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10/08 Board Meeting 7 AM
Buttercup Restaurant
10/07 Charitable Fund
Bob Hooy's Office



AWARDS



District Governor Tina Akin presented the "It all Adds Up" Award to **Secretary Fred Nelson, Past President Irene Davids-Blair, and SAA Dr. Rob Waldman** in recognition of their efforts big and small, behind the scenes, or out in front. They consistently contribute to their Rotary Club's service. Thanks to you all for helping to make our communities the best they can be.



President Dawson presented the **Service Star Award** to **Past President Irene Davids-Blair** for honoring John Wolfe by filling in for him during the Speakers session and getting us to talk about memories of John.

WILL THE MEETING PLEASE COME TO ORDER”



THOUGHT OF THE DAY FROM EWA SOBIŁO

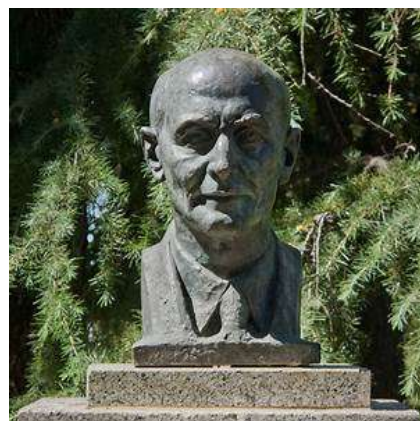


It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement.



Ignorance is a menace to peace.

—Paul P. Harris



TODAY'S VISITORS



PIPER GIANOLA
Goal4.com



CAROL LANDRY
Vacaville Rotary



CHERYL WILSON
Asst. District Governor



CLIFTON BARNES
CA&C Video Productions

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Services

Club Services Chair Barbara Reifschneider told us that the **Friday Night Live** party at Joan's was a blast. The gang sang 'Happy Birthday' 11 times. You had to be there. Great fun.

Community Services

Clayton Worsdell reported that there is only one customer in need for the Home Team project this month. He and **Frank Westphall** will handle it, so no one needs to participate. He also reported that our club is the recipient of 10 wheelchairs that we will be donating to San Felipe.



Charitable Fund Meeting

Secretary Fred Nelson announced a new location for the October 7 Charitable Fund meeting. It still begins at 6:00 pm but will be held at Bob Hooy's office at 3125 Clayton Road, Concord, second floor.

World Polio Day: Start Planning



World Polio Day is October 24th. 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."

A Visit from the District Governor

District Governor Tina Akins and our **Assistant District Governor Cheryl Wilson** joined us at today's breakfast meeting. After the meeting Tina met with the Board Members to share her Goals and find out what ours are. The discussion will include club growth, our Website, Camp Royal, Camp Venture, our Community, and Foundation Projects.



Wheelchair Donation



Secretary Fred Nelson reported that our club is the recipient for 10 wheelchairs that will eventually go to San Felipe. Right now they are at **Rich Lueck's** house. They are in his back yard and he has them covered. You need to contact Rich and tell him how many you can pick up and store. **Torsten Jacobsen** has already said he will take two of them. Call Rich at 925-683-7865 and tell him how many you can pick up and when you can do it. Do not call Clayton.

Donations



Our club received a \$500 check from the Orinda Rotary to be applied to the Uganda Computer Lab. Shown here is **Chris Ruzicka**, **Irene Davids-Blair** and **President Dawson** holding a check for \$15,000 that will be given to the Charitable Fund.

Paradise on the Delta

Mary Kemnitz fills us in on the day spent on the Delta with the volunteer crew who delivered and processed all 38 cars and a massive motorhome that were delivered to Paradise. Even two wheelchairs were included in the donations. No one knows the amount of work that went into this amazing program that our club was responsible for creating, and it was covered by Channel 5 KPIX. It was, indeed, staggering. Leave it to the Kemnitz's to arrange a token of thanks to the members who threw themselves into it. Here is an essay that will give you an idea of how the cruise and crew preformed on a boat named Flipper.

"IT WAS QUITE A DAY"

By Mary Kemnitz

Sunday was a beautiful day for our cruise on the Delta. We traveled 57 nautical miles, with 18 passengers on board and 2 professionals crewing for us. We traveled on three rivers and had to request the opening of seven bridges.

I opened seven bottles of Champagne and served many mimosas! With a Champagne glow on, we stopped for brunch at the historic Ryde Hotel and had a most delicious meal. After lunch we headed down the river intent on traveling through what I call the "back door" to our berth at the Riverboat Marina. We encountered a big bump in our plan, however, because Middle River Bridge was out of order and could not be opened, and, of course, we could not fit under it! This bump meant we had to travel all the way to the Antioch Bridge to cross over to the San Joaquin. This Added at least two-hours or more to our trip.

The Rotarians hung in there. Many of them made themselves comfortable by taking naps in the main cabin and on our bed in the stateroom! It was dark when we made it back to port and managed to berth Flipper without a scratch! As I said, "it was quite a day."



Flipper and the Paradise volunteers

HAPPY BUCKS

Rob Waldman kicked in \$30 as his way of honoring all those who helped him for the past 30 years of happy living. He is also buying the building where he has been practicing for the past 30 years. Looks like 30 is his lucky number.



Jeff Wilson has been working his magic and is happy to report that a newlywed couple he has been working with submitted an offer. Way to go Jeff.



