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Buttercup Restaurant
12/10 Charitable Fund
US Bank



GOVERNOR AKINS PRESENTS AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE



Governor Tina Aikens presents awards to Rotary Foundation Chair Ken Nishimori and Secretary Fred Nelson

“WILL THE MEETING PLEASE COME TO ORDER”



THOUGHT OF THE DAY FROM DON OUIMET

Every night we go to bed without and assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarm to wake us up—that is hope.

We plan big things in spite of zero knowledge of the future—that is confidence.

We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children—that is love.

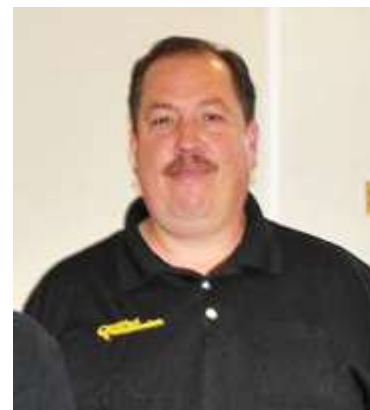
And remember, Good friends are the rare jewels of life—difficult to find and impossible to replace.



TODAY'S GUESTS



TINA AKINS & HER HUSBAND TONY
Our District Governor and today's speaker



JAVIER THISTLETHWAITE
Dave Kemnitz guest and supplier

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS & REMINDERS

Community Services Chair Clayton Worsdell will be collecting turkeys (12 to 14 pounds) and trimmings for the Monument Crisis Center. Clayton will make sure whatever you bring he will take to the MMC if you bring them in next Thursday. Our Club is also donating \$1,000.

He also reminds us that the **Home Team** will meet November 23. Let Clayton know if you will participate. The **Bell Ringing** will take place at Clayton Station Safeway December 7 from 10am to 6pm. and **Adopt-A-Street** is set for January 4, 2020.

Monument Crisis Center
1990 Market St
Concord, CA, 94520

THANKSGIVING WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

INGREDIENTS

☐ 12 - 14 LB FROZEN TURKEY

☐ \$20 GROCERY GIFT CARD

☐ A TRIMMINGS BAG

☐ CAN OF CRANBERRIES

☐ PACKET OF GRAVY MIX

☐ BOX OF MASHED POTATO MIX

☐ BOX OF STUFFING MIX

☐ CORNBREAD MIX

☐ CAKE MIX

PREPARATION

☐ PLACE ALL TRIMMING ITEMS IN A PLASTIC BAG

☐ PLACE GIFT CARD IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE

Thanks for Giving!

