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IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

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



“TOGETHER WE WILL END POLIO” October 24 is World Polio Day



PolioPlus Chair Mike Crosby spoke about the PolioPlus Society that is a District program to promote individual giving to PolioPlus. Members of the Society agree to give \$100 per year toward polio eradication until polio is wiped out of the world.

It's as simple as that. Thus far, through the efforts of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, spearheaded by Rotary International, over 2.5 billion children have been immunized against polio. The incidents of endemic polio have dropped from 125 countries to only two: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotarians, to date, have contributed \$1.5 billion to support this effort. Beginning in 2007, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation pledged \$100 million to match Rotary contributions, and in 2009 they increased this to \$355 million. Rotary promised to raise \$200 million by June 30, 2012 and ended up raising \$228 million.

It's even easier to join. You can support PolioPlus by becoming a member of the PolioPlus Society and contributing a minimum of \$100 per year to the Fund until we GET POLIO TO ZERO and it is eradicated from the face of the earth. Of course, your donation will receive Paul Harris Credit. The Gates Foundation will match your gift 2 to 1, making this an even better opportunity to end polio. If your members donate before World Polio Day (October 24th), they will DOUBLE their recognition points and receive 200 points.

“Will the Meeting Please Come to Order”

President Vicki Sexton called the 16th meeting to order. (Actually, it's our 30th zoom meeting.)



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Barbara Reifschneider

“Maybe the journey isn't so much about becoming anything. Maybe it's about un-becoming everything that isn't really you, so you can be who you were meant to be in the first place.”

GUESTS



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



DEB LUYIMA
International Services



MIKE CROSBY
PolioPlus Chair
Today's Speaker

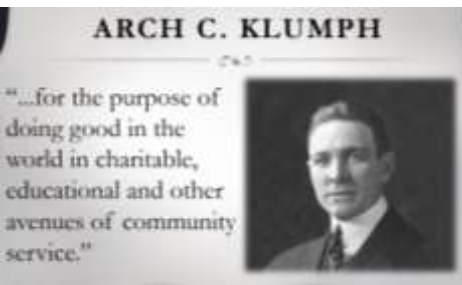


VICTORIA BIANCO
Visual Artist
November Speaker

A ROTARY MINUTE

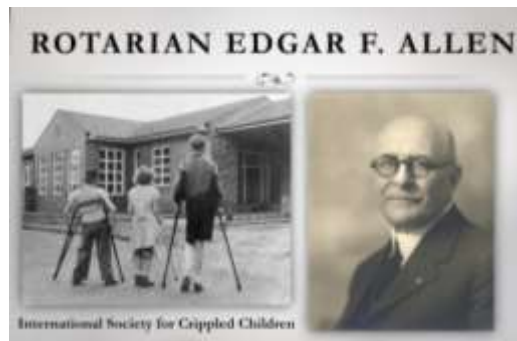
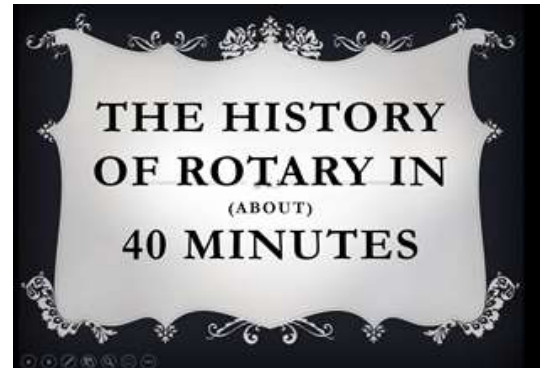
Clayton Worsdell Brings You
The History of Rotary in 40 Minutes—One Minute at a Time

THE FOUNDATION'S FIRST GRANT: EASTER SEALS



In 1917 [Arch C. Klumph](#), Rotary's sixth president, proposed to the Rotary International Convention in [Atlanta, Georgia](#), the creation of an "endowment fund for Rotary . . . for the purpose of

doing good in the world in charitable, educational, and other avenues of community service."



In July of 1918, the endowment received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the [Rotary Club of Kansas City](#), Missouri, which represented the net proceeds from the [1918 International Convention](#).



By 1928 the endowment fund had grown to over \$5,000, and it was renamed The Rotary Foundation.

In 1930 The Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children, created by

Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen,

. . . which grew into the [Easter Seals organization](#).



