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US Bank



# HIS CANDLE BURNED OUT LONG BEFORE HIS LEGEND EVER WILL.



Early this month **John Wolfe's** length of service as a Rotarian reached 27 years. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and a Rotarian of the Year in 1996 and 2015. John served as Program Chairman for many years and monitored our Literacy Program with the Clayton Library. Last Thursday John died.

Here are two photos of John in days gone by. The first one is when he was a very young man and the middle one was taken in 1992. John received his BA in Geography from the University of California, Los Angeles, his MBA in taxation from Golden Gate University, and was an Aircraft Director and Control Officer with the USAF from 1965 to 1969 in Viet Nam. He was a Compliance Manager with Pacific Bell until he retired in 1992. Aside from his dedication to Rotary, John served with the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association. John and Carol were married for 53 years. *(Continued on page 6)*

## **WILL THE MEETING PLEASE COME TO ORDER”**



## **THOUGHT OF THE DAY FROM IRENE DAVIDS-BLAIR**



*It is strange that SWORDS and WORDS have the same letters. Even more strange is that they have the same effect if not handled properly.*

## **TODAY’S MYSTERY GREETER**



**Identity of the greeter can be found in the Jokes section**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *Club Services*

**Club Services Chair Barbara Reifschneider** reminds us that **the District Governor Tina Akin** will attend our meeting September 26.

**September Friday Night Live** for September will be held at **Joan D'Onofrio's** house September 27 at 3731 Merridan Drive Concord. Starts at 6 pm and ends whenever.

**October Friday Night Live** will be at Jeff Rondini's house 807 Savignon Drive, Clayton.

## *World Polio Day: Start Planning*



World Polio Day is October 24<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and tune in for Rotary International's **"World Polio Day Online Global Update,"** streamed on Facebook in multiple time zones and languages around the world. This year's program will highlight the heroes of polio eradication, with stories from endemic and recently impacted areas.

On World Polio Day, thousands of Rotary Clubs from around the world will hold events and fundraisers to recognize progress in the global fight to end polio. What can you do? This month's Polio Minute is unique as it asks you to challenge your Club, your PR team and yourself to get ready for WORLD ROTARY DAY 2019. Don't fret. You have time. October 24th is World Polio Day. Our goal is to get the word out that we are "this close."

## *Fall Seminar is Right around the Corner*



**Fall Training Seminar is in Fairfield**, Saturday, October 5, at the Fairfield High School, 205 E. Atlantic Ave. The Assemblies have new and improved breakout sessions and free breakfast and lunch.

New members can learn more about Rotary. Club leadership and more experienced members can get together to share best practices and new ideas to strengthen your Club. We all have room to learn more!

The best part is the fun of hanging out with Rotarians from other clubs and communities and learning from one another.



## Celebrating the Innovation and Robot Lab



Concord Rotarians Rick Ernst and Memory Woodard confer with teacher and founder Joseph Alvarico.

**Larry Hutchings** attended the dedication of the Innovation and Robot Lab at Ygnacio Valley High School. This is a district grant sponsored by Concord Rotary and supported by Clayton Valley for equipping the robot and computer lab. More than 200 students, corporate sponsors, Rotarians, and parents attended the pot luck and presentation.



## SiGN: Fracture Care International

**Torsten Jacobsen** attended the annual SIGN conference in Richland, Washington where 200 orthopedic surgeons from around the world, and especially developing countries, came. The skin grafting project they and Torsten have been working on for several years is coming to fruition. Grafting is essential when treating severe trauma soft-tissue injuries and burns that are common in developing countries with open fires that children fall into. Our club has supported SIGN in the past by helping to send a container to Ethiopia plus assisting with instruments to a hospital.

# Men for all Seasons



**Rich Lueck** discovered this photo of **Jim Swanson** and John. Two years ago Jim moved to southern California after 26 years as a Rotarian in our club and died a few weeks later. John's death was just as shocking. We will have an opportunity to pay our respects to John on Saturday, October 5 at Hillcrest Congregational Church at 1:00 pm (404 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill). Torsten Jacobsen leaves us with this poem:

Yesterday is a memory  
Gone for good forever.  
While tomorrow is a guess  
What is real is what is here and now  
And now is all that we possess.  
So treasure every day if your life  
And avoid the un-needed strife.  
Focus only on what is meaningful  
And not on the meaningless.