Start: Serve 1 Family On: Nov 26th

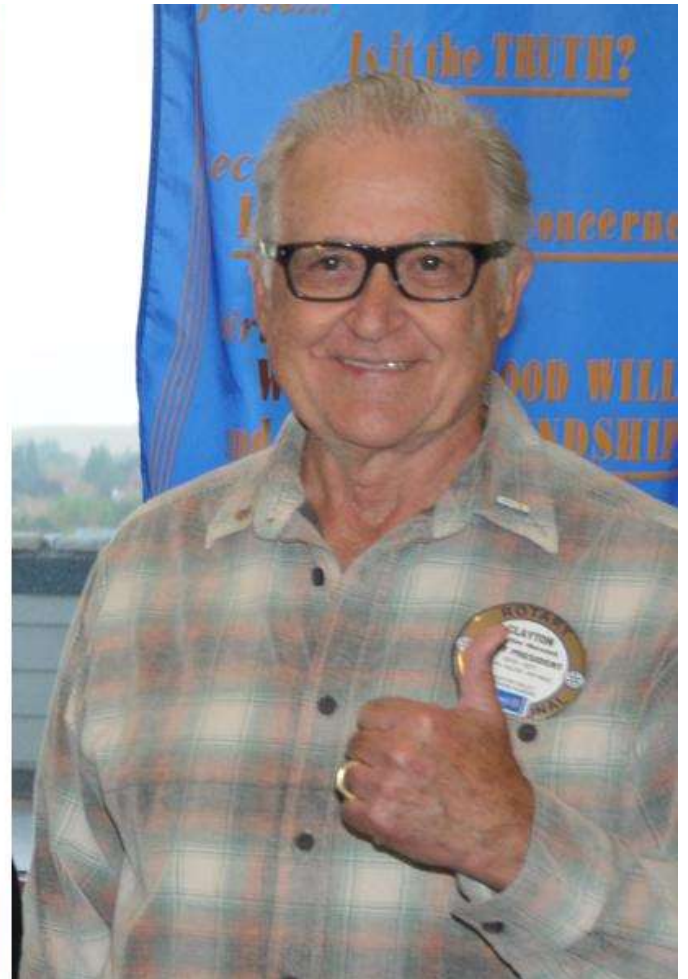
DONATION & DELIVERY

TURKEY DROP-OFF:
Tuesday, November 12, 2019 -
Tuesday, November 26, 2019
Monday - Thursday
9:00AM - 12:00PM
1:30PM - 4:30PM
Tuesdays until 6:30PM
DELIVER TO: 1990 MARKET ST,
CONCORD, CA, 94520

Don't have time to shop?
Make a donation

- Mail a check to
P.O. Box 23973
Pleasant Hill, CA, 94523
- Text MCC to 41444
- Via our website
monumentcrisiscenter.org/donate

For Questions:
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Friday night Live will be at **Barbara Reifschneider's** house December 6. Barbara said: *"It's time to get into a celebratory mood."*

She will have a full report regarding the Saturday Night at the Races bash next week.

CLUNKERS4CHARITY UPDATE



What a month it was. **Dave** and **Mary Kemnitz** worked tirelessly and relentlessly logging in all the donated vehicles that seemed to come pouring in. Here are the items so far:



This **2005 Chevy Silverado** was donated by **Eric Hoglund** of the Benicia Rotary. It was referred by past **District Governor Jon Dwyer**. It needs a transmission, but it is a beauty.

We don't have a photo of it, but a **2007 Chevy Corvette** was donated and could bring in around \$25,000. It needs minor reconditioning and was donated by the estate of a San Ramon Rotarian. It was facilitated by a Lamorinda Rotarian who saw a Facebook posting about our program and contacted us immediately.

A **2010 Chevy Equinox** was donated by a D&H customer and needs a transmission,

The **1974 Benz 450** arrived as a "no start" donated by a member of the Diablo Choral Artists.

WHEELCHAIRS FOR SAN FELIPE

Rich Lueck, pictured here with his wife **Pam**, reported that our club continues to support the Cancer and Hospice center in San Felipe Baja Norte Mexico, with the delivery of seven more wheelchairs and five walkers as part of our International project with our twin club. These chairs are from our Fiji FJ wheelchair partners. Thanks to Chetan Singh for thinking of us and thanks to Jeff Wilson and President Julia Dawson for helping store some of the wheelchairs until they were ready to ship. Our club has now donated over 50 wheelchairs to the San Felipe Rotary Club as part of our ongoing International projects. The San Felipe Rotary has been our twin club since their club was formed in 2003.



SAN FELIPE SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT PROGRAM UPDATE

This is a letter we received from **Tina Sweeney**, Youth Development Chairperson, bringing us up to speed on the status of our Student Scholarship program.



11th Annual Social for Scholarship Students

*“Hi Members,
On November 9th we held our 11th annual social for our scholarship students and their parents, sponsors, and several Rotary members at the Social Hall “Shecid.” We reinforced the concept that the opportunity to receive a scholarship also involves obligations. The students not only need to attend school daily and keep up their grade point average, but they also are expected to volunteer for community service, and participate in the annual essay.*

At the beginning of the meeting the students received a cinch backpack of school supplies. At the end, they enjoyed hamburgers, chips, soda and cookies. We thank all the sponsors that were able to attend and meet their student; it was greatly appreciated.”

*Thank you all,
Tina Sweeney*



Every student received these back packs containing school supplies



SUPPORTING STUDENT ART

Joan D'Onofrio, newsletter editor, reached out to the **San Felipe Rotary** to see if they would be interested in conducting an art competition for their students and it was met with enthusiastic acceptance. **Anna McCourt**, Youth Development Coordinator, held a meeting and decided that they are very excited about the offer. She wrote:



“Hi Joan, We had our Youth Development meeting last Wednesday and everyone was excited about the offer to have our students participate in an Art Contest. We worked out how we are going to involve the students in the project. Are there any rules or art mediums that we prefer? Also, could you give me a timeline as to when you would like the photos of the art work sent to you so we can schedule an appropriate amount of time for the student to prepare?”

