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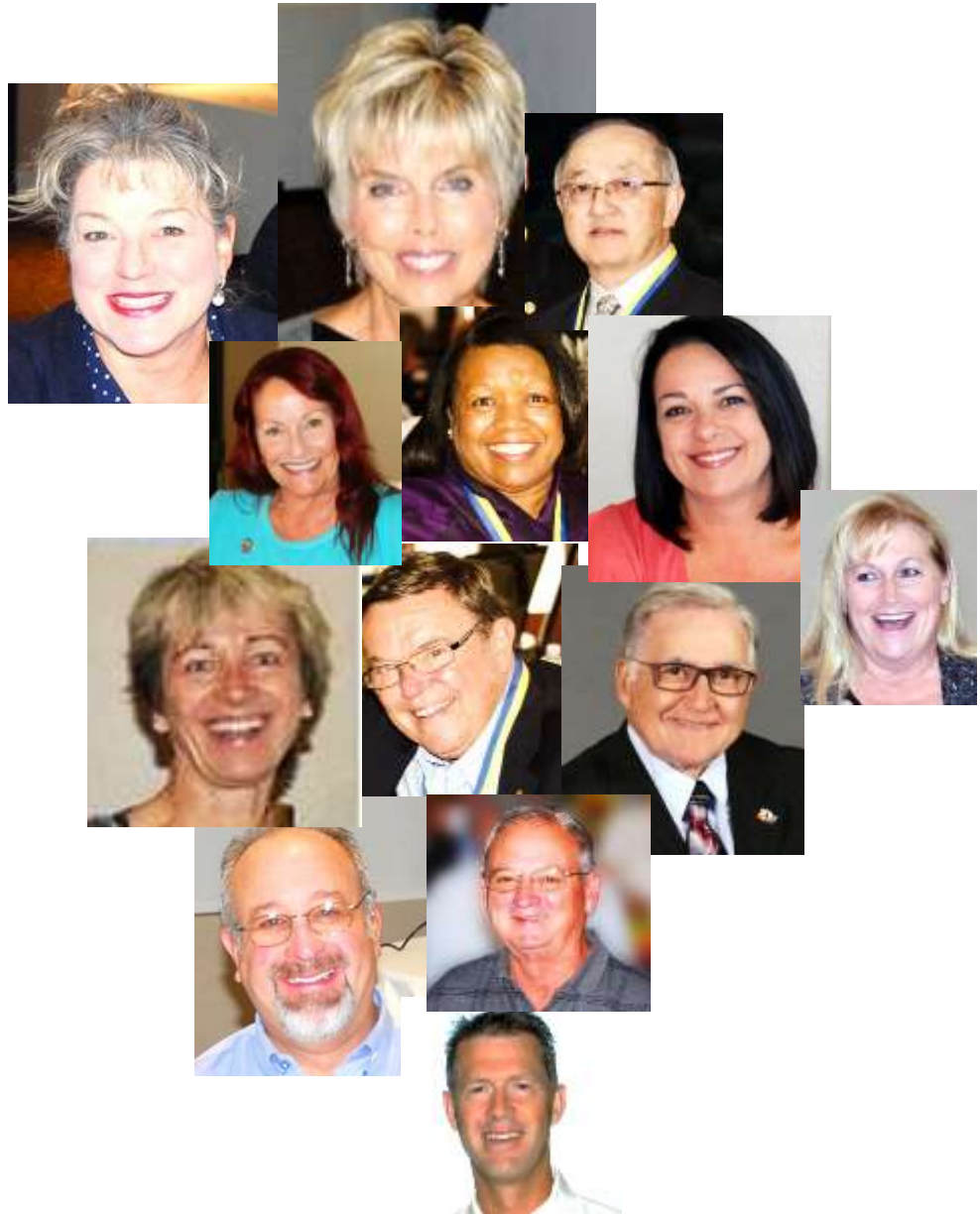
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IMPORTANT MEETINGS

9/10 Board Meeting 7 AM
Buttercup Restaurant
10/8 Charitable Fund: 6 PM
US Bank



CLUB ASSEMBLY



OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Today our 2019 – 2020 Board members brought us up to speed regarding our Club's status and projected projects.

