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Zoom
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Zoom



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BILL SELB

“Will the Meeting Please Come to Order”

President Vicki Sexton called the 23RD meeting to order. (Actually, it's our 37th zoom meeting.)



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Director Barbara Reifschneider

*When you choose joy you feel good
And when you feel good,
you do good*

*And when you do good it reminds other of what joy feels like
And it just might inspire them
to do the same.*

TODAY'S GUESTS



AARON LEVY



JAMES MONROE



CHERISE KHAUND

SPEAKERS REPRESENTING THE MDUSD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

A ROTARY MINUTE

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

The Formation of Rotary Districts

Up until 1915 Rotary Clubs acted independently and only came together in exchanges between clubs that were in close proximity, and at national meetings. Then in 1914 H. J. “Bru” Brunnier, President of the Rotary Club of San

Francisco had an idea. (You may recall a recent history minute about Henry’s wife, Ann.)

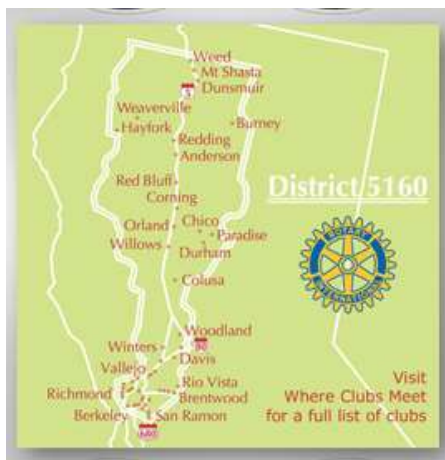
Bru was returning by train from a fellowship gathering of six clubs in Tacoma, WA when he

awakened in the middle of the night with his idea. He summoned a porter to bring him a railroad schedule of the US which included a map. He placed dots on the map to represent the 100 Rotary clubs and combined them into 13 groupings based on railroad connections.

Bru’s map formed the basis upon which Rotary leaders adopted the new district plan at the Rotary Convention of 1915 in San Francisco which included the use of the title of District Governor for the new leadership model.

Today, there are 530 districts including our own. Rotary District 5160, consists of 73 clubs stretching from San Ramon in the south to Weed in the north and is led by District Governor Mark A Roberts of the Lamorinda Sunrise RC. You can sign up for the 2021 District Conference April 30 ~ May 2, 2021 in Sacramento, CA.

Most Rotary Clubs have their own Facebook page and a Website. This is the Facebook page of Clayton Valley/ Concord Sunrise RC.



Thank you, this has been the 20th minute of the History of Rotary in (about) 40 minutes.

LET'S GET THINGS STARTED

Program Chair Miles Bell introduced speakers: **Cherise Khaund**, **Aaron Levy**, and **James Monroe**.

TODAY'S SPEAKERS



Cherise Khaund, **Aaron Levy**, and **James Monroe** spoke to us about the **MDUSD Education Foundation**, a new nonprofit dedicated to funding quality education for ALL students in the Mt Diablo School District, that deals with virtual learning.

Mt. Diablo Unified School District has pivoted completely to digital learning during shelter-in-place. More than 4,500 Chromebooks have been checked out to students with lessons delivered via zoom and other platforms. Mt. Diablo Unified School District's

teachers and administrators have been working hard to provide access to technology for all students so that remote learning may take place during this pandemic.



To support this effort, the foundation has created the Coronavirus Remote Learning Fund. Every dollar contributed to this fund will go toward the acquisition and distribution of distance learning technologies that can be used both now and in the future. Access to a computer and the Internet are key to successful remote learning. While many of our students have access to both in their home, as many as 20% of our student population does not. In anticipation of campus closures, teachers checked out and distributed Chromebooks to many students, but there are not nearly enough to support the learning needs of our diverse district

Cherise began her four year term on the MDUSD school board in December 2018. From 2017-18 she was the President and one of the Founders of the MDUSD Education Foundation the nonprofit dedicated to funding quality education for ALL students in Mt Diablo School District and started tutoring programs for parents who don't speak English and has done everything from running a reading program for struggling students in 10 schools in Concord and Bay Point.

James spoke about the MOSA Mack program: Science Detective is a web-based series of short, animated science mysteries designed to inspire 4th - 8th graders. Utilizing a fun, diverse cast of characters, each episode examines a science topic using an inquiry-model and ends with a query the students attempt to solve together using customizable discussion guides and strives to expose all students to the thrill of problem-solving while empowering girls and children

of color in science. Aaron, James, and Cherise are passionate about education and believe the best decisions are made when teachers, parents, and community members come together to find the best solutions for all students and is dedicated to advocating educational opportunities for all students. Our teachers, principals, and administrators are on the front lines, and all of us can help. To donate: info@mdedf.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS



A MILESTONE: *John Wenzel*

President Vicki Sexton announced that while **Webmaster John Wenzel** operates behind the scenes, his value is greatly needed and deeply appreciated. John is a financial planner with the Archvest Wealth Advisors and a 6-year member of our club. He is a PolioPlus member and a member of the Paull Harris Society to which he is donating \$500. John just moved into a new home with his wife, Kristyn, and his three beautiful children Emily, Ian, and Elyse.



