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## IMPORTANT MEETINGS

6/11 Board Meeting 7 AM  
Buttercup Restaurant  
7/09 Charitable Fund: 6 PM  
US Bank



## A GENEROUS DONATION



**President-elect Michael J. Barrington** of the Concord Rotary is our guest today and presented our club with a \$1,000 donation for the Nsawo Uganda Computer Lab District Grant. Michael travels the planet for both work and charitable explorations. As a Technical Advisor for Rotary International, he applies his expertise in resolving issues in major humanitarian projects and has spent 10 years serving the poor and sick of Africa. For more than 25 years, he has been a senior leader, educator, and therapist in the field of behavioral health. He studied humanities at the University Of Oxford, followed by a 'Diploma Especial' in Spanish Studies from the Universidad Complutense in Madrid. He earned a Masters in theology through the Gregorian University of Rome and another Masters in Counseling/Psychology at InterAmerican University, Puerto Rico. He continued his education and earned another Master Degree at UC San Francisco in Marriage, Family Child Counseling and a Ph.D. in Organizational Management.

# CALL TO ORDER



**PRESIDENT CHRIS RUZICKA** called the Rotary Club of the Year's meeting to order at 7:15 a.m. and called on **Vicki Sexton** to give us today's Thought:

*"My Religion is very simple. My Religion is Kindness."*  
—Dalai Lama, XIV

*"When I was young, I used to admire intelligent people. As I grow older, I admire kind people."*  
—Abraham Joshua Herschel

# GUESTS



**MICHAEL BARRINGTON**  
President-elect Concord Rotary



**JOSE ESPINOSA**  
Assistant Superintendent MDUSD

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**President Ruzicka** shared a Rotary moment video and called on **Larry Hutchings** to give us a synopsis of the **Four Way Fest District Conference**. Larry reported that this was the best one he attended during his 26-year membership. There were 800 attendees from four districts and the breakout speakers were inspiring. **Ken Nishimori** agreed and stated that the speakers were passionate and it was a weekend well spent. **Don Ouimet** was disappointed that **Jon Dwyer** did not mention our Club's phenomenal Car donations to the victims of Paradise. Also attending: **Barbara Reifschneider**, **Bob Sundberg**, and **Ewa Sobilio**.



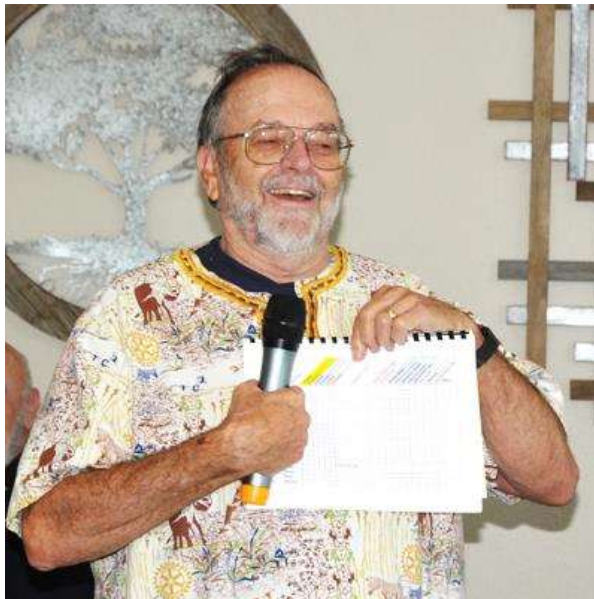
**Larry** manned the booths covering the district grant and the Cars 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance.





## HOME TEAM

**Clayton Worsdell** and **Rich Lueck** comprised the Home Team event Saturday. Clayton reported that there were only two tasks that needed attending that included changing a light bulb and replacing fire alarm batteries. There was much to be done, however, to the 92 year old resident's backyard that required much more time and work so they will go back another time.



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

We're only six weeks away from one of our most successful events and **Rich Lueck** is wasting no time getting volunteers signed up. He passed around a sign-up sheet that highlighted all the tasks that need to be done. **Every single one of us must participate in some way.** If you can't attend, there are many items you can donate.

# SAN FELIPE SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

**Tina Sweeney** Scholarship Coordinator of the Rotary Club of San Felipe sent us the grades of all the students sponsored by our members. She reports that Grades are scored 1-10. Two out of the twenty four students are falling below the required 8.0 to stay in the program. They were both given a letter stating if their grades do not improve by next semester they will no longer be sponsored in the program.

Sponsor	Student	Grade
Clayton and Carol Worsdell	Jack Ruiz Amador	10.0
	Melissa Guzman Romo	9.0
Ken Nishimori	Beyda Orantes Espinoza	9.2
	Dalia Salvador Hernandez	8.6
Steve Weir	Janeth Villagrana Saavedra	9.0
	Cesar Navarro Alarcon	9.1
Torsten and Tienke Jacobsen	Kateryn Camacho Partia	9.0
	Daniel Navejar Soto	8.4
Irene Davids-Blair	Alexa Espinoza Garcia	8.8
	Christopher Flores Lopez	7.0
Russell Anderson	Cesar Frias Vidal	9.0
	Patricia Garcia Ceja	5.9
Hugh and Flor Toloui	Maria Gomez Anda	8.8
	Ariana Garcia Medina	9.4
Dave and Mary Kemnitz	Leonardo Reyes Magallan	9.4
	Angel Leal Villanueva	10.0
Fred and Lois Nelson	Florentino Santiago Carrillo	9.5
	Ana Hermosillo Castro	8.0
Joan D'Onofrio and Susan Bennett	Jaime Munoz Gonzalez	10.0
	Sandy Miranda Tahuahua	9.9
Steve Jacobson and Lisa Truesdell	Miriam Alvarez Villalobos	9.5
	Alejandra Jeronimo Campos	9.0
Richard and Pan Lueck	Roberto Cota Morayla	9.3
	Ayram Hernandez Dagnino	8.9

