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Buttercup Restaurant
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WHY IS THIS PRESIDENT SMILING



Madam President Julia Dawson displayed the Happy Holiday card she received from the members of the Clayton Valley Village organization. Julia was particularly happy to see that it was also a 2020 calendar. The card also wished her a year of health, happiness, great friendship and lots of fun.

“WILL THE MEETING PLEASE COME TO ORDER”



THOUGHT OF THE DAY FROM DR. ROB WALDMAN



“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is
the courage to continue that counts.”
—Winston Churchill

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

Community Services



Director Clayton Worsdell summed up the Salvation Army's Bell Ringing extravaganza that took place Saturday. He didn't have a report on how much money was collected but he said the bell was stuffed. Despite the rain, the Team had fun.



Clayton also reported that the Home Team has one person signed up—so far. They meet January 25, 2020. January 4th is the Adopt-A-Street program.

Charitable Fund

Treasurer Vicki Sexton reported on the donations made at last week's Charitable Fund meeting. Thanks to our Club's successful Clunkers program, the following organizations were handsomely rewarded. Those receiving funds are:

\$1,000 Clayton Valley Village
\$1,000 CASA
\$1,000 Food Bank
\$ 500 Meals on Wheels
\$1,000 San Felipe
\$2,500 Michelangelo Arts Foundation



Club Services

Director Barbara Reifschneider reported that the **Annual Christmas Party** will be held at **Torsten Jacobsen's** house January 10, 2020. H'orderves and dessert will be served for only \$10 per person. **Ken Nishimori** will conduct the White Elephant gift-giving part of the program.

It's that Giving Time of the Year

Secretary Fred Nelson reminded us that **Bob Hooy's** late dad, **Bill Hooy**, started a charitable Food Bank donation program when he was a member of our Club many many years ago. Bob has kept the program going and through his law firm, Hooy & Hooy, will match whatever is donated up to \$750. Steve Weir donated \$1,000.

...and let's not forget that we are taking up a collection for Jose. Cash only will be accepted up to the December 19th meeting.

Board of Directors Update

Fred said that voting for the new members that will be added to the Board of Directors will be held at the next meeting December 17. There will be no meetings December 26 and January 2, 2020.



Clunkers4Charity



Charitable Fund Treasurer Renee Rushworth announced that the Clunkers sold the 2007 hot red Corvette for \$15,000.

Grant Training Program



Rotary Foundation Director Ken Nishimori announced that if any member is considering applying for a district or international grant they must attend the up-and-coming Grant Training program. It will be held this year at the Pioneer High School in Woodland on Saturday, January 25, 2020. It begins at 9 am and ends at 3 pm—lunch is provided. He encouraged all of us to consider attending, and it didn't take **Vicki Sexton** and **Joan D'Onofrio** long to rise to the occasion. They will attend.



Speaker's Update

Program Chair Miles Bell announced that he has speakers' scheduled up to the end of January 2020. That doesn't mean his work is done, as he is on the prowl for speakers beginning in February.



2020 Convention

It's time to get in the groove for the 2020 Rotary International Convention to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii from June 6 -10, 2020 at the Hawaii Convention Centre. This year District 5000 has the honor of hosting the Convention in the Aloha State.

Milestone

Dr. Rob and **Marci Waldman** celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary last week and they are donating \$39 to the Charitable Fund. On top of that, Rob will be celebrating his birthday on the 27th of this month.



HAPPY BUCKS



Irene Davids-Blair is happy now, but it was really scary last week when husband **Max** became very ill. She rushed him off to the Travis Air Force Base to check him into the base hospital. Turns out it wasn't a pleasant experience as they were ordered to wait while all sorts of identity investigations were conducted. This took many hours, and when they were finally cleared for admittance, they were told that they had to go to the hospital by ambulance which caused another round of delays. Poor Max. He was in pain throughout the ordeal and then spent all night in the ER undergoing tests. Turned out to not be a heart attack, thank God, and could only assume that it could have been food poisoning. On top of that, Irene managed to go to work that day and then attend the Charitable Fund meeting that evening.



Renee Rushworth told us about an incident she had with **Barbara** after the Friday Night Live Party. Since they were going to be volunteering at the Salvation Army Bell Ringing the next day, Renee thought it would be a good idea to practice what to do should someone try to steal their pot full of cash. For some odd reason Renee tripped and grabbed Barbara's ankles and both of them fell to the floor. Fortunately no one was hurt, but isn't it great to know that they were prepared to protect the pot, just in case.

