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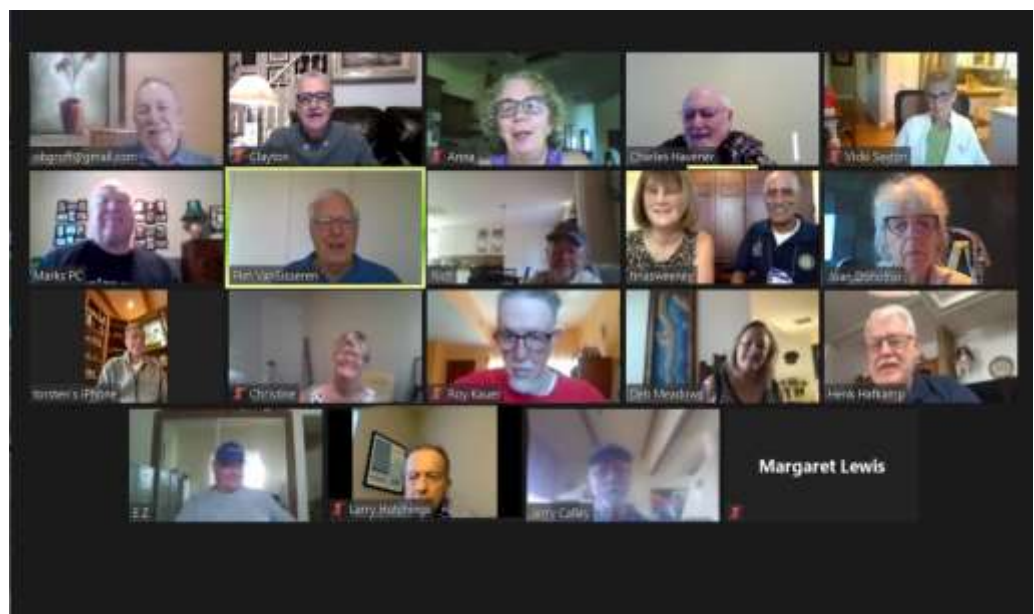
## IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

11/10 Board Meeting 7 AM  
Zoom  
TBA Charitable Fund 5:30 PM  
Zoom



# ZOOMING AROUND THE WORLD

THE ZOOM MEETING IN SAN FELIPE. SIX MEMBERS FROM OUR CLUB ATTENDED



## INTERNATIONAL ZOOM MEETINGS

**Tina Sweeney** of the San Felipe Rotary invited our members to join them at their 8 am Monday morning club meeting and **President Vicki, Rich Lueck, Larry Hutchings, Clayton Worsdell, Torsten Jacobsen, and Joan D'Onofrio** logged on. **Deb Luyima** and **Herbert Muyinga** of the Rotary Club of Muyenga, Uganda are attending our weekly meetings. **Josefina Bandalan** who represents the Rotary Club in the Philippines also attended our meeting this morning. We were interested in what the San Felipe meetings were like and we found out when we attended their Monday meeting and learned that they follow the same opening format as we do. They also are suffering from the COVID pandemic, so their treasury is suffering too. They didn't have a speaker, but they did review fundraising ideas, and **Vicki** explained some of what we are doing in our club. **Clayton** showed them how he is able to take photos at the meetings and sent us the one above. **Torsten** talked about getting them involved in the Cars 2nd Chance program and **Joan** asked them to consider participating in the student portrait contest that we are pursuing now. It was a great exchange of ideas and projects.

# “Will the Meeting Please Come to Order”

President Vicki Sexton called the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to order. (Actually, it's our 29<sup>th</sup> zoom meeting.)



## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Ken Nishimori

What makes Rotary so unique and worth sharing with the world?

We love people and, wherever we go in the world, Rotarians become our best friends and you wish you had more time with them. We are people from different backgrounds, different generations, languages, and cultures. Even the way that we live Rotary is different country to country and club to club. That diversity makes us great.

We are held together by the values we share. We are all bound in friendship and we all believe in The Four-Way Test. Rotary is experienced a different way everywhere. The Four-Way Test remains the same for everyone.

