Donna 4/27, Lynne 4/29

Do you have a suggestion for a speaker, off-site meeting, or service project? With zoom, speakers can be from anywhere!

The Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say and Do:
Is It The Truth?
Is It Fair To All Concerned?
Will It Build Good Will and Better Friendships?
Will It Be Beneficial to All Concerned?