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Buttercup Restaurant
12/10 Charitable Fund
US Bank



PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY



John Wenzel became a member of the Paul Harris Society today. He is now a Paul Harris plus one member while **Dave Kemnitz**, already a Society member, is now a Paul Harris plus four. Individuals who contribute more than \$1000 to the Annual Program Fund, the Polio Plus Fund or the Humanitarian Grants Program are recognized as Paul Harris Fellows. The Paul Harris Society is a special program for members who continue to contribute \$1000 each year to the Annual Program Fund.

Additionally, individual Rotary clubs may from time to time award the honor to individuals who are not Rotarians but meet high professional and personal standards set forth by the Paul Harris program. In fact, in 1980 Mother Teresa was awarded this honor and was Pearl Bailey. Others included Jimmy Carter, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, astronaut James Lovell, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and polio vaccine developer Jonas Salk. Bet you didn't know that.

“WILL THE MEETING PLEASE COME TO ORDER”

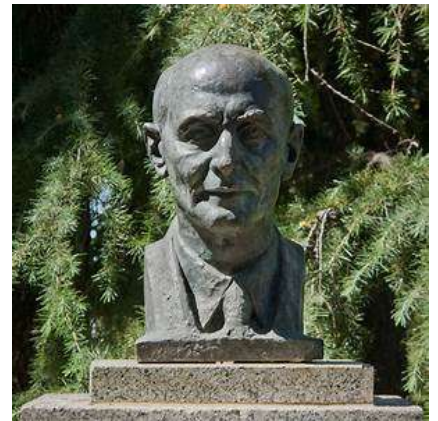


THOUGHT OF THE DAY FROM FRED NELSON



In the clashes between
ignorance and intelligence,
ignorance is generally
the aggressor.

—Paul P. Harris



TODAY'S VISITORS



TARA BARTHOLOMEW and RICK KENNEDY
Bay Area Crisis Nursery Speakers



MARK ANDERSON



DAVID TWA
County Administrator

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

Club Services

Club Services Chair Barbara Reifschneider reported that the next **Friday Night Live** will be at **President Julia's** house October 25. Costumes are optional, but the pot luck is mandatory: 440 Grenache Circle, Clayton from 6 pm to whenever.



Community Services

Clayton Worsdell reported that 12 members attended the **Adopt-A-Street** program. The next one will be on January 4, 2020.

He also reported that our club is the recipient of 10 **wheelchairs** that we will be donating to San Felipe. All wheelchairs are safely stored in various Rotarians' homes until arrangements are made to ship them off to San Felipe.

Next **Home Team** event is scheduled for November 23. If you have questions, consult Clayton or **Bob Huck** who is the co-chair of the Community Services committee.



Flagship Donations Program

Dave Kemnitz introduced new marketing props for our Clunkers programs. Here is the new cool design of the business cards and here is Dave standing next to the prop that will accompany whoever will be presenting at various clubs—or organizations—encouraging partnership in the CARS 2ND CHANCE and CLUNKERS 4 CHARITY. It will also be present at events where we have a booth,



Farewell, John

John Irvin Wolfe, Jr. was 76-years-old and died September 14 in his home. He was born in Oceanside, CA on March 6, 1943, to John and Ruthann Wolfe. He graduated from Westchester High School in Los Angeles in 1960, earned a bachelor's degree in Geography from UCLA in 1965, and an MBA in Taxation from Golden Gate University in 1982.



John served in the United States Air Force for four years reaching the rank of Captain, including deployment in Vietnam. Returning to California, he worked as a tax compliance manager for Pacific Bell in San Francisco for 23 years. After retiring from Pacific Bell, he spent 11 years as the Executive Vice-President of the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association, where he worked with his wife of 53 years, Carol. He remained active in the church choir and served in various leadership positions at Hillcrest Congregational Church in Pleasant Hill throughout his life. He was also



an active member of the Clayton Valley Concord Sunrise Rotary Club for 27 years and an active member of the Sons in Retirement Branch 19 for seven years where he was currently serving as a Director. He is survived by his wife, Carol, his children, Bruce (Kareena) and Wendy (James Lawson), and his granddaughters, Ariella and Analiese.

Dave Kemnitz, Don Ouimet, and Bill Selb attended John's memorial service last week and addressed our members this morning. Dave gave a special shout out to John for all the work he did as a Rotarian in charge of the speakers scheduling while Don told us that John's niece gave her Paul Harris to Carol. Bill was especially moved as he said that while he knew John for over 20 years, he learned so much more about him at the memorial services.

World Polio Day is Almost Here



On World Polio Day, thousands of Rotary Clubs from around the world will hold events and fundraisers to recognize progress in the global fight to end polio. What can you do? This month's Polio Minute is unique as it asks you to challenge your Club, your PR team and yourself to get ready for WORLD ROTARY DAY 2019. Don't fret. You have time. October 24th is World Polio Day. Our goal is to get the word out that we are "this close."

OCTOBER MILESTONES

Length of Service



Jeff Wilson completes his first year of Rotarianship. He threw himself full force into the club and performed many projects honorably. He donated \$100 to Paul Harris.