*Sincerely,
Anna McCourt.*

UGANDA COMPUTER LAB



Larry

Larry Hutchings thanked **Sophie Deborah Luyiima Kulubya**—whom we know as **Deb**—for all the work she and her team in Uganda did to get the computers up and running in three weeks once they arrived.

Larry and his team, **Torsten Jacobsen**, **Fred Nelson**, and **John Wenzel**, who worked on the fundraising for this project, will make the rounds at the contributing clubs to report the results.



Deb

PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARDS



Madam President Julia Dawson presented the Outstanding Service Award to the team who worked on the **Clinkers4Charity** Paradise program: **Clayton Worsdell**, **Renee Rushworth**, **Dave Kemnitz**, and **Miles Bell**. Not present were **Rich Lueck**, **Bill Arena**, and **Bill Kinsey** who were also contributing members of the Team.

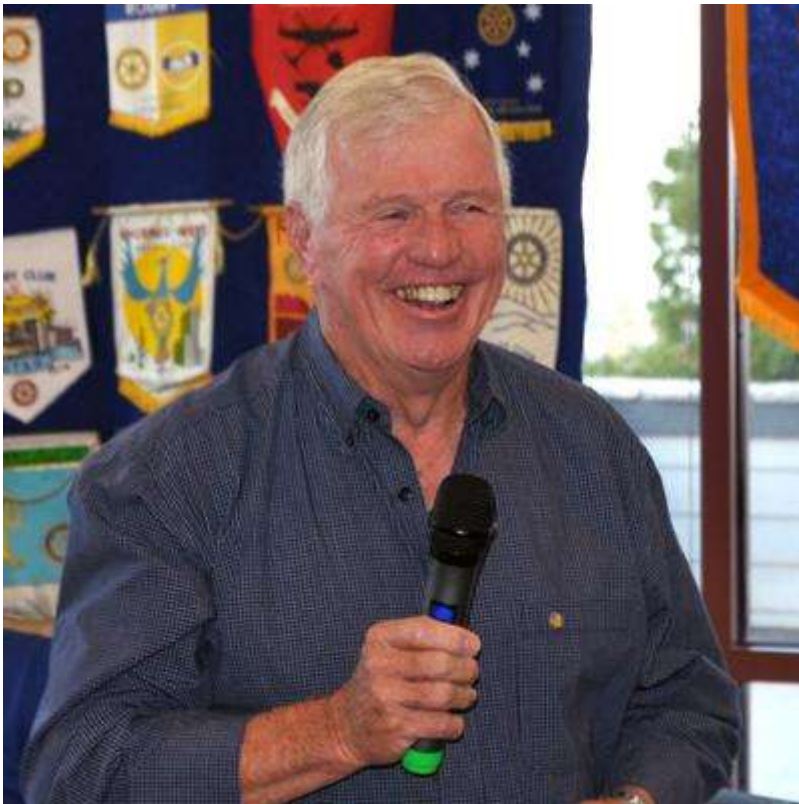
Clayton also received an award for his photography as it applies to the newsletter without which there would be no newsletter.



BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Secretary Fred Nelson reported that **Past President Tommy Wolf** has accepted the position of Membership Chairman to fill the unexpired term [thru 6-30-2020] of Lisa Truesdell and will join the Board at their December 10th meeting at Buttercup Restaurant.

Tommy has been a member of Rotary since 2013. He served as President during the 2017 - 2018 term and is a member of the Paul Harris Society. During his tenure he applied for and received donations and a Rotary grant for the batting cages in 2017.



Program Chair Miles Bell reminded us that he is on the prowl for speakers and encouraged us to give him names. He'll do the research and scheduling. Miles has been a member since 2010.

MILESTONES



Bob Huck

Bob and Aleta are celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary. They were actually married on November 13, 1970, and it just so happened to be on a Friday. He said he's taking his bride to McDonalds drive-through to celebrate. We can't wait to see what he plans to do for their 50th.



Frank Westphall

He is adamant about turning 27. Okay we'll give him the benefit of the doubt because he is putting \$100 in his Paul Harris account. Frank has been a member since 2004 and puts his talents to use on the Home Team



Jeff Wilson

What a guy. He's forever closing on houses and he even closes on one tomorrow which is his birthday. He and his wife Yvonne will celebrate it at a restaurant using a very old gift card from somewhere in Napa.