## Thanks for the Memories







*To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven:*

### *A Time to be Born...*

**Striker Wolf** arrived 11 days early and was born Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:57pm He weighed in at six pounds and is 18.5" long. **Tommy Wolf** reported that they had a quick all natural 15 hour labor at a birth center in Oakland with three midwives looking after them. They went home that night. Tommy said he feels like he is on a holiday as so many friends and relative are visiting and they even closed the business for an entire week. He donated \$20 plus \$100 to his Paul Harris in honor of his and Vanessa's third anniversary.



### *...and a Time to die.*

**Dave Kemnitz** shared with us the death of his 92-year-old father **Arlan Kemnitz**. He told us that his dad was truly a "lineman for the city"—of Chaska, Minnesota that is—and the sole proprietor of their family of five. Dave said they didn't see their dad all week long as he was out there working the lines for the Northern State Power Company (NSP). Weekends didn't offer any relief as the family owned and totally operated a restaurant called Arlie & Lois's Rollerskate Drive-In. The family owned the restaurant for 10 years and Dave mentioned that he worked in the kitchen while everyone else had other specific chores. It was grueling work and we leave Arlan with these words from the song:

I am a lineman for the county  
And I drive the main road  
Searching in the sun for anther overload  
I hear you singing in the wire  
I can hear you through the whine  
And the "Chaska" lineman  
Is still on the line



# SEPTEMBER MILESTONES

## Happy Birthday



**Bill Arena**, who swam the Alcatraz invitational last week, did so with his daughter and grandkids rooting him on. They came all the way from Texas for the event. Bill is happy to be going back home to Texas to celebrate his birthday on the 25<sup>th</sup> and is especially happy that he will be meeting his newest grandchild. He will also be the featured speaker at his former Rotary club.

## Wedding Anniversary's

**Larry Hutchings** and **Dennis** celebrated their 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Maui but have been together for 24 years. Larry will, therefore, donate \$24 to the club and \$100 to his Paul Harris fund



**Rich Lueck** and **Pam** will celebrate their anniversary on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and he will donate \$100 to his Paul Harris Fund.

# HAPPY BUCKS & ASSORETED NEWS



1969



2019



So **Vicki Sexton** went back to Castro Valley High School to celebrate her 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and guess what? Miles was wrong. The ladies at her reunion were pretty darn good looking as the photo above proves. Notice how beautiful Vicki was in her senior year back in 1969. Vicki said: "Age knows no boundaries and we were who we were."





**Bill Selb** reported that **Carol Wolfe** asked him to pick up John's collection of Rotary items and books which he will bring to the Clayton Library.

**Torsten Jacobsen** is pleased that his M.D. daughter is going around the world to developing countries for a year with her 12 and 10 years under her belt and will spend time at our project in Uganda plus Ethiopia's famous women clinic. Also, he suggested that Tommie and Vanessa's child, Stryker, should become a union leader for UAW or have a middle name of 'Out' and become a pitcher.



**Larry Hutchings** is happy to be making his first trip to Palm Springs to see if his home is still standing,

While **Monica Fraga** will be away for one month touring NYC, she said she is happy her boot is off, so now she can do drugs.



# TODAY'S SPEAKER

**Past President Irene Davids-Blair** took to the podium and gave us these beautiful words to live by. Irene will be going to South Africa to visit her niece who was diagnosed with lung cancer.

## Seven Rules of Life

- 1) Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
- 2) What others think of you is none of your business.
- 3) Time heals almost everything, give it time.
- 4) Don't compare your life to others and don't judge them. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
- 5) Stop thinking too much, it's alright not to know the answers. They will come to you when you least expect it.
- 6) No one is in charge of your happiness, except you.
- 7) Smile. You don't own all the problems in the world.