--Rotary International President-elect Holger Knaack (20 January 2020)

## GUESTS



**HERBERT MUYINGA**  
Former District Governor  
Representing the Rotary Club of Muyenga, Uganda



**DEB LUYIMA**  
International Services



**JOSEFINA BANDALAN**  
Philippines Rotary



**ELISE WARREN**  
Clayton Chief of Police,



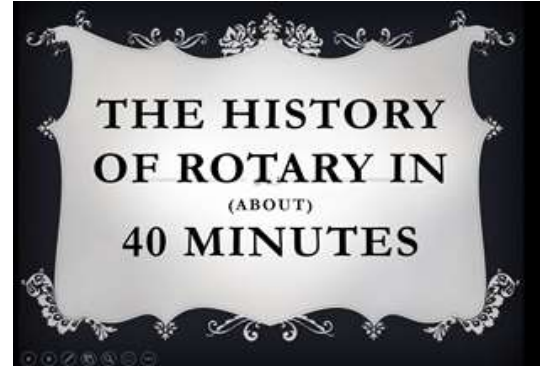
# A ROTARY MINUTE

Clayton Worsdell Brings You  
The History of Rotary in 40 Minutes—One Minute at a Time

## THE U.S. BOYS WORKING RESERVE



The year is 1917 and the US has declared war on Germany. Rotary clubs across the country take action in countless ways. **Howard H. Gross**, a member of the Chicago club and president of the Universal Military Training League has an idea that he pitches to the Chicago Rotarians.



Bolstered by their enthusiastic support, within 24 hours he's sold the idea to the Chicago school board.



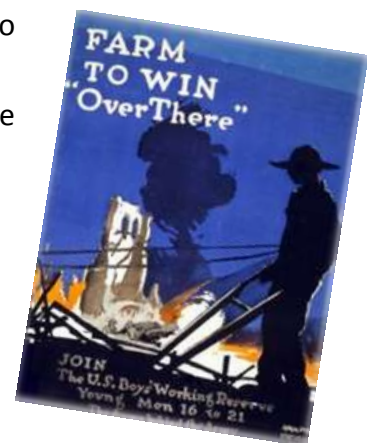
His idea?  
A virtual army of young men, ages 16 to 20, especially boys in high schools, trading their toy wooden rifles for shovels and hoes heading out to America's farmland. The U.S. Boys Working Reserve was born.



Even **President Wilson** urged the young men to join for the privilege of spending their spare time in productive enterprise to provide for the forces at the front and replace those whose services were needed to home.

The idea spread across the county and whether spraying fruit trees in Pennsylvania, Or picking loganberries in Oregon, the hundreds of thousands of young volunteers

modeled the concept of selfless community service—fitting for an idea contrived by a Rotarian.



This has been the 13th minute of the History of Rotary in (about) 40 Minutes

# ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS

## PRESIDENT VICKI SEXTON REPORTS

**President Vicki Sexton** welcomed us and introduced today's guest speaker who is **Elise Warren**, Clayton's Chief of Police who spoke to us about the department after which we covered a myriad amount of topics and news. Let's get started with **Clayton Worsdell's** photo of the **Adopt-A-Street** volunteers. It was a meager turnout, but they got the job done.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES



**Director Ben Wentling** told us that the only volunteers who showed up last week and participated in **Adopt-A-Street** program were **President Vicki**, **Barbara Reifschneider**, and **Clayton Worsdell**. They filled four bags of trash in record breaking time.



## OWEN MURRAY'S FUNERAL

**President Vicki** reports: I just got a call from **Don Ouimet** who wanted to update us on **Owen Murray's** funeral. On Tuesday, October 20, there will be a visitation from 1 - 3 at Ouimet's Funeral Home. At 3:00 there will be a rosary officiated by Queen of All Saints. On Wednesday 10/21 at 10:30 at Queen of All Saints there will be the funeral. We're sure that the Murray family would love to see as many Rotarians there as possible.



## LOOK WHO SHOWED UP FOR TODAY'S MEETING



**Secretary Fred Nelson** is at the Stonebrook Health Care facility, but he joined us for today's meeting. In fact, he also zoomed into the Board meeting on Tuesday. Shows you can't keep a good man down.

He will be at Stonebrook for another week so drop him a line or send a card or give him a call: 925 915-1015.

