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BEST WISHES TO ALL



Madam President Julia Dawson displayed the Happy Holiday card she received from the members of the Clayton Valley Village organization. Well here is our Club's good wishes to all Rotarians who celebrate all holidays including **Chanukah** and **Kwanzaa**.

Chanukah, known as the Festival of Lights, takes place from December 22 to December 30. It is a time when Jews light a special candleholder known as a menorah. They do it to remember an ancient miracle in which one day's worth of oil burned for eight days in their temple. Kwanzaa, which means "First Fruits," is based on ancient African harvest festivals and celebrates ideals such as family life and unity and occurs from December 26 to January 1.

“WILL THE MEETING PLEASE COME TO ORDER”



THOUGHT OF THE DAY FROM MONICA FRAGA



"Be careful what you water your dreams with. Water them with worry and fear and you will produce weeds that choke the life from your dream. Water them with optimism and solutions and you will cultivate success. Always be on the lookout for ways to turn a problem into an opportunity for success. Always be on the lookout for ways to nurture your dream."

— Lao Tzu



TODAYS'S GUEST



TOM MEYER
Third time visitor

MEET THE NEW BOARD

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

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. It is time to ring in the New Year with your fellow Rotarians and friends. We'll provide the food, you provide your drinks. Don't forget your white elephant gift to share as **Ken Nishimori** will conduct that gift-giving part of the program. Let us know if you will attend and how many in your party. A sign-up sheet will make the rounds at the meeting.



Food Bank Contribution

Treasurer Vicki Sexton reported that \$2,005 was raised for the Food Bank thanks to the program **Bob Hooy's** late dad, **Bill Hooy**, started. Bob, through his law firm Hooy & Hooy, will match it with \$750 so the total collected is \$2,755.

Servers' Gratitude



Madam President Julia Dawson presented \$300 to our Thursday morning servers in appreciation for their dedicated service **Alonzo Zavala** and **Alex Zavala** are brothers and live in Clayton.

Clunkers4Charity

BENEVOLENCE ABOUNDS

Submitted by Mary Kemnitz

The 2010 Chevy equinox belonged to a long time D&H customer. It was brought in with a shifting problem, and we diagnosed it as having a bad transmission. The customer did not want to repair it and with a little nudge in the right direction we decided to donate it.

We evaluated the vehicle and although it had fantastic curb appeal, a market evaluation reflected very poor resale value. It was decided to replace the transmission and hoped to find a charity partner willing to do a benevolence vehicle. And that is when Winter Nights came into our lives via **Fred Nelson's** Trinity Program referral. The rest is history!



Kemnitz, Mary Kemnitz, Joan D'Onofrio, Vicki Sexton, Judy Stillman, Miles Bell, Danielle John, Clayton Worsdell Rich Lueck and Steve Weir.



Judy, Danielle and the car



Joan & Steve

WINTER NIGHTS SHELTER



Meet **Judy Stillman** and **Danielle John**, representatives of the Winter Nights Shelter. Judy is the Executive Director of the Shelter established to protect homeless families from winter weather by providing shelter in a clean, safe, and warm environment and to help them break the homeless cycle by assisting them toward self-sufficiency and into stable housing. The Winter Nights Family Shelter is a project of the Social Justice Alliance of the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County. The shelter opens in September, closes in early June and serves up to 30 persons at any given time. The shelter site moves every two weeks throughout the winter, between hosting faith communities from the 107 member congregations that belong to the Interfaith Council. Congregations throughout central and east Contra Costa provide space, meals, and volunteers. Their goals:

- Provide shelter and food to homeless families in Contra Costa County throughout the winter
- Help homeless families find sustainable housing
- Keep homeless children in the school from which they went homeless
- Help homeless children achieve at grade level, and encourage reading habits
- Keep homeless families together during the stressful period of homelessness

Judy has been with Winter Nights for 10 years and has served as Executive Director for the past three years. She also serves on the Executive Board of the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County. She is a mother, grandmother and active member of Lafayette United Methodist Church, where she serves on the Church Council. She lives in Rossmore



NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

From the Land Down Under

Yes, our newsletter is read by Rotarians all over the world. Here is **John Lane** and **Helene “Bo” Morse** sending us a holiday message. In fact, Bo tells us they are also sending good wished to their friends, family, acquaintances, Global Prayer Warriors* and friends they haven't met yet.

