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IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

12/8/20 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
1/11/21 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
Zoom



BUILDING BRIDGES THROUGH ART

Meet the Uganda Art Student Award Winners



THE HANDOVER CEREMONY

Deb Luyima took these wonderful photos of the student winners of the 'My Hero Portraiture' art competition at the SSAKU SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL in the Nsawo Village. Thirty-three students participated and 10 winners were selected. Deb echoed her students when she said, "Thanks so much for engaging and inspiring the youth through fine art."

The school and the students are now getting ready to pursue another competition challenge and the theme is My World, My Future. The students may use any medium they are comfortable with.

(More photos on page 7)



“Will the Meeting Please Come to Order”

President Vicki Sexton called the 21st meeting to order. (Actually, it's our 35th zoom meeting.)



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Miles Bell

*“A nation that forgets its past;
Has no future.”
—Winston Churchill*

TODAY'S GUESTS



HERBERT MUYINGA
Rotary Club of Muyenga, Uganda



DEB LUYIMA



TRISH BIERNIE
Speaker



JENNY BELISLE
Managing Director
Arts & Culture Commission



PEG GARDNER
Volunteer
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A ROTARY MINUTE

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

Allied Rotary Club of France



In the early days of Rotary, prominent Rotarians were dispatched around the world in hopes of securing new locations for clubs, including in Paris, France. In the midst of these efforts progress was abruptly halted by the outbreak of World War I. Just prior to the end of the War, in 1918, it was seen by Rotary that there were many Rotarians in Europe stationed in Paris and with that

thought, Rotary authorized Ancil Brown, the secretary of the Rotary Club of Indianapolis, Indiana, and an auditor for YMCA who was headed to Paris, to start a club which would come to be known as the Allied Rotary Club of France.

Lunch meetings were held every Thursday at 12:15, there were to be no fees. Lunch cost 15 francs (about \$2.70 today) and the Rotary custom of using first names was maintained, replacing military saluting and observance of rank.



The club never chartered and the war ended it. The Rotary Club of Paris was dissolved and was replaced number 905, chartered in 'Gay Paree' in 1921.



Thank you. This has been the 18th minute of the History of Rotary in (about) 40 Minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Vicki Sexton welcomed us to this morning's meeting and introduced our guest speaker.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Trish Beirne



Trish Beirne, the Emergency and Volunteer Program Manager for the city of Concord, spoke to us today about how and what to do in an emergency. She held up the book that everyone should have that outlines everything you would need to know and have on hand for any type of emergency. Contact concord@cert.org for a copy.

Trish was born and raised in Ireland. After earning her degree in Public Administration from University College Dublin, Trish began working for the Department

of Industry and Trade and oversaw the administration of European Union subsidies to Irish manufacturers. She was subsequently promoted and moved to the Department of Finance (aka the Irish Treasury) where she oversaw a national lottery scheme and recommended interest rates for government bonds and savings certificates.

After marrying a fine Irish man, Trish moved with him to Amsterdam, The Netherlands where she worked for IKEA in their Finance Department. Later the couple moved to London, UK, where Trish worked initially for the European office of Japanese machinery manufacturer and spent time in Warsaw, Poland setting up their Eastern European office. She was subsequently head-hunted by a Phoenix, USA-based technology company to help set up their first European office.

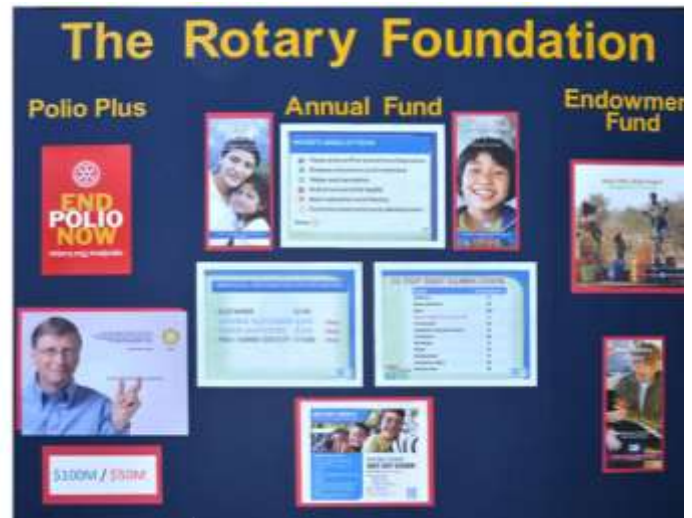
In her spare time, Trish completed an MBA in Strategic Management with Oxford Brookes University. Trish moved with her husband to the US in 1994. Initially, she was hired by an East Bay Foodservice company to work in their marketing department. The company produced dehydrated foods, most notably potatoes. (If you have eaten Kentucky Fried Chicken's mashed potatoes or Denny's hash browns, you have tasted the products Trish helped to market) Trish is convinced it was her Irish roots that led the company to hire her believing that she had the inside 'scoop' on potatoes!