Here is his address:  
Stonebrook Health Care  
4367 Concord Blvd  
Concord CA 94521  
Attn. Fred Nelson, Room 113



## WORLD POLIO DAY OCTOBER 24, 2020

We're all set to celebrate PolioPlus Day.

**Director Ken Nishimori** reviewed the two PolioPlus programs and Clayton Worsdell sent photos of the huge banners hanging in various locations throughout the town.

If you donate \$100 you will receive 100 club recognition points. If you do it before December 31, you will get an additional 100 points

Join the PolioPlus Society and donate \$100 each year until the world is Polio free.

Ken pointed out that **Owen Murray** was a major donor and generous contributor to PolioPlus and donated \$1,000 every year. Ken will contribute \$100 in his honor.



## FUNDRAISING TEAM: Update

**CHOOSE YOUR FUN! WALK OR RUN.** **Jeff Wilson** reported that 17 members have signed up for the race plus our two Uganda members also signed on. For those who don't want to run, a \$30 donation will show your support. You can sign up on [active.com](https://www.active.com) and go to 'choose your fun' walk or run. **President Vicki** reminded everyone that since we are not paying \$75 meeting fees, a \$30 donation is a bargain and much appreciated. Miles is working on the T-shirts.





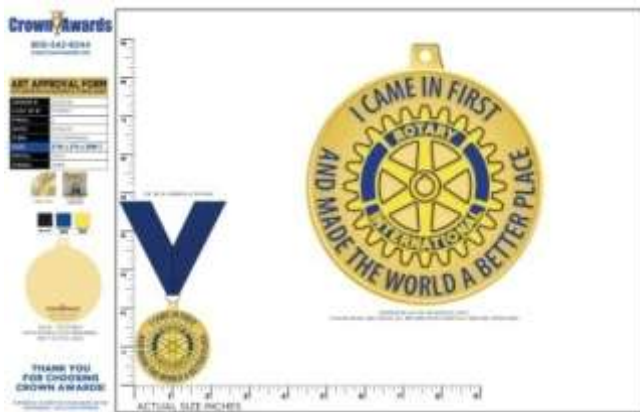
# FUND RAISING NEWSLETTER 3

## COMMITTEE REPORT *Choose Your Fun! Walk or Run for Rotary*

HELLO AGAIN FELLOW ROTARIANS & FRIENDS:

VICKI, BILL, MONICA AND JEFF ARE CONTINUING TO EMAIL AND ZOOM TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT. AND SO TOO ARE SEVERAL OF YOU WHO HAVE ALREADY LOGGED ON TO *ACTIVE.COM* TO REGISTER YOUR PARTICIPATION. JEFF REPORTS THAT WE HAVE 17 PARTICIPANTS REGISTERED AS OF THURSDAY MORNING, 10/15.

VICKI HAS ORDERED 56 MEDALS FROM *CROWN AWARDS*. THESE CERTAINLY LOOK GREAT.



MEDAL



T-SHIRT DESIGN

MILES HAS JOINED THE EFFORT AND COME UP WITH OUR T-SHIRT DESIGN. LOOKIN' GOOD! THERE ARE TWO PLACES ON *CLAYTONVALLEYROTARY.COM* WEBSITE TO REGISTER. ONE IS A STANDALONE LINK JUST UNDER THE POLIO PLUS PART ON THE HOMEPAGE. THE OTHER LINK IS UNDER THE MEETINGS AND EVENT DROP DOWN MENU AT THE TOP OF THE HOMEPAGE ON THE LEFT SIDE. BOTH LINKS WORK BEAUTIFULLY.



## MILESTONES: Length of Service of the Two Jeffs



**Jeff Wilson** hit the second year of his joining Rotary and is very busy working on the Fundraising committee. Jeff as you all know is our star real estate broker.

**Jeff Rondini** celebrates his 15<sup>th</sup> year a Rotarian and was our Treasurer for many years. He is now the owner of the Mt Diablo Tax Pro providing tax and financial services. He is a Paul Harris Fellow.