## Don't Quit

*When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.*

*Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about,  
When he might have won had he stuck it out;  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow--  
You may succeed with another blow.*

*Often the goal is nearer than  
It seems to a faint and faltering man,  
Often the struggler has given up,  
When he might have captured the victor's cup,  
And he learned too late when the night slipped down,  
How close he was to the golden crown.*

*Success is failure turned inside out--  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems so far,  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit--  
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.*



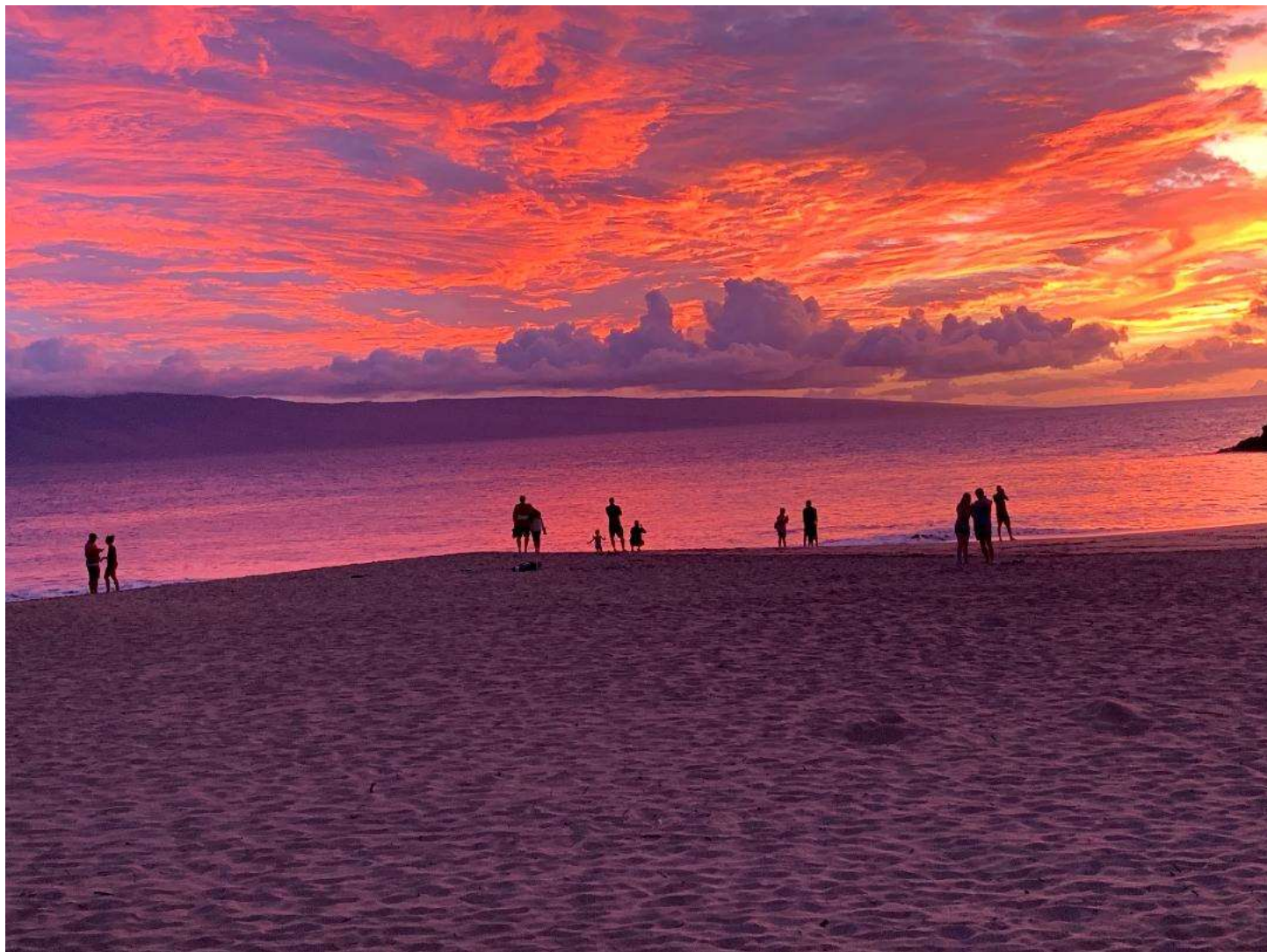


# THE GALLERY

From the lens of Larry Hutchings on his anniversary holiday in Maui.