HAPPY BUCKS



Ewa Sobilio is not too happy now that traditions seem to be disappearing from the Japanese culture. For example, *Radis Taiso*, an early morning exercise that took place at 8 am every single day no matter where you were, is no more. Then the tradition of wearing slippers when using the bathroom also disappeared.



Renee Rushworth is really happy to report that all the Club's taxes have been paid.



Treasurer Vicki Sexton said she was also happy that the taxes have been paid. Finally she can sleep at night.



We haven't seen **Johnny Morgan** in a long time and he said he was happy to be attending today's meeting. We bet he's happy that our taxes are paid too. Good to see you, Johnny.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

IT ALL ADDS UP



District Governor Tina Arkin's message to us this morning was one plus one equals three, it all adds up. To her that means a reminder to us all that every small act of kindness, every Act of service that we do collectively adds up to so much more than we ever imagined.

She congratulated us on our hundred thousand dollars put into our community last year alone and reminded us about how many people that really affects. We should be proud of our ability to help our community.

District 5160 is giving \$50,000 to the polio plus fund. She said we are transferring it from the global Grant fund this month. It'll get matched by rotary 121, then by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which is another two to one, for a total of a \$300,000 donation to polio plus this month.

She reminded us to put on our calendars the **District Conference** in Reading, May 1st through 3rd. For further information, go to the web site: Passport to Adventure 5160.org.



...and don't forget the **2020 Rotary International Convention**. District 5000 has the honor this year to host the Convention that is being held in Hawaii June 6 – 10, 2020 at the Hawaii Convention Center. It is an incredible opportunity to meet Rotarians from all over the world, exchange ideas and learn from a multitude of excellent speakers. One of the most popular functions at all the conventions is the "Host Hospitality Night."

About our District Governor

Tina and her husband Tony are dedicated and hardworking Rotarians. She joined the Rotary Club of Concord in 2005 after experiencing Rotary through her husband's membership. They both have served as presidents and have hosted Youth Exchange students, a Peace Fellow Scholar, and various GSE team members. They've traveled on international projects including for Tina a life changing trip to India with a polio immunization team. Tina has served District 5160 as Assistant Governor, Trainer, Chief of Staff, and Communications Chair. For several years, she was a counselor and finance trainer for our District's Camp Venture. Tina and Tony own a small chain of retail store throughout the Bay Area. Tina, an accountant, recently retired so running the business is now in Tony's hands. They enjoy their four children and two granddaughters. Tina has many hobbies but she said her newest one is going up and down District 5160 visiting every club in our district to learn about the great works everyone is doing.



LITERACY PROGRAM



Governor Tina signed the book which will be donated to the Clayton Library in honor of our Club's literacy program.

ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING

FAVORITE ANIMAL

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right because everyone else laughed. My parents always told me to tell the truth, so I did, but my teacher sent me to the principal's office for it. I told the principal what happened, he laughed, but then told me not to do that again.

The next day, my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, and I told her "Because you can make it into a fried chicken." She sent me to the principal's office again. He laughed, but told me not to do that again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like when I am. I decided to follow what my parents taught me because they always tell me all they want for me is to become a good man, and a good man never lies. Today, my teacher asked me what famous person I admired the most. I said "Colonel Sanders"... guess where I am now.

MORE BLONDE JOKES

Two blondes fell down a hole. One said, "It's dark in here isn't it?" The other replied, "I don't know; I can't see."

A robber comes into the store & steals a TV. A blonde runs after him and says, "Wait, you forgot the remote!"

Eva got sick and tired of all the blonde jokes. One evening, she went home and memorized all the state capitals. Back at the Rotary meeting one day, some guy started telling a dumb blonde joke. She interrupted him with a shrill announcement, "I've had it up to here with these blonde jokes. I want you to know that this blonde went home last night and did something probably none of you could do. I memorized all the state capitals." One of the guys, of course, said, "I don't believe you. What is the capital of Nevada?" "N," Eva answered.

THANKS, YOUR HONOR

A divorce court judge said to the husband, "Mr. Geraghty, I have reviewed this case very carefully and I've decided to give your wife \$800 a week."

"That's very fair, your honor," he replied. "And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."

WELL I'LL BE DARNED

A fifteen year old Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again.

The boy asked, "What is this Father?"

The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a fat old lady in a wheel chair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened, and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed, and the boy and his father watched the small numbers above the walls light up sequentially.

They continued to watch until it reached the last number, and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order.

Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blond stepped out.

The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son.....
"Go get your Mother."

...and that's all Folks!