Fred Nelson spent 48 hours with his two sons and grandson, student at CSU, in Ft. Collins, Colorado golfing. Actually, they were attending his grandson's sports fund raiser and Fred said that the highlight of the event was what they discovered in the Hilton Hotel bedroom—bunkbeds. That's right, bunkbeds. Fred confessed he slept on the bottom.



Ahoy, Mates

First mate **Clayton Worsdell** had a grand time on the Delta cruise last week and didn't mind that it took so long to complete. He said it turned out to be a sunset cruise.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

WOMEN ARE SPREADING THE WORD

President Julia Dawson introduced today's speaker, **Piper Gianola**, who talked to us about the project her organization is working on in Kenya. Its purpose is to equip mothers, health workers, and family members with the knowledge and tools they need to prevent illness and death. Among their tasks and goals are:



Mothers' Education gives mothers the knowledge they need to save the lives of their children. The mother's education program is aimed at shifting the behaviors that cause child illness to a set of desired behaviors that prevent illness and promote health. Community health workers form the centerpiece of the program. They are volunteers and trusted community members who serve as an interface between their neighbors and the health system. They serve about 100 households, going door to door with education and support aimed at prevention.

Safe Births provides supplies and expertise to a rural maternity unit so health workers can offer safe places to give birth. How do we help Segwa's health providers reduce maternal and child deaths and improve health?

Once a year, we sit down with the health team to identify what they will need most in the coming year. We then use designated funds raised through the year to provide it. Throughout the year, we have monthly check-ins to discuss the month's accomplishments, challenges, and how we can work together on solutions.

Special Projects that promote maternal and child health

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Piper is the founder and executive director of goal4.org. She was a communications professional in the high tech industry for 15 years, the last 11 years at Cisco Systems. Her retirement in 2011 marked a long-planned transition from the private sector to the non-profit sector. Since 2011 she has been developing and overseeing goal4.org projects in Kenya. In 2001, she co-founded Winters Broadband, a wireless internet service provider that continues to deliver broadband to the rural, central valley of California today. Piper was a linguist and educator with a specialty in intercultural communications and held roles as a lecturer at U.C. Berkeley, the director of an adult language school, and as a language instructor in the United States and Switzerland. Piper holds a Master of Arts in Linguistics, a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences, and a Diplôme d'études Françaises from the University of Geneva, Switzerland.



District Governor Tina Akins was our second speaker. Tina said her visit was to get to know us. But who is Tina? What do we know about her? Well this is what we learned at today's meeting:

Tina joined the Rotary Club of Concord in 2005 after seeing the impact of Rotary through her husband Tony's membership. She wanted to be so much more than simply a spouse at social events. Tina and Tony were both past presidents of their Concord Club, hosted Youth Exchange students, a Peace Fellow Scholar studying at UC Berkeley, and international projects. Tina said her life changed when she traveled to India with the polio immunization team. She has served District 5160 as Assistant Governor, District Trainer, Chief of Staff and Communications Chair, Counselor, and Finance Trainer for the Districts Camp Venture.



Tina and Tony are Concord residents and own a chain of masonry supply yards as well as feed and pet supply stores in the SF Bay area. She is an accountant and managed the accounting department of their business until she retired. Tony continues to actively run the company.

Tina and Tony have four children, two young granddaughters, and spend time with their many friends. Tina said: *"Rotary is the perfect gift. Every time you provide service locally or internationally, or even to other Rotarians you are given double back in personal satisfaction."*

LITERACY PROGRAM



Piper signed the book titled *Magnetism* that will be donated to the Clayton Library in honor of our Club's literacy program.

GALLERY



Another stunning photo from the lens of Clayton Worsdell.

ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING

MOTHER OF THE BRIDE

Jennifer's wedding day was fast approaching. Nothing could dampen her excitement – not even her parent's nasty divorce. Her mother had found the perfect dress to wear, and would be the best-dressed mother-of-the-bride ever!

A week before the wedding, Jennifer was horrified to learn that her father's new, young wife had bought the exact same dress as her mother! Jennifer asked her father's new young wife to exchange it, but she refused. "Absolutely not! I look like a million dollars in this dress, and I'm wearing it," she replied.

Jennifer told her mother who graciously said, "Never mind sweetheart. I'll get another dress. After all, it's your special day."

A few days later, they went shopping, and did find another gorgeous dress for her mother. When they stopped for lunch, Jennifer asked her mother, "Aren't you going to return the other dress? You really don't have another occasion where you could wear it."

Her mother just smiled and replied, "Of course I do, dear, I'm wearing it to the rehearsal dinner the night before the wedding."

HISTORY PAPER

At dinner, a father is asking his kids about the school. He turns to the oldest daughter "How is your history paper coming along, dear?"

"Well, it was hard at first. My history professor suggested that I use the internet for research and it's been very helpful."

Surprised at the professor's suggestion, the father asked "Oh really, how so?"

"Yes, so far I've located 7 people who will write it and sell it to me for a good price."

WORDS OF WISDOM

When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.

To me, “drink responsibly” means don’t spill it.

When I say, “The other day,” I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

Interviewer: “So, tell me about yourself.”

Me: “I’d rather not. I kinda want this job.”

Cop: “Please step out of the car.”

Me: “I’m too drunk. You get in.”

I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.

Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn’t fit any of your containers.

If you’re sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say “Did you bring the money?”

I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.

When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, “Why, what did you hear?”

When I ask for directions, please don’t use words like “east.”

That moment you walk into a spider web suddenly turns you into a karate master.

Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life outta nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.

My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

...that’s all folks.