After the birth of her daughter, Trish took a career break to both raise and expand her Family – she added a son. She returned to her career and public service in 2017 when she was hired by the City of Concord. She worked as the executive assistant to the City Manager and City Council for almost three years and was then promoted to her current position as the Emergency & Volunteer Programs Manager for the City assigned to Concord Police Department.

ROTARY FOUNDATION



Rotary Foundation Director Ken Nishimori presented and wanted all of us to understand that The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of the organization while Rotary International is the administrative arm.



ART PROGRAM UPDATE: My World, My Future

Our art program is going international as we live up to the 'Inner Wheel Campaign' and reach out to young children through art. The goal is to have students from each continent throughout the world, participate in art challenges and competitions. The recent Uganda project of students' drawing portraits of their role model is completed and medals were awarded to the winners—chosen by you. They are now preparing their next challenge the theme of which is: My World, My Future.

JENNY BELISLE, Managing Director of the Arts & Culture Commission of Contra Costa County, donated \$50 to the Uganda art project. That will go a very long way providing art supplies as the students are gearing up to participate in the next art challenge. It was decided by the Team to let the students use any medium to compose their art work as long as they follow the theme: 'My World, My Future.' On behalf of our Club and the Rotary Club of Muyenga, Uganda, we thank you, Ms. Balisle.



MILESTONE: First Date!



How many of you know the exact date that you and your spouse had their first date?

Bill Selb does, and he shared it with us this morning. It happened 54 years ago today. He met Emily at a singles party, and it apparently was love at first sight. On December 3, 1966, they had their first date. Six months later, Emily became a June bride when they married on June 16, 1967, and the rest is history.

CARS 2ND CHANCE

FOOD BANK UPDATE: Turning Cars into Food

President Vicki met Dave Kemnitz at the Food Bank Tuesday where they were interviewed by John Calendar the Corporate Relations Manager of the Contra Costa and Salona Counties Food Banks. KPIX was on hand for the taping. The segment appeared on Friday, December 4 at noon and will be available on the KPIX website. Dave emphasized that *"people have far too many cars in their driveways that are seldom, if ever, used. They should consider donating them—no matter what condition they are in. Think of how much money they will save by not buying insurance and gas and it is also a tax deduction."*



ABOUT THAT HUMMER

Mary Kemnitz reported that a 1985 Hummer was donated to the club and the first buyer through the door Friday morning wanted to go for a test drive.



So D&H employee, Mario, took him on one. Twenty minutes passed and they did not return. Dave and Mary were getting worried as Mario was not even returning numerous calls to his cell phone. Finally, after 45 minutes, Mario calls and says they were stranded by the Bart Station, and please send the tow truck. When they got back, and despite the breakdown, the buyer still wanted the vehicle, in fact there have been 88 inquiries leading Mary and Dave to put the vehicle on hold until it is repaired and they will do a lot more research into the pricing. That's Joan standing by the Hummer waiting for Santa to take her for a test drive.



A HOME FOR SOMEONE

Mary and Dave will donate this 1976 Terry Travel Trailer to a family in need of short term lodging. If you have any suggestions let them know.

SOLD Mary also reported that a 2005 Cadillac Seville was sold for \$3,000 in partnership with the Walnut Creek Rotary. A 2002 Toyota Avalon sold for \$3,245 with Lamorinda.



FOR SALE Spread the word. These are the cars ready to be sold: 1988 Nissan 300x, 1998 Volkswagen Beetle, 2000 Nissan Quest, 2001 Ford Escape, and a 2001 Honda Civic.

MEDAL CEREMONY



It started in the classroom with just pencils and erasers.



and here are the proud winners: **Kabugo Peter Derrick, Muyanja John, Ssebbaale Mark, Kisakye Eric, Kalanzi Regan, Hanifah Hadad, Nabanoba Milly, and Musisi Collins.**

WAY TO GO, MEXICO: SAN FELIPE CELEBRATES

Tina Sweeney of The Rotary Club of San Felipe reports that they were presented the torch representing 100 years of Rotary in Mexico. The district 4100 torch has been traveling throughout Sonora and Baja. Tina said, *"Our club was able to make a donation to the district to assist the various projects Rotary is working on in Mexico."*



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

FUND RAISING



NEWSLETTER #7

COMMITTEE REPORT

Choose Your Fun: Walk or Run for Rotary



YOUR FUND RAISING GROUP MET THIS MORNING (TUESDAY) VIA ZOOM. JEFF REPORTED THAT OUR FINAL COUNT WITH *ACTIVE.COM* IS 60 REGISTRANTS AND \$1,543 IN REVENUE TO THE CLUB. VICKI SAID THAT SHE HAS \$130 CONTRIBUTED BY THOSE WHO PREFER NOT TO PARTICIPATE THROUGH THE *ACTIVE.COM* WEBSITE. AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT A FEW MORE ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE CAUSE SO WE ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL NET ABOUT \$ 2,000 +OR-. WE HOPE YOU RUNNERS ENJOY YOUR RUN AND MAY THE BEST PERSON IN EACH CATEGORY WIN.