This has been the 14th minute of the History of Rotary in (about) 40 Minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDENT VICKI SEXTON REPORTS

President Vicki Sexton welcomed us and introduced today's guest speaker, **Mike Crosby**, who spoke to us about the status of PolioPlus and what we can do stamp out Polio. Vicki also mentioned that she, Rich Lueck, Clayton Worsdell, and Joan joined the zoom meeting of the San Felipe Rotary Club again on Monday.



AN AMAZING WOMAN: Juanita Blair

Irene Davids-Blair reported that they lost Max's mother, **Juanita Blair**, on Thursday, October 8. Max was able to get to her bedside before she transitioned. The funeral was held on Monday, October 19 and Max stayed on in Chicago to sort out her affairs.

Irene writes: "Juanita was 101 years old and would have celebrated her 102nd birthday on February 6, 2021. She worked six days per week, running a dry cleaning business in Chicago. She lived on her own and was very independent. She had two sons, one of whom I was privileged to marry, Max Blair. She raised a good son!!!! She was an amazing woman and was looking forward to voting in November. She never missed the opportunity to vote. On Wednesday, October 8, she transitioned from this life after succumbing to the effects of a stroke the previous evening. She was surrounded by her loving family. My mother-in-law, Juanita Blair, was one in a million."

You can see Juanita on You tube dancing at her 100 birthday! She was quite something!

GETTING READY FOR WINTER: "We Need Clothing"

Alan Test, of the Rotary Club of NorCal Gateway, Richmond Yacht Club US Sailing, conducted a clothing drive this past spring for the Bay Area Rescue Mission in Richmond. Now that winter is approaching, he is asking Rotarians to look in their drawers and closets and see if there are any clothing items they no longer need. They will come to their home and pick it up while keeping an appropriate social distance. The Bay Area Rescue Mission has been serving the homeless and families in need since 1965. All donated items go directly to those in need and are not sold in a resale store. Like Rotary, they are rated four stars by Charity Navigator for Accountability and Transparency. Contact Alan at testalan@yahoo.com or contact Vicki for more information.

INTERNATIONAL ART PROJECT UPDATE



DEB



HERBERT



JOAN



TINEKE



BRENDA NAMULI

Joan D'Onofrio reported that there has been a lot of interest in the art program. She extended the voting of the Uganda girls' submission so everyone would have a chance to vote for their three favorite sketches that they like best. **Deb Luyima** reported that the medals for her students still have not arrived, but she checks daily at the post office. **Tineke Jacobsen** is in Baha and will be meeting with **Tina Sweeney** to help them get their submission started. Tineke is also in the process of setting up a connection in Peru while Joan is in communication with **Bo Morse**, a member of a Rotary club in Australia, who will forward a contact so we can set up the art program there. Clayton Valley High School is on board and will even be teaching an online course in portraiture. We are still waiting for a response from the member in the Philippines.

CARS 2ND CHANCE

Larry Hutchings reported that the team held their usual Monday zoom meeting where they are working on a marketing program intended to instruct potential members how to set up a partnership program. So far, they have three clubs, including the Paradise Rotary, that are interested, and the team will be scheduling a presentation.

Everything is cool with the Food Bank program. Larry said they added more funds to the program and are confident they will reach their one hundred thousand dollar goal.



HE'S BACK



Secretary Fred Nelson was released Friday, October 23 from the Stonebrook Health Care facility, but he still joined us at today's meeting. In fact, he also zoomed into the Board meeting last Tuesday.

FUNDRAISING TEAM: Update

CHOOSE YOUR FUN! WALK OR RUN. Jeff Wilson reported that we now have 32 members who have signed up for the race plus our two Uganda members; Only 68 more to go to reach a goal of 100. 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. T-shirts are being made. Please register now. This is our Fundraiser that replaces the Pancake Breakfast. We all need to participate in some fashion.

Wine is coming in and so far we have 10 bottles. Call Jeff, Bill, or Monica to pick up your bottles—notice I said bottles—and donate as many as you can. Let's make this December fundraiser a wild success.



FUND RAISING NEWSLETTER 4

COMMITTEE REPORT

Choose Your Fun: Walk or Run for Rotary



JEFF REPORTED AT OUR MORNING ZOOM MEETING THAT WE NOW HAVE 32 REGISTERED ON ACTIVE.COM FOR THE EVENT. VICKI SAID SHE WOULD BE HAPPY IF WE CAN GET 100 REGISTRANTS. BILL SAID THAT HE'S SHOOTING FOR 200.