FUNDRAISERS

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM (BILL) HOOPY: *A Yearly Tradition*



Bill Hooy, 1995 Rotarian of the Year, is **Bob Hooy's** late father. Here is a message from Bob in honor of his dad:

*"I know that our club has given generously to the **Food Bank** in 2020 through our Cars Second Chance Program; I still wanted to honor my father, William J. Hooy, and his legacy by offering an opportunity to our individual club members to join me in giving an additional amount to the Food Bank. This year, I am not asking the club to contribute anything to this effort. Instead, my law firm and I are willing to match any and all contributions by our club members to the Food Bank up to a total of \$2,000. It is my hope that we, as a club, can contribute an additional \$4,000 to the Food Bank, which ably distributes food to those in need in our community."*

Contributions may be made by check payable to the Food Bank and delivered to me or to our charitable foundation; the foundation can then cut a single check payable to the Food Bank in the amount of those contributions. As I have done in years past, I will aggregate all of our contributions and forward them to the Food Bank with a letter so that they know that the monies came from the Clayton Valley Concord Sunrise Rotary Club." Contact Bob at: rhooy@hooy.com

CARS 2ND CHANCE

Mary Kemnitz said that there is much to be done handling this program and no one from our club, or Lamorinda, have stepped up. You don't need to be a Rotary member to lend a hand. An outside marketing agency is being considered. Larry will contact today's speakers to see if they want to partner with us as they have access to many people throughout the school system. Contact Mary 925 356-0683



WINE TASTING EVENT



The Wine Tasting, that **Director Larry Hutchings** organized, took place via zoom this past Sunday; in virtual attendance were Larry, Dennis, Bill Selb, Vicki, John, Bob Sundberg, Barbara, and Joan D'Onofrio. Joan, by the way, was the self-appointed designated driver so she did not partake. When they reminded her that they were all already home, she suggested that they might need her to get them from their kitchen to their bedrooms.



Each Rotarian had three bottles to imbibe that consisted of the Landmark Vineyard's Chardonnay Demaris 2017, Pinot Noir Grand Detour Sonoma Coast 2017, and Pinot Noir Hop Kiln Vineyards Russian River 2018. A brief slide show was narrated by Olivia Laney, the events coordinator who outlined the history of the Landmark Vineyards. The Vineyards' roots stretch all the way back to 1838 and it was in Grand Detour, Illinois of that year that John Deere invented the steel plow – an event that virtually revolutionized the business of agriculture. In 1989, John Deere's great-great granddaughter, following the family tradition in agriculture, relocated Landmark Vineyards from Illinois, to a spectacular piece of land at the base of Sugarloaf Mountain in the Sonoma Valley. She believed that Landmark could be a small jewel of a winery with state-of-the-art winemaking equipment that will be able to produce 20,000 cases of wine per year.

Landmark's philosophy and guiding principle is that the best grapes make the best wines, and, as a result, they have been able to create wines that receive high ratings among critics and wine lovers alike. Olivia said, *"Landmark's wines have consistently garnered rave reviews from the wine writers Robin Parker, Karen McNeill, and the San Francisco Chronicle's tasting panel. Their signature wine, the Overlook Chardonnay and Grand Detour Pinot Noir, have appeared on The Wine Spectator's top 100 list 7 times since 1997."*



WINE BARREL AUCTION

Bill Selb and **Monica Fraga** reported that no date for the auction has been set; there is still time, however, to donate two bottles of excellent wine or \$40. Let Monica (925 783-3930) or Bill (925 586-2953) know.

ADOPT A GRANDPARENT

President Vicki Sexton is donating \$25 to the program and will contact **Diane Covington** to volunteer helping her deliver gifts to the centers. If you want to donate money or help deliver gifts, call either Vicki 925 586-1286 or Diane 925 348-4054

WALKERS

Seems **Hugh Toloui** managed to collect 15 walkers that he hoped to donate to the San Felipe club but was unable to do so. He can't find anyone who wants to take them, so if you have contacts, give Hugh a call at: 925 672-6686.



HAPPY/GRUMPY BUCKS

Compiled by Director Barbara Reifschneider



VICKI SEXTON had two happy bucks, one was for the two week vacation from Thursday meetings and not having to prepare and send out emails, and the other buck is for all the fun she had at the wine tasting party.