Bill Selb was happy to bring us up to speed on the adventures of our former member **Pamela Jensen**. Seems she loves Colorado, loves the snow, Ken loves his job, and loves becoming the owner of her newly established catering company. She and **Ken** are also in the planning stages of buying five acres and build a house. Since we all love Pamela, we are happy for her.



Fred Nelson extends his thanks to **Bob Sundberg** who stood in for him at the Salvation Army Bell Ringing last week.



TODAY'S SPEAKER—ALMOST

Today's speaker **Victoria Briskin**, who is the Development Director of Trinity Center, was scheduled to speak, but due to an emergency in her family, she had to cancel. **Program Chair Miles Bell** will reschedule her to another time. However, since her bio and the highlights of the Center were already supplied, we decided to publish it anyway.

The Trinity Center has a program that offers Outreach and Respite for Homeless People and the Working Poor. *Every day Trinity Center offers hope to people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. At Trinity Center hope takes the form of positive action by serving meals, providing showers, laundry facilities, clothing, a food pantry, referrals for housing, mental/physical health services, substance use counseling, jobs and job training, as well as access to mail and phone services. They depend on volunteers to help them offer hope and opportunity. Staff members post job opportunities and assist with locating County resources that address addiction and other challenges. Clients are connected to ongoing benefits such as Medicaid, TANF, SSI/SSDI, Covered CA Health Care, and Food Stamps. The fellowship of sharing meals and helping others similarly distressed are the softer side of this vibrant program. Trinity Center is a safe place to be off the street. Please reach out to her to learn more about Trinity Center and how you can help make a difference for someone in need. Contact Victoria s directly at: 925.483.4928, 1300 Boulevard Way Walnut Creek, CA 94595*

About the Speaker

Victoria Briskin, Development Director, became involved with the Trinity Center as a volunteer and board member. She is motivated by Trinity Center's vision to be a community that cares for people with compassion and provides a place of safety, friendship and dignity. Throughout her career in Hospitality and Hotel Management, Victoria remained an active volunteer in her community, including serving as a Director of Community Outreach. Her diverse experience in sales and marketing, business development and facilities management brings a unique perspective to the Trinity Center team. She has a bachelor's degree in Psychology and values a commitment to lifelong learning. Victoria enjoys spending time with her family and loves to travel.



THE GALLERY



Beautiful photos of the Oakhurst Country Club property from the lens of Clayton Worsdell

ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING

GO FIGURE

A Jewish father was concerned about his son who was about a year away from his Bar Mitzvah but was sorely lacking in his knowledge of the Jewish faith.

To remedy this he sent his son to Israel to experience his heritage. A year later the young man returned home. "Father, thank you for sending me to the land of our Fathers," the son said. "It was wonderful and enlightening, however, I must confess that while in Israel I converted to Christianity."

"Oy vey," replied the father, "what have I done?"

So in the tradition of the patriarchs he went to his best friend and sought his advice and solace. "It is amazing that you should come to me," stated his friend, "I too sent my son to Israel and he returned a Christian."

So in the traditions of the patriarchs they went to the Rabbi. "It is amazing that you should come to me," stated the Rabbi, "I too sent my son to Israel and he returned a Christian. What is happening to our sons? Brothers, we must take this to God," said the Rabbi. They fell to their knees and began to wail and pour out their hearts to the Almighty.

As they prayed the clouds above opened and a mighty voice stated, "Amazing that you should come to me. I, too, sent My Son to Israel."

BAD WORDS

Joe's dad scolded him for breaking the neighbor's window with a baseball.

"What did he say to you when you broke his window?" asked his mother.

"Do you want to hear what he said with or without the bad words?"

"Without, of course."

"Well, then, he said nothing."

FOREST GUMP AT THE PEARLY GATES

Forrest Gump died and went to heaven. When he got to the Pearly Gates Saint Peter told him that new rules were in effect due to the advances in education on earth. In order to gain admittance a prospective Heavenly Soul must answer three questions:

1. Name two days of the week that begin with T.
2. How many seconds are in a year?
3. What is God's first name?

Forrest thought for a few minutes and answered, 1. The two days of the week that begin with T are Today and Tomorrow 2. There are 12 seconds in a year. 3. God has two-first names and they are Andy and Howard."

Saint Peter said, "OK I'll buy Today and Tomorrow, even though it's not the answer I expected, your answer is acceptable. But how did you get 12 seconds in a year and why did you ever think that God's first name was either Andy or Howard?"

Forrest responded, "Well, January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd,..." "OK, I give in" said Saint Peter, but what about the God's first name stuff?

Forrest said, "Well, from the song... Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me; Andy tells me I am his own... and the prayer... Our Father which Art in Heaven, Howard be thy name...."

Saint Peter let him in without further ado!

... That's all folks.