“WILL THE MEETING PLEASE COME TO ORDER”



THOUGHT OF THE DAY FROM RUSS ANDERSON



**Everything comes to him
who hustles
while he waits.
—Thomas Edison**



TODAY'S GUESTS



MICHAEL BARRINGTON
Concord Rotary Club of California



MARK ANDERSON
Visitor

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

Mary Kemnitz reported that Janice S. donated her '99 Toyota Corolla to the Rotary's CARS 2ND CHANCE Program. The Toyota has been coming to D&H for the last 13 years and has a record 354,000 miles! What a great testimony to the excellent care the vehicle received from D&H. Many thanks to you, Janice, for supporting our program. After donating her Toyota, Janice decided to purchase the 2006 Honda Accord that the Rotary CARS 2ND CHANCE program had for sale.



Fall Seminars: Register Now

Fall Training Seminars are here and **District Governor Tina Akins** wants us to know that the 2019-20 Rotary term is in full swing and all you have to do is **Register Now**.

Fall Training Seminar – Fairfield Saturday, October 5, 2019 Location: Fairfield High School, 205 E. Atlantic Ave, Fairfield

Fall Training Seminar – Redding Saturday, October 19, 2019 Location: Simpson College 2211 College View Drive, Redding

Questions? Contact District Trainers Claire Roberts (cmroberts@comcast.net) or Patricia Bergman (pcochranb@hughes.net)



CLUB ASSEMBLY

Club Services Treasurer's Report Community Services Rotary Foundation Membership Director Charitable Fund
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Community Services

Bell Ringing as reported by **Co-chair Clayton Worsdell** will take place on December 7th—Pearl Harbor Day--and is sponsored, as usual, by the **Salvation Army**. We will meet at 5431 Clayton Road, so mark your calendar.

Adopt-A-Street was known as Adopt-A-Block. They will be meeting in October.

Home Team will meet on Saturday, September 28.

Club Services

Club Services Chair Barbara Reifschneider announced that the **Friday Night Live** September party will be held at **Joan D'Onofrio's** house. She's having it because it is her and **Don Ouimet's** birthday: Joan on the 29th and four hours later Don was born September 30.

Don't forget **Day at the Races** will take place on November 22. To make sure she has enough tickets, she asked for a hand count from the members to get an idea of how many tickets to order.



Rotary International

Chair Ken Nishimori had copious number for us, so here we go. Nigeria is polio free as of August 21st. We have 38 Paul Harris Fellows. Nine are regular fellows while we have 8+1, 1+2, 2+3, 4+4, 1+5, 1+6, 4+7, and 5+8. He handed out green sheet status reports of the Paul Harris contributions.



Ken gave us the following rundown as to how we compare to other clubs regarding contributions:

\$704 San Ramon Club
\$458 Alamo
\$427 Brentwood
\$421 Pleasant Hill
\$398 Clayton Valley/Concord

He pointed out that this year we are in 5th place while last year we came in at number 4.

Pancake Breakfast

Bill Selb, the Pancake Breakfast Guy, completed another year at our Club's most successful event. The Pancake Breakfasts reached its 20th year, and Bill was at the helm for 17 of them. Bill told us that:

"It amazes me how many of our members work together to make it so successful. It almost works like a fine-tuned assembly line the way each person knows his or her responsibility and pitches right in."

There are quite a number of pre-event and post-event tasks that I have taken care of myself over the years that others might not be aware of. I'm grateful that Jeff Wilson has shadowed me this year to become aware of the big picture and hopefully is able to take over when the time comes.

I'm also grateful for the help we get from others: spouses, friends, Boy Scouts, Clayton Valley Village, 4H, and the Interactors. These groups pitch right in and work hard. I'm sure that we could not pull this off without their participation. After the event, I mail a personal thank you to each of these groups to all the merchants that made a contribution.

Over the years I've seen some of our Fund-raising events come and go. Although we don't get any coverage from the local press, I believe that the people of Clayton appreciate what we are doing. This is about the only thing the club does that is visible to the town of Clayton.

As far as numbers, I know that we serve about 900 to 1,000 meals in three hours. Our gross the first couple of years has been close to \$7,000. I am not sure what the net is this year . . . I intend to be part of this event as long as these bones are able and the membership is willing."

*Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Selb, Pancake Breakfast Guy*



Treasurer's Report

So who wants to take my place for the 2020 -2021 term? **Treasurer Vicki Sexton** will step up to the presidency next year, and, as skilled as she is, she can't be treasurer and president at the same time. She told us that the treasurer position is very easy and proved it when Bill Selb said he didn't have the final financial count on the Breakfast. With just a few taps of her fingers, she pulled up all the numbers we were eager to learn. She said that the Pancake Breakfast raked in

\$7,212 and spent only \$696 which means we netted \$6,516.



Secretary's Report

Secretary Fred Nelson reported that we have 38 members, nine of them are R85s, two are on leave of absence, and one is shoulder-to-shoulder.

Art & Community Services



In keeping with her Rotary member classification, **Newsletter Editor Joan D'Onofrio** is in collaboration with our **San Felipe club** with the intention of bringing out the artistic talents of the students in their scholarship program. This is just in the talking stages, so anyone with ideas or suggestions are encouraged to voice them. The goal is to hold art competitions complete with various types of awards.

Joan also reported that the **Art Expo** our club co-sponsors with her art program was held in April and 43 awards were presented to students at the Clayton Valley High School.

Grant Update!

Larry Hutchings reported that they are waiting for only two clubs to submit their checks (\$600), and, once in hand, the Grant monies will be sent to Uganda in one complete check for the Computer Lab program.



Vocational Services



Chair Irene Davids-Blair is looking for speakers among us. How much do we really know about each other? That's what Irene is determined to find out. Let her know if you want to share your life's story or just a few snippets from anecdotes in your travels, various jobs, or even the successes of your family members. Whatever you care to share, we want to hear it.

Irene also encouraged us to attend the **Rotary Business Expo** Saturday, October 5th at Ohlone College in Newark, CA.



THE GALLERY

From the lens of Clayton Worsdell



This is postcard ready. It was taken at the Marina by Oracle Park with the Bay Bridge backdrop. Beautiful.

ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING

CRAZY DRIVERS

Farmer John lived on a quiet rural road, but, as time went by, the traffic slowly built up at an alarming rate. The traffic was so heavy and so fast that his chickens were being run over at a rate of three to six a day. So one day Farmer John called the sheriff's office and said, "You've got to do something about all of these people driving so fast and killing all of my chickens."

"What do you want me to do?" asked the sheriff.

"I don't care, just do something about those crazy drivers!" So the next day he had the county workers go out and erected a sign that said: SLOW—SCHOOL CROSSING

Three days later Farmer John called the sheriff and said, "You've got to do something about these drivers. The 'school crossing' sign seems to make them go even faster."

Again, the sheriff sends out the county workers and they put up a new sign: SLOW: CHILDREN AT PLAY That really sped them up. So Farmer John called and called and called every day for three weeks. Finally, he asked the sheriff, "Your signs are doing no good. Can I put up my own sign?" The sheriff told him, "Sure thing, put up your own sign." He was going to let the Farmer John do just about anything in order to get him to stop calling every day to complain.

The sheriff got no more calls from Farmer John. Three weeks later, curiosity got the best of the sheriff and he decided to give Farmer John a call. "How's the problem with those drivers. Did you put up your sign?"

"Oh, I sure did. And not one chicken has been killed since then. I've got to go. I'm very busy." He hung up the phone.

The sheriff was really curious now and he thought to himself, "I'd better go out there and take a look at that sign. It might be something that we could use to slow down drivers." The sheriff drove out to Farmer John's house, and his jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign. It was spray-painted on a sheet of wood: NUDIST COLONY-- GO SLOW AND WATCH OUT FOR THE CHICKS.

TALKING TO GOD

Little Jimmy was lying about on a hillock in the middle of a meadow on a warm spring day. Puffy white clouds rolled by and he pondered their shape. Soon, he began to think about God.

"God, are you really there?" Jimmy said out loud.

To his astonishment a voice came from the clouds. "Yes, Jimmy? What can I do for you?"

Seizing the opportunity, Jimmy asked, "God? What is a million years like to you?"

Knowing that Jimmy could not understand the concept of infinity, God responded in a manner to which Jimmy could relate. "A million years to me, Jimmy, is like a minute."

"Oh," said Jimmy. "Well, then, what's a million dollars like to you?"

"A million dollars to me, Jimmy, is like a penny."

"Wow!" remarked Jimmy, getting an idea. "You're so generous. Can I have one of your pennies?"

God replied, "Sure thing, Jimmy. Just a minute."

...that's all folks.