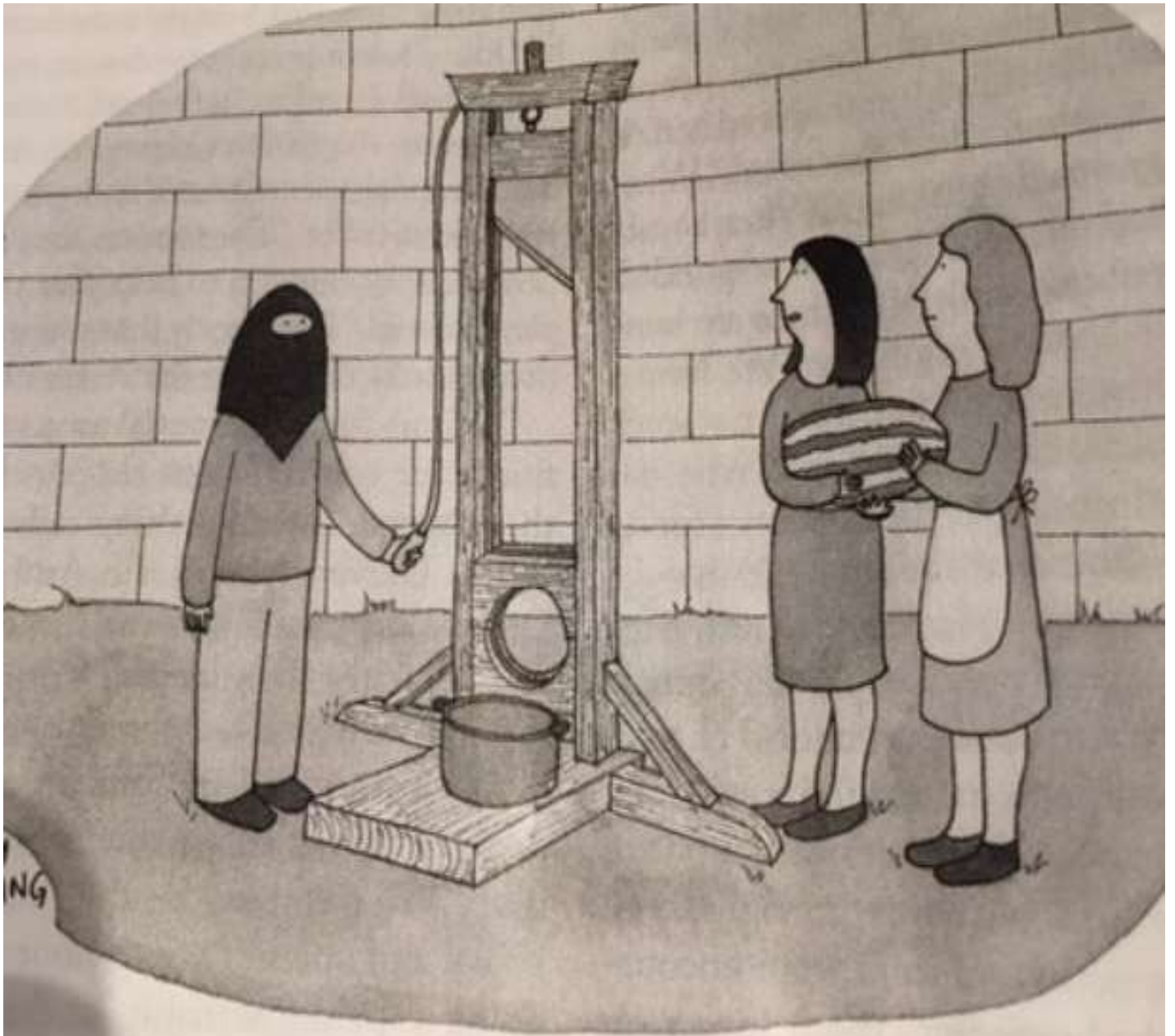


How about being on the beach and seeing this sky. Beautiful.





# ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING



*"We have a favor to ask."*



Yup, Jeff Wilson was the mystery greeter.

*...that's all folks.*