BILL SELB had a happy buck. Well, actually he had more like \$20 happy bucks because Mark made a special trip to his house yesterday to fix his TV even though his cable company said it was dead and he needed a new TV. So, take that Comcast.



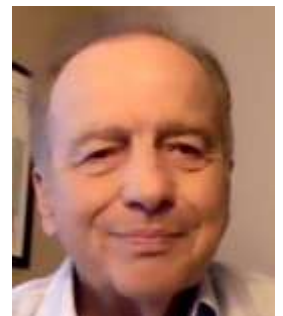
MILES BELL had a happy buck because his daughter has moved four times in five years and this is the last time-- hopefully. He was also happy that he was able to get his finger stitched back up.



TOMMY LEE WOLF was happy that he arranged to have Santa Claus live in his office until it was time to let him out so all the children assembled could meet him. They had a Xmas party for the children of his patients, and there was lots of fun for everyone,



HUGH TOLOUI had \$20 happy bucks for the food drive he held in his neighborhood for the Food Bank. Many people gave checks. He also held a warm coat drive and was so happy to observe the generosity of people. Vicki said she is going to bring her old coats to add to Hugh's collection.



MONICA FRAGA had a buck regarding her father-in-law's declining health but is, indeed, happy that she was able to connect with the right people to help her at this sad point in their lives.



LARRY HUTCHIGS had a happy buck for the wine tasting party he organized. He said it was not only fun but very educational. The host did a great job.

CLAYTON WORSDELL and all of us are happy to end this column in the spirit of the holidays. And who will ever forget the Xmas suit he bought at Macy's and wore to one of our Christmas parties. Ya hadda be their.

THE RAFFLE

President-elect Monica Fraga drew **Director Tommy Lee Wolf's**



name from a bag and became this week's winner. Because New Year's Eve is a few weeks away, Monica decided to purchase champagne instead of wine so Tommy and Vanessa can welcome 2021 in style.

If you attend the zoom meetings, your name is put into the drawing. New prizes will be added, BUT you have to be in it to win it. Zoom meetings will be around longer, so keep in touch by logging on.



AND THE WINNER IS



Party on, Tommy and Vanessa

THE GALLERY



Indigenous art sent to us by Bo Morse
our Australian Rotarian.

Indigenous Australian art includes art made by Aboriginal Australian and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It includes works in a wide range of media including painting on leaves, bark painting, wood carving, rock carving, watercolor painting, sculpting, ceremonial clothing and sand painting; Indigenous Australian art pre-dates European colonization by thousands of years, up to the present day.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Happy holidays to everyone and enjoy this photo of a Christmas party three years ago. Check out the outfit Clayton Worsdell is wearing.



ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING ...



YA CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL



If you drive by Don Ouimet's house, you will see how seriously he takes wearing masks.

CONTEMPLATIONS

Submitted by Torsten Jacobsen

"The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets." – Al McGuire

"The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits."
– Albert Einstein

"War is God's way of teaching Americans geography." – Ambrose Bierce

"It would be nice to spend billions on schools and roads, but right now that money is desperately needed for political ads." – Andy Borowitz

"At every party there are two kinds of people – those who want to go home and those who don't. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other." – Ann Landers

"My opinions may have changed, but not the fact that I'm right."
– Ashleigh Brilliant

"Have you noticed that all the people in favor of birth control have already been born?" – Benny Hill

"The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us." – Bill Watterson

"As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it."
– Buddy Hackett

"My favorite machine at the gym is the vending machine." – Caroline Rhea

"All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height."
– Casey Stengel

"How many people here have telekinetic powers? Raise my hand."
– Emo Philips

And my favorite: "Trouble knocked at the door, but, hearing laughter, hurried away." – Benjamin Franklin.

THINGS TO CONTEMPLATE

Submitted by Rich Lueck

Today I was in a shoe store that sells only shoes, nothing else. A young girl with green hair walked over to me and asked, "What brings you in today? I looked at her and said, "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator." She didn't quite know how to respond, but had that deer in the headlights look.

When people are visiting me and see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat?" I just say, "No, it's for company!"

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "An ambulance."

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Have you ever noticed: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he knows when he's really in trouble.

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

Did you ever notice that when you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs?"

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved.

Ah! Being young is exciting but being old is comfortable.

PASS THE BASKET

A pastor explained to his congregation that the church was in need of some extra money, so he asked them to consider being more than generous. He offered that whoever gave the most would be able to pick three hymns.

After the offering plates were passed about the church, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had graciously offered a roll of \$100 bills. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

A very quiet, elderly, saintly lady in the back of the church shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front, so she slowly she made her way towards him.

The pastor told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much, and in thanks he asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation. She pointed to the three most handsome men in the church and said, "I'll take him and him and him."

...that's all folks.

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