“Season’s Greetings from Members of the Rotary Club of Port Brisbane. During the year to come, may you enjoy good health and happiness, may peace reign over our country and throughout the world, may you have a kiss from your beloved, a smile from a child, a warm cozy house with the aroma of good food baking in the oven, wise governors and merciful tax collectors. May you have companionship of good friends and helpful neighbours, may you enjoy the fruits of your labour, celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, may the sun shine on your face, may you see a rainbow, hit a home run with the bases loaded, may you have an umbrella whenever it rains, may this year be healthy and a prosperous one for you and your loved ones.”

Cheers,

Bo

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*Here is what Bo meant by Global Prayer Warriors:

“While I have been in Rotary 24 years, I have met a lot of people with the advent of the internet and Facebook, I can stay in touch. I am not exaggerating; I have over 10,000 friends on FB, in a lot of countries. When I got sick, everyone would say “I’ll pray for you.” Thusly, every day during treatment, I would provide an update for my Global Prayer Warriors—Clayton is one. Going through what I did required a great deal of faith, every day, every moment. I had a seizure, fell, broke my wrist and low back, snapped my upper arm in half, which resulted in shoulder replacement, and had a rather large, though benign brain tumor. I endured 30 rounds of radiation, and three rounds of chemo. My doctors are and we’re amazed. I told them it was due to the power of prayer, and my Global Prayer Warriors.”



NEWS FROM SAN FELIPE

Anna McCourt, the Youth Development Coordinator of the San Felipe Rotary, reports that they received Joan D'Onofrio's \$200 donation. It is to be used for the purchase of art supplies for the up-and-coming student art competition.

Anna said: *"Tina and I went up to the states on Monday and purchased the materials. I will lay them all out and take a photo to show you all of the wonderful things that we were able to purchase. We will start the contest after that New Year as everything stops here in Mexico over the Holidays. We can't wait to see what wonderful things our students create. Have a wonderful Christmas, everyone."*

Was it something I said?



Remember in 1962 when **John F. Kennedy** honored Noble prize winners at a White House Dinner and he said: *"I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent and human knowledge that has ever been gathered together at the White House with the possible exception of when **Thomas Jefferson** dined alone."*

Substitute Jefferson's name with **Renee Rushworth**.

HAPPY BUCKS



A very touching moment was delivered by **Miles Bell** who thanked all of us for being his friends. He said that it is hard to make friends and harder to keep them. Well, he doesn't have to worry anymore as we are all happy and proud to be his friend.

Dr. Rob Waldman sadly reported that his mom passed away last week. He flew to Chicago to attend to her services and told some amusing anecdotes that took place. On a happier note, Dr. Rob and his family will be spending the Christmas holiday on Cozumel.



Mr. Real-Estate-Agent-of-the-Year—known to us as **Jeff Wilson**—is selling homes big time. He said he has one in escrow, one going into closing, and he has several open houses lined up in the next few weeks. Congrats on your success.

Larry Hutchings was happy that we all got to see the video that was made to thank us for the Uganda Computer Lab donation. He emailed it to all of us. He also reminded us that members from



the Winter Nights Shelter, that donated a car to our Club, will be our speaker at the January 30, 2020 meeting.



You can see how deliriously happy **Julia Dawson** is at the announcement of her son's visit. They will be celebrating the Xmas holidays together. Julia has all sorts of fun stuff on the agenda and is even taking her tenant on a tour of San Francisco

THE GALLERY

Leave it to Clayton Worsdell to capture the foggy effect from our windows this morning.



ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING

HELICOPTER RIDE

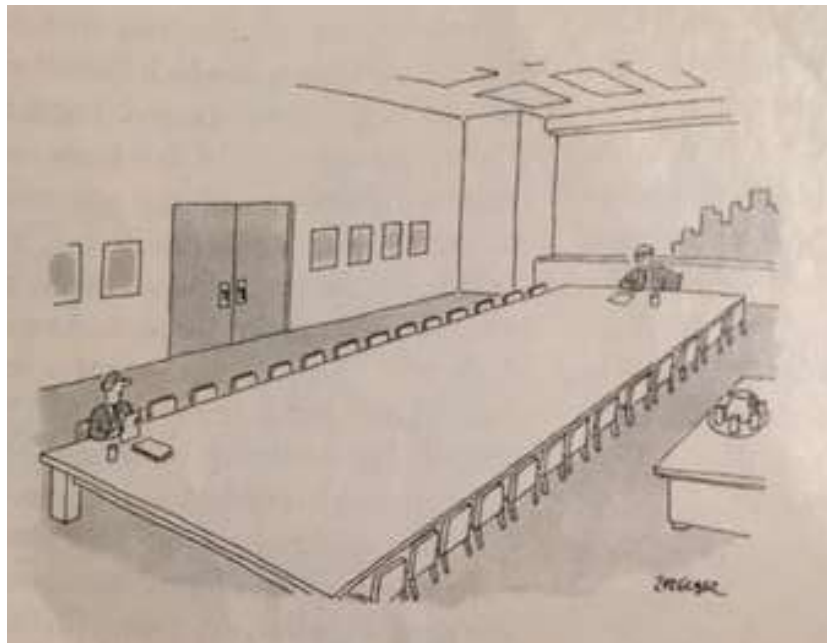
Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year, and every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter." Esther always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

One year, Esther and Morris went to the fair, and Morris said, "Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter today, I might never get another chance." To this, Esther replied, "Morris that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word its fifty dollars."

Morris and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Morris replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, fifty dollars is fifty dollars!"



"Is that your foot?"

THE NEW HUSBAND STORE

A store that sells new husbands has opened in Nashville, where a woman may go to choose a husband. Among the instructions at the entrance is a description of how the store operates:

You may visit this store ONLY ONCE.

There are six floors and the value of the products increase as the shopper ascends the flights. The shopper may choose any item from a particular floor, or may choose to go up to the next floor, but you cannot go back down except to exit the building!

So, a woman goes to the Husband Store to find a husband. On the first floor the sign on the door reads:

Floor 1 - These men Have Jobs. She is intrigued, but continues to the second floor, where the sign reads:

Floor 2 - These men Have Jobs and Love Kids. 'That's nice,' she thinks, 'but I want more.' So she continues upward. The third floor sign reads:

Floor 3 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, and are Extremely Good Looking. 'Wow,' she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going. She goes to the fourth floor and the sign reads;

Floor 4 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Good Looking and Help with Housework. 'Oh, mercy me!' she exclaims, 'I can hardly stand it!' Still, she goes to the fifth floor and the sign reads:

Floor 5 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Gorgeous, Help with Housework, and Have a Strong Romantic Streak. She is so tempted to stay, but she goes to the **sixth floor**, where the sign reads:

Floor 6 - You are visitor 31,456,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at the Husband Store.

PLEASE NOTE:

To avoid gender bias charges, the store's owner opened a New Wives store just across the street.

First Floor- wives that love sex.

Second Floor-wives that love sex, have money, and likes beer

The **Third, Fourth, Fifth** and **Sixth Floors** have never been visited.

Submitted by Rich Lueck



Husband: I want you to have this bracelet. It belonged to my grandmother

Wife: Why does it say Do Not Resuscitate?

. . . That's all folks.