MONICA REPORTED THAT THE T-SHIRT DESIGN IS APPROVED AND SHE IS WORKING WITH MILES ON STYLE AND PRICING. OUR MAIN FOCUS, AT THIS TIME, IS COMMUNICATING THE EVENT.

CLUB MEMBERS SHOULD GET THE WORD OUT TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY. LARRY REPORTED THAT WE ALREADY HAVE A NICE PROMOTION ON FACEBOOK. IN THE WEEKS AHEAD WE NEED TO SPREAD THE WORD TO OTHER CLUBS, AND THROUGH NEWS AND SOCIAL MEDIA. WE'RE OPEN TO ANY AND ALL IDEAS.

AS REPORTED ON THE LAST NEWSLETTER, 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 EVENTS DROP DOWN MENU AT THE TOP OF THE HOMEPAGE ON THE LEFT SIDE. BOTH LINKS WORK BEAUTIFULLY.

MILESTONES: Length of Service

Owen Murray would have marked his 25th year with our Rotary club this month, but that was not to be. This month he and Ruth, who was a second Lieutenant at Fort McClellan, would also be celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary.

Owen earned an AA degree at Diablo Valley College; a BS in Business Administration/Economics at St. Mary's College; Doctor of Jurisprudence degree at John F. Kennedy University School of Law, and other colleges and universities where he mostly studied languages and science. He studied the Russian language at Rostov State University, Rostov-na-Donu in Southern Russia. He served in the Strategic Air Command for four years and worked at Pacific Telephone Co. in various technical positions for six years. He passed the Bar in 1985 and often sat as a municipal court judge by appointment which was a volunteer position and even sat on a jury that consisted of all attorneys which was the first time in the history of American jurisprudence that a jury was composed entirely of practicing attorneys.



He and Ruth actually prospected for gold during their trips throughout the Northwest. Together they traveled extensively, first throughout the entire United States and Western Canada, and later they spent two years touring and visiting friends in European Russia, from St. Petersburg to the Ural Mountains to the Asov Sea region and Krasnodar in the south.

At home in the Russian River area, Owen was active in activities at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Guerneville and St. Agnes Church as Lector and Eucharistic Minister. He also served on the Diocese of Oakland as an ecclesiastical notary.

Owen was an officer and director on the governing boards of many governmental, corporations. He served with the Russian River Fire District as a dispatcher, firefighter, engineer, safety officer, investigator, and attorney for 22 years. This service also included several years with Sonoma County Fire Investigation Task Force, as well as being Fire Marshall of the Canavero Community Services District, and director of Pole Mountain Fire Lookout, Inc.

He was a Rotarian for more than 31 years, and a Paul Harris Fellow, first in Guerneville Rotary Club, and later, up to the time of his death, in our club. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Owen was forced to retire early due to health issues, so he and Ruth moved to Concord and began home-hosting Russian businessmen, and later some of their sons, in programs operated by the Center for Citizen Initiatives in conjunction with local Rotary Clubs, San Francisco State University and other groups devoted to aiding in the democratization and economic development of Russia.

MILESTONES: Length of Service



Monica Fraga celebrates her 9th year as a dedicated Rotarian. She served as Youth Services Director for many years, and is presently the President-elect. Monica owns and operates a travel agency called Travel-to-Go. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and in 2015 was Rotarian of the year.

MILESTONES: Anniversaries

Bill and Julie Kinsey celebrated their anniversary on October 19. Bill is our Public Relations Chair and is currently working on bringing our club's website into the 21st century. Congratulations.



Barbara and Mark Reifschneider are celebrating and relaxing in Tahoe as they celebrate their 27 years of wedded bliss. They were married on October 24, 1992. Barbara is our Club Services Director and due to COVID she hasn't been able to schedule any of her social programs. Barbara is a Paul Harris Fellow and was our first female president 2009 – 2010.



TODAY'S SPEAKER

HISTORY OF POLIO

Mike Crosby gave us a brief description of the history of polio. In the early 20th century, polio was one of the most feared diseases in industrialized countries, paralyzing hundreds of thousands of children every year. Soon after the introduction of effective vaccines in the 1950s and 1960s however, polio was brought under control and practically eliminated as a public health problem in these countries.



It took somewhat longer for polio to be recognized as a major problem in developing countries. Lameness surveys during the 1970s revealed that the disease was also prevalent in developing countries. As a result, during the 1970s routine immunization was introduced worldwide as part of national immunization programs, helping to control the disease in many developing countries.