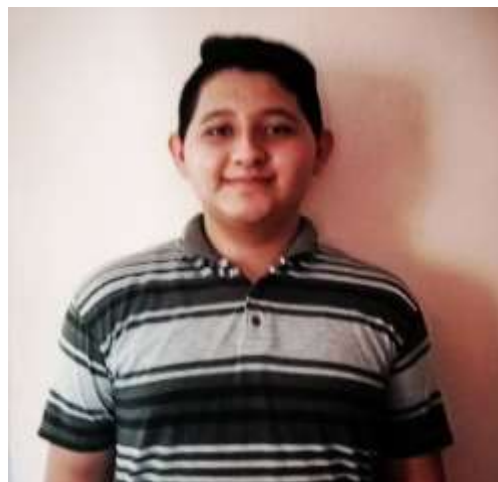
## VERY GRATEFUL STUDENTS: From San Felipe



**President-elect Monica** wanted to share this email she received from the student she is sponsoring at the San Felipe Scholarship program.

*I only wanna know how are you, say hello and say thanks, but really, your support really motivates me, thanks for being my partner, I wish you will be very happy and great, blessings for you,  
my best wishes,  
Jamie Antonio Gonzalez*

And here is **Clayton** and **Carol Worsdell's** scholarship student named **Eluid Cortez Palatox**.





# TODAY'S SPEAKER



Program Chair Miles Bell introduced us to today's speaker, **Elise Warren**, the as Chief of Police in the City of Clayton. There are two Police Departments in Clayton, serving a population of 11,838 people in an area of 4 square miles. There is one Police Department per 5,919 people, and one Police Department per 1 square miles: The Clayton Police Department at 6000 Heritage Trail, and Marsh Creek Detention Facility at 12000 Marsh Creek Road. Chief Warren told us that In California, Clayton is ranked 91st of 1,798 cities in Police Departments per capita, and 68th of 1,798 cities in Police Departments per square mile.



In February 2018, she retired from the Sheriff's Office to take her current position as Chief of Police in the City of Clayton. In 2019, Governor Newsom appointed her to the California State 911 Advisory Board.

The Chief holds a Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Executive Certificate, and is a graduate of POST Command College. She is also a member of the California State Police Chief's Association, and the International Chiefs of Police Association. The Chief gave us an overview of the types of crime her officers deal with yearly, and stressed that they are stuck with budget cuts like every other police station,. Keeping up with technology is very hard, and she stressed that application to join the force is down by 30%

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

**Chief Elise Warren** grew up in Berkeley, and after graduating from high school, she completed her Bachelor of Science degree at Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo. She started her career in law enforcement in 1990 with the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff and over the next 28 years at the Sheriff's Office she was, promoted through the ranks and retired as an Assistant Sheriff in 2018. While at the Sheriff's Office she held a variety of positions including, Patrol, Detention, Investigations, Internal Affairs, as well as a variety of administrative positions. Her last two years were spent as the Assistant Sheriff of the Field Operations Bureau, where she oversaw Patrol, Special Operations and Investigations. Chief Warren lives in Walnut Creek and has have been married to Skip for 27 years. They have two children ages 25 and 17. She is a volunteer at the Tony LaRussa Animal Rescue Foundation.



# HAPPY/GRUMPY BUCKS

**TOMMY WOLF** is at it again. He is happy to be off this weekend to play with that 360 powered pontoon boat his parents recently bought. He loves every minute being on it and said it is like floating in his living room all day long.

**FRED NELSON** is happy to acknowledge that he and **Bill Selb**



celebrated their birthdays on the same day: October 1. He is donating \$100 to Paul Harris, and \$100 to PolioPlus. Then he decided to contribute another \$100 in honor of the staff at Stonebrook Health Care because they sure know how to keep their patients happy. He said they still don't know what's wrong with him, but he is now able to walk the entire length of the hallway. We are all so happy to see him thanks to zoom.



**HUGU TOLOUI** donated \$5 happy bucks just to see Fred.

**MONICA FRAGA** was happy to tell us that they went college scouting and that Richie is pursuing a career in underwater welding. They toured a school in Jacksonville, FL and one in Houston, TX and Ritchie decided to attend Ocean Corporation in Houston and will start next fall!.



**LARRY HUTCHINGS** is donating \$20 to commemorate the memory of **Owen Murray**. Larry is also happy with the great pitch that Vicki gave about Chief Warren. He went on to tell us that he and Dennis took a road trip to Forestville to visit their good friend who is 90 years old. It was a happy visit, but on their drive home they passed the devastation caused by the recent fires, and that was not a happy site.