Ken Nishimori is a Paul Harris+9 member and celebrates 19 years with the club. He served as president in 2010 – 2011 and hits the 19th mark in years of service. Ken is a Board member and the Rotary Foundation Chair. He has also been Rotarian of the Year two times.

Jeff Rondini celebrates his 14th year of service and has been the treasurer for many years when he was a board of director member.

Monica Fraga was Rotarian of the Year in 2014 - 2015 and currently serves on the board as chair of Youth Services committee. She hits the eight year mark and has dedicated her skills to our youth.

Owen Murry is a member we don't have the opportunity to see very often, but this is his 24th year membership as a Rotarian and we send him our sincerest congratulations.

Birthdays



Fred Nelson has been Secretary for so many years that no one knows the exact number. In all his 32 years of service, Fred was president in 1993 -1994 and Rotarian of the Year a record-breaking three times. He is now 80 years old and donated \$50 according via a special donation formula.

Bill Selb, known throughout the land as Mr. Pancake, has been with Rotary for 32 years. There isn't anything he hasn't done in all that time. He was president in 1999 and Rotarian of the year 1989 - 1990. Considering his work on the Pancake Breakfast, he should be Rotarian of the Year ever year. He donated \$83 to the club and \$100 to Paul Harris.

Monica Fraga celebrated her birthday last week and we wish her a happy one,

HAPPY BUCKS



Fred Nelson donated \$50 to the PolioPlus program in honor of **Dave** and **Mary Kemnitz** due to extraordinary service he received from them.

Monica Fraga survived her tour duties even with her sore leg. She got 34 tourists to their New York City destination, but, more importantly, she got them back home. Here she is making a \$34 donation in their honor.



Tommy Wolf is one special guy. Not only did he recognize how special his wife and new mother is, but he shared those feelings with all of us. He said he was amazed that when he comes home from work each night he is greeted by a happy and non-demanding wife. Vanessa is pretty spectacular as she even lets him sleep through the night.

in the mail that you are afraid to open? Well, that's how she felt when she got a letter from the DMV last week. She was sure they were going to tell her she had to come in for a driving test. So imagine her surprise when all they were telling her is that she could register by mail from now on.

Barbara Reifschneider had an interesting experience; she said you know how you get something



TODAY'S SPEAKERS

ABOUT TODAY'S PRESENTATIONS

Because our 10/3 meeting was canceled, it was necessary to let this week's speakers share the spotlight.



David Twa, County Administrator, works with The County Administrator's Office that is responsible for preserving the fiscal integrity of the County by working with the Board of Supervisors, Department Heads, and other agencies to provide the highest level of services using available resources. Mr. Twa won the Distinguished Service Award from the California Association of County Executives (CACE). This award for County Administrator or County Executive is for Distinguished Service and only handed out for truly outstanding and meritorious work



Executive Director, **Tara Bartholomew**, spoke to us about the Bay Area Crisis Nursery a short term residential care facility that provides 24-hour care for children from birth to age 5 whose parents are in crisis and coping with overwhelming or stressful life emergencies. The goal is to bridge the need for emergency childcare by providing a support network of resources and services to ensure both parents and children form a healthy family. They are in need of funding so if you want to make a donation contact kennedyr22@comcast.net

LITERACY PROGRAM



Rick and Tara signed the book titled *Pig Wig* that will be donated to the Clayton Library in honor of our Club's literacy program.

ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING

FRIENDS GOLFING

Miles and Bob head out for a quick round of golf. Since they are short on time, they decide to play only nine holes.

Miles says to Bob, 'Let's say we make the time worthwhile, at least for one of us and put \$5 on the lowest score for the day.' Bob agrees and they enjoy a great game.

After the eighth hole, Bob is ahead by one stroke but cuts his ball into the rough on the ninth.

'Help me find my ball. You look over there,' he says to Miles. After five minutes, neither has had any luck and since a lost ball carries a four-point penalty, Bob pulls a ball from his pocket and tosses it to the ground. 'I've found my ball,' he announces triumphantly.

Miles looks at him forlornly, 'After all the years we've been friends, you'd cheat me on golf for a measly five bucks?'

'What do you mean cheat?' says Bob, 'I found my ball right here.'

'And a liar too,' Miles says with amazement. 'I've been standing on your ball for the last five minutes.'

WORKS BOTH WAYS

A lawyer's dog, running about unleashed, beelines for a butcher shop and steals a roast. Butcher goes to lawyer's office and asks, "if a dog running unleashed steals a piece of meat from my store, do I have a right to demand payment for the meat from the dog's owner?"

The lawyer answers, "Absolutely."

"Then you owe me \$8.50. Your dog was loose and stole a roast from me today."

The lawyer, without a word, writes the butcher a check for \$8.50 who walks away satisfied.

Not even a week later the butcher opens the mail and finds an envelope from the lawyer: An invoice in the amount of \$20 due for a consultation.

An English professor wrote the words:

"A woman without her man is nothing"
on the chalkboard and asked the students
to punctuate it properly.

All the males in the class wrote:

"A woman, without her man, is nothing."

All the females in the class wrote:

"A woman: without her, man is nothing."

Punctuation is powerful.

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...that's all folks.