Rotary International launched a global effort to immunize the world's children against polio in 1985 followed by the establishment of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988. When they started, polio

paralyzed more than 1000 children worldwide every day. Since then, more than 2.5 billion children have been immunized against polio thanks to the cooperation of more than 200 countries and 20 million volunteers.

Today, wild poliovirus continues to circulate in only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, and global incidence of polio cases has decreased by 99%. There has also been success in eradicating certain strains of the virus; of the three types of wild polioviruses, the last case of type 2 was reported in 1999 and its eradication was declared in September 2015; the most recent case of type 3 dates to November 2012 and this strain was declared as globally eradicated in October 2019.



As we approach World Polio Day this year, we are celebrating the [heroes who have been working tirelessly to combat polio throughout the world](#). Follow the instructions expressed by **Mike Crosby** and **Ken Nishimori** by signing up and doing your part in making the world polio free.

HAPPY/GRUMPY BUCKS



FRED NELSON is \$40 happy bucks that he equated with the amount of time he spent in hospitals. He was released on Friday and will start physical therapy ASAP at home. He said he will give us a full report on his situation—health-wise that is—soon.

LARRY HUTCHINGS is happy to report that he went on the race website and said that there were three people who signed up and will be participating.

VICKI SEXTON is happy to announce that she found Deb and Herbert's race donation. Actually, it was Jeff Wilson who found it, but we take happiness wherever we find it.

BOB HUCK is back and really happy that his new bionic knee is working and it won't be long now when he will be out on the links.

WEEKLY RAFFLE: *again, the winner is...Clayton*



President-elect Monica Fraga brought us to the fun part of the morning meeting. Again, this week's winner is **Clayton Worsdell**, and, again, he picked a gift certificate for a restaurant. This time he chose Fiore's.

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.



THE GALLERY

Getting Ready for Halloween



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

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

PUNCTUATION MATTERS

I'm not the easiest guy in the world to get along with. So when our anniversary rolled around, I wanted my wife to know how much I appreciated her tolerating me for the past 20 years. I ordered flowers and told the florist to enclose a card that read, 'Thanks for putting up with me so long.'

When my wife got the delivery, she called me at work.

"Just where do you think you going?" she asked.

"What do you mean?" I said.

She read the card aloud as the florist had written it:

"Thanks for putting up with me. So long."

**Did you know in the
Canary islands there's
not one Canary?
Also on the Virgin Isles,
same thing.
Not one Canary.**

POTATO?

A blonde a brunette and a redhead are robbing a bank. The police are soon after them so they hide in a bunch of barrels. The police arrive and search the area, they come over to the barrel where the brunette is hiding and kicks it, the brunette says "woof" "oh, it's just a dog" says the police officer and then kicks the second barrel where the redhead is hidden. The redhead says "meow," "oh it's just a cat" says the officer then kicks the last barrel where the blonde is hidden. The blonde says "potato."

I got an F in art class
for my cat drawing . . .



. . . I'm still
wondering what was
so wrong with it.



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

PARTNER LIST: Updated

MEMBER	PARTNER	CONTACT	TITLE	PHONE
	Alhambra High School	Karen Sloper		925-335-5810
Mary Kemnitz	AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE COUNCILS	Gloria Peterson	Admin	916-290-5828
	Bay Area Crisis Nursery	Tara Bartholomew	Exec Dir	925-685-8052
	Blue Star Moms Contra Costa	Loretta Masnada		925-775-5084
	Buttercup Farms Organization	Jorie Hanson	Manager	925-963-4104
	California Reentry Institute	Collette Carroll,	Exec Dir	925-549-1416
	CALIFORNIA VOCATIONS/PARADISE	Bob Irving	Director	530-519-4146
	CCRIM Real Estate in Motion	Ryan Keller	CEO	925-295-9223
	Crohn's & Colitis Foundation	Derek Aitken, Esq		415-356-2232
Monica Fraga	CVCHS # ROTARY Interact	Monica Fraga		925-672-9840
Richard Lueck	Delta Blues Festival Scholarships	Frank Giovanni		209-603-7240
	DIABLO CHORAL ARTISTS	Mark Tuning		925-930-0516
	Dogs and Katz Rescue	Kathleen Stercks		925-852-1217
Clayton Worsdell	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	Clayton Worsdell		925-207-2509
	Food Bank	Joel Sjostrom	CEO	925-676-7543
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	Solo Opera – San Francisco	Sylvia Amorino		925-685-4945
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	St. Agnes School	Jill Lucia	Principal	925-689-3990
	Veteran's Affordable Home Ownership	Jim Etherington	President	530-662-2237
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