**VICKI SEXTON** is happy to announce that her boyfriend, John, turned 70, and to celebrate they hiked the Barbary Coast Trail that is a walking path connecting 20 of San Francisco's most important historic sites. It is marked with a series of bronze medallions and arrows set in the sidewalk that you can follow as you hike.

# ANOTHER SAD TIME AT OUR CLUB

We lost another longtime member on Wednesday, **Owen Murray**, who joined our club this month, in 1995. Yes, this month would have been his 25<sup>th</sup> length of service milestone.



OWEN & RUTH AT VALENTIN'S DAY PARTY

Owen, you will be very missed and thank you for your appreciation of Me and Rotary and making others feel valued and special. --Julia Dawson

Owen was a hopeless romantic. He made Valentine's Day special for Ruthie; he renewed his vows once a year, in Russian, to Ruthie at our club. --Steve Weir

Owen, you fought the good fight. I will miss your sharp wit and humor. --Fred

A very sad day for your club to have lost so much. May his soul rest in peace. --Deb & Herbert (Uganda)



Owen was so passionate and supportive of our club. When I was the club's Event Director I would call him to invite him to our auctions and to our Club's Anniversary Event and he always responded with so much enthusiasm. If he was well enough to attend he came with "bells on," if he couldn't make it he always donated. Owen was a wonderful, wonderful man. --Mary Kemnitz

I met Owen once at one of our Christmas parties, and he was so funny I found myself sitting next to him the entire evening and laughing throughout our time together. I looked forward to meeting again, but that never happened, and now it never will. --Joan D'Onofrio

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS



*Warren and his wife were avid Square Dancers. In fact, there was a period of time when Warren lost a tremendous amount of weight thanks to his square dancing regimen. --Rich Lueck.*



## WEEKLY RAFFLE: *and the winner is...*



**President-elect Monica Fraga** brought us to the fun part of the morning meeting. This week's winner is **Clayton Worsdell** who selected the gift certificate to the Guadalajara Restaurant. **Miles Bell**, who won the drawing last week and selected the oil and vinegar set as his prize, changed his mind and selected the wine which he immediately donated to the Wine Barrel auction in December. Joan made the same donation when she won the first raffle.

if you attend the zoom meetings, your name will be put in the drawing, and among the prizes you could win are a beautiful thermos, an olive oil and Balsamic vinegar set, very sophisticated wine (no two buck Chuck), and gift certificates to various restaurants in the area.

BUT you have to be in it to win it, so log on to our Thursday zoom meetings, and your name will automatically be put in the drawing.

AND HERE IS JORGE,  
CLAYTON'S FAVORITE  
CHEF, AT THE  
GUADALAJARA GRILL  
WHERE HE AND  
CAROL WILL ENJOY  
THEIR PRIZE.



# THE GALLERY

Ready for Halloween



Photo by Clayton Worsdell taken near  
a barn on California Highway 12

# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

## LAST RITES

A priest is driving home when he comes across a dead pig lying on the road, so he calls the police to inform them.

A cocky sergeant answers the called. "Did ye read him his last rites?" smirks the sergeant.

"Naw." replies the priest." I thought I would inform his next of kin first!"

## THE GIFT

Two guys were talking at work. "I've got a problem," said the first one.

"What is it?"

"My wife has done it to me again. I'm supposed to buy my mother-in-law a present for her birthday, from the

two of us. And I am fresh out of ideas. I mean it's HER mother, why can't she buy it?"

"What did you buy her last year?" the other one asked.

"Last year I bought her a VERY EXPENSIVE cemetery plot."

"Hmmmm, hard to top that one," said the other.

The two guys couldn't come up with anything. So the son-in-law didn't buy his mother-in-law anything. When the big day arrived the next weekend, she was a bit upset. At the family gathering, she announced out loud to everyone, "Thank you all for the wonderful gifts. Too bad my daughter and son-in-law weren't so thoughtful!"

Thinking quickly, the son-in-law responded, "Well, why bother, you haven't used the gift I gave you last year!"



**AS I GET OLDER  
I CAN SENSE PEOPLE  
DRESSING ME  
WITH THEIR EYES.**

*That's all Folks except for the  
Partnership Chart below.*

# PARTNER LIST: Updated

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