## REMEMBERING RAY CASSO



Ten years ago **Ray Casso**, a former member of our Club, was inside the Clayton post office when he was stabbed to death as he was picking up his mail. It was a random attack that took place on March 7, 2009.

To this day this attack is still too hideous to understand. Shannon Bradley Moore stabbed Ray Casso to death in the Clayton Post Office and sent shock waves throughout the community.

Moore and Ray crossed paths at the post office that morning when Ray went to pick up the mail. Moore, then 37, was at the counter wanting to cash in some postage stamps. When Tony Oliver, who was on duty that day, told Moore he couldn't do that, Moore flew into a rage. He ran for the side door where an unsuspecting Ray was getting mail from his post office box.

Moore grabbed Ray and stabbed him to death.

Moore ran down Center Street with Tony chasing him. Police arrested Moore in front of Ed's Mudville Grill. Moore, who was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, was found "not guilty by reason of insanity" in 2009 and sentenced to 16 years to life in Napa State Hospital.

We all knew Ray as a loving, generous man who was devoted to his family and community. As a member of our Club he was a dedicated bell ringer for the Salvation Army during the Christmas season and participated in all of the Club's activities. Ray lived in Clayton for the past 19 years and left behind his wife, JoAnn, of 47 years, three children, and four grandchildren.

A memorial was held for Ray and here are the photos showing **Rich Lueck** attaching a new dedication plaque to a bench on Friday May 17 in "The Grove" in Clayton. Miles Bell supplied the new brass plaque through his company BPA.





# HAPPY BUCKS

**President Ruzicka** celebrates his 20<sup>th</sup> year as a Rotarian and contributes \$200 to his daughter's Paul Harris Fund. Congratulations to both.



**Larry Hutchings** said the Computer Lab Grant program met their \$1400 which was this weekend's goal and thanked **John Wenzel** and **Chris Ruzicka** for their "behind the scenes" work. Thirty thousand is their goal and he said that so far the Pleasant Hill, Martinez, and Concord clubs have made commitments.



**President-elect Julia Dawson** is happy that her guild auditions were a complete success.

**Fred Nelson, Monica Fraga, Irene Davids-Blair** and **Max** went sailing up the Mississippi River, got to see the Grand Ole Opry, and indulge in Cajon culinary treats. Fred gave a special shout out to United Airlines.



# TODAY'S SPEAKER

**MEET THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF MDUSD**



**Jose Espinosa** gave an audience-participation presentation about the state of our schools this morning. He also was pleased to autograph the book that will be donated to the Clayton Library as part of our Club's Literacy Program.





# THE GALLERY

*From the lens of Clayton Worsdell*



*by Clayton Worsdell 2019*

# ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING

## ARE YOU FBI MATERIAL?

The FBI had an opening for an assassin. After all the background checks, interviews and testing were done, there were 3 finalists: two men and a woman.

For the final test, the FBI agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun. "We must know that you will follow your instructions no matter what the circumstances. Inside the room you find your wife sitting in a chair... Kill her!!"

The man said, "You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife." The agent said, "Then you're not the right man for this job. Take your wife and go home."

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about 5 minutes. The man came out with tears in his eyes, "I tried, but I can't kill my wife." The agent said, "You don't have what it takes. Take your wife and go home."

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions, to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet.

The door opened slowly and there stood the woman, wiping the sweat from her brow. "This gun is loaded with blanks" she said. "I had to kill him with the chair!"

## CUSTOMER SERVICE

Do you know why you press 0 when you want to be connected with customer service? Because that's the amount of help they give you.



Two campers are hiking in the woods when one is bitten on the rear end by a rattlesnake. "I'll go into town for a doctor," the other says. He runs ten miles to a small town and finds the town's only doctor, who is delivering a baby. "I can't leave," the doctor says. 'But here's what to do. Take a knife, cut a little X where the bite is, suck out the poison and spit it on the ground." The guy runs back to his friend, who is in agony. 'What did the doctor say?" the victim asks. "He says you're gonna die."

A guy joins a monastery and takes a vow of silence: he's allowed to say two words every seven years. After the first seven years, the elders bring him in and ask for his two words. "Cold floors," he says. They nod and send him away. Seven more years pass. They bring him back in and ask for his two words. He clears his throats and says, "Bad food." They nod and send him away. Seven more years pass. They bring him in for his two words. "I quit," he says. "That's not surprising," the elders say. "You've done nothing but complain since you got here."

They say animal behavior can warn you when an earthquake is coming. Like the night before that last earthquake hit, our family dog took the car keys and drove to Arizona.

*...that's all folks.*