OUR NEXT FUND RAISER IS A WINE BARREL AUCTION. WE ARE CURRENTLY COLLECTING \$ DONATIONS OR TWO BOTTLES OF WINE FOR THE CAUSE. WE ASK THAT THESE CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE GOOD WINES IN A PRICE RANGE OF \$ 20 OR MORE. MONICA IS COLLECTING THE WINES AND A LIST OF THE WINES WILL BE PREPARED. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THIS AUCTION WILL BE HELD SHORTLY AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. PRIOR TO THE WINE BARREL AUCTION

LARRY HUTCHINGS HAS ARRANGED TO HAVE A VIRTUAL WINE TASTING EVENT WITH LANDMARK WINERY, SONOMA. *THIS IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 13TH AT 5:00 PM.* LARRY HAS ALSO ARRANGED FOR US TO ENJOY A DISCOUNTED PURCHASE OF THREE BOTTLES OF THEIR FINE WINE. TWO BOTTLES OF PINOT NOIR AND ONE BOTTLE OF CHARDONNAY FOR \$95.26. LARRY ALREADY HAS SEVERAL TAKERS. PLEASE LET HIM KNOW VERY SOON SO THAT HE CAN PLACE THE ORDER AND ARRANGE FOR DELIVERY. CONTACT LARRY AT lwhutchings@yahoo.com



HAPPY / GRUMPY BUCKS

Compiled by Barbara Reifschneider

No one was grumpy this past week.

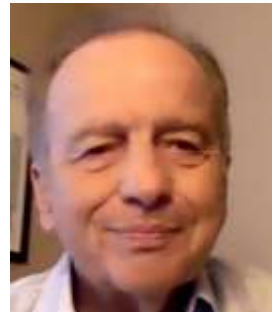


TOMMY WOLF gave \$5 happy bucks for Thanksgiving with his wife, son, and parents at Lake Oroville and went golfing with dad then spent a lot of time on the lake in the pontoon.



VICKI SEXTON gave \$2 happy bucks. One was for a great Thanksgiving and the other one was Thanksgiving with her older daughter.

LARRY HUTCHINGS gave a happy buck, he was happy for spending Thanksgiving at his Palm Springs house and for spending time with friends playing golf.



CLAYTON WORSDELL gave a happy buck, as he was grateful that he and his lovely wife Carol were able to find turkey parts for dinner, and didn't have to buy a 50 pounder.

BOB SUNDBERG gave \$10 happy bucks because he was happy to spend time with family in Eureka after a year of Covid distancing. He was also happy to visit with his stepdaughter who is expecting their first child in May.



RICHARD LUECK gave a happy buck because he was happy to spend time with son and family. They zoomed with Daughter Carin, Husband Eric and the twins Catie and Drew in Wassenaar, Netherlands

MONICA FRAGA gave \$10 happy bucks because she was thankful for being able to spend time with mom and dad-in-law and enjoying family fun while socially distancing by all sitting at separate tables.



JOAN D'ONOFRIO was happy about being able to order her Thanksgiving dinner from Safeway and then zooming at the dining room table with her son and daughter-in-law in Brooklyn. It only cost her \$5 happy bucks. Her daughter, Susan, paid for the dinner.

WEEKLY RAFFLE



President-elect Monica Fraga selected the winner this week, and it was **Barbara Reifschneider**. She selected the Oil and Vinegar set.



if you attend the zoom meetings, your name will be put in the drawing. Among the prizes left to pick from are a beautiful thermos and an olive oil and Balsamic vinegar set,

BUT you have to be in it to win it. So be sure to log on to our Thursday zoom meetings, and your name

will automatically be put in the drawing.



COME AND GET IT



Torsten Jacobsen invites anyone who needs firewood to come to his house and help yourselves to as much or as little as you want. It is all stacked neatly in the driveway entrance.

THE GALLERY

Meet the **Kookaburra**. It was photographed by Bo Moore, our Australian Rotarian, from the land down under.



Bo spotted it while having afternoon tea. It is 11 inches in length and weighs 10 ½ ounces.



The Taiwan Blue Magpie

ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING ...

A thief in Paris planned to steal some Paintings from the Louvre



After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings, and made it safely to his van.

However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas.

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied, 'Monsieur, this is the reason I stole the paintings.'



I had no Monet

To buy Degas





To make the Van Gogh.

See if you have De Gaulle to send this on to someone else....



I sent it to you because I figured I had nothing Toulouse

A CLASSY BAR

A man walks into a bar and the bartender says, "I'm sorry, I can't serve you here unless you are wearing a tie."

The man says, "Okay, I'll be right back," and goes to his car to find anything he can use for a tie.

All he finds is a set of jumper cables, so he ties them around his neck, goes back in and asks, "How's this?"

The bartender replies, "Well, okay, but don't start anything."

...that's all folks.

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