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IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

10/13 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
TBA Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
Zoom



Contra Costa County HONORS STEVE WEIR



THE STEVEN L. WEIR BUILDING

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to name the Clerk-Recorder Elections Department building at Escobar Street and Alhambra Avenue after **Steve Weir** for his service as the county's clerk-recorder from 1989 until his retirement in 2013. Steve also served on the Concord City Council from 1980 until 1989, had served as a board member with the Contra Costa Water District and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and as a field office staff member with former Assemblyman and state Sen. Daniel Boatwright.

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“Will the Meeting Please Come to Order”

President Vicki Sexton called the 11th meeting to order. (Actually, it's our 25th zoom meeting.)



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“When I’m asked when will there be enough women on the Supreme Court, I say when there are nine, and people are shocked. But there have been nine men and nobody ever raised a question about that.”—Ruth Bader Ginsburg



GUESTS



CHIEF MARK BUSTILLOS
Today's speaker



TINA SWEENEY
San Felipe Rotary



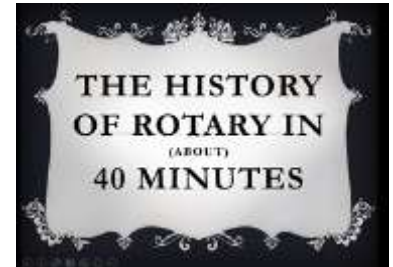
TRISH BEIRNA
Emergency Services Volunteer

A ROTARY MINUTE

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

CHES PERRY: THE BUILDER OF ROTARY

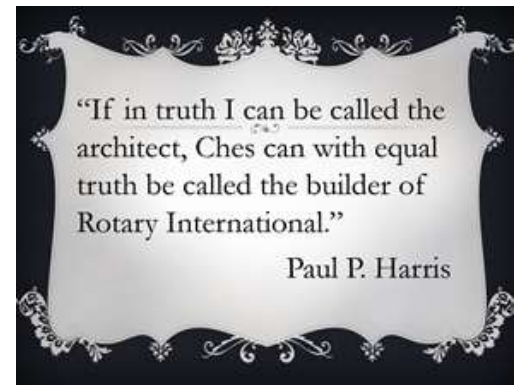
"If in truth I can be called the architect, Ches can with equal truth be called the builder of Rotary International." Paul P. Harris said. Certainly every Rotarian knows who Paul Harris is but who might this Ches fellow be? If Paul Harris makes the claim that he is the "builder" of Rotary we ought to know something more about him.



Chesley R. Perry was invited to Rotary by Harry Ruggles in 1908. He immediately became known as a "go to" guy when there was a job to be done. In 1909 the Chicago club had the idea of a "bare knuckles" election process for president so two slates were formed. Ches led the Blue team and A.M. Ramsey led the Red team. Ramsey won the contest and the club quickly reconsidered the whole idea of politics and Rotary but that's a whole other story. "Red" Ramsey, as he now was known, asked Ches to head up the Club Extension committee hoping he would kill the idea. (Red was not a "World Winder"). But just the opposite happened as he and Paul Harris became better acquainted. They never

became "friends" and never even dined together but their vision of Rotary's future was in lock-step.

Ches was chosen to chair the 1910 National convention and the newly elected board met the day after the convention closed to begin conducting business led of course by the newly elected Association president Paul Harris. Their first order of business was to reimburse the Chicago club the \$360 it cost to host the convention and included calling upon Ches Perry to serve as the new organization's secretary. He agreed to "temporarily" fill the role and he and Paul Harris worked late into the night, every night, answering correspondence from all over the world about Rotary. They noted that much of the outgoing correspondence was redundant and the idea of a newsletter of some sort from the association was discussed and quickly dismissed as many felt



communications from a central authority would undermine the independence of clubs. Meanwhile Paul Harris had penned a 6,000 word essay entitled "Rational Rotarianism" and suggested that Ches mimeograph it and mail it to Rotary's 2,000 members. Ches pointed out that the association had no money but then thought (channeling Greg Robinson) the writing could be

printed as a pamphlet and they could sell ads.

They did and The National Rotarian was born providing Rotarians everywhere with news and information about Rotary. Ches published the magazine which would eventually be known as The Rotarian every month until his retirement in August of 1942. His final issue featured a collection of accolades from each living RI president. Ches Perry led Rotary through 32 presidents, two world wars and countless trips to countries around the world. Ches was not the architect but absolutely the builder of Rotary.



This has been the 9th minute of the History of Rotary. Only 31 more to go.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS



PRESIDENT VICKI SEXTON REPORTS

President Vicki Sexton conducted today's meeting. Here are the highlights:

FALL VIRTUAL TRAINING SEMINAR

District Governor Mark Roberts announced that It's not too late to join us on October 3rd for the Fall Seminar! The

Seminar is an opportunity for Rotarians from across the District to come together to discuss steps we can take to make our Clubs more vibrant. Based on feedback from across the district, we have added a keynote presentation on **Finding Great Speakers**. The topics to be covered will include: enhancing member engagement, retention & fellowship, running a fun & engaging meeting to help fight Zoom fatigue, attracting new and diverse members, service projects & fundraising in these Covid times, and supporting the Rotary Foundation. Everyone is encouraged to attend, so join us on **Saturday,**

October 3rd from 9:00 to 11:30am. Questions? Contact District Trainer Claire Roberts at clairerotary5160@gmail.com)



STEVE WEIR *(Continued from p. 1)*



At the meeting, **Supervisor John Gioia** said, "Steve did it all with a sense of humor, and with great integrity. He opened up the office to same-sex marriages, and helped make that process more welcoming. You helped bring that office into the 21st century." **Supervisor Karen Mitchoff** said, "Steve, I can't think of any better way to honor your work and your legacy."



Steve Weir and **John Hemm** are

shown here at the meeting via zoom. Steve spoke briefly and urged elections officials and the U.S. Postal Service workers in California and beyond to do their jobs to make sure the November election goes off as smoothly and as inclusively as possible.

Steve, the Contra Costa County Clerk-recorder and Registrar of Voters, retired after 24-years of service. His Professional background included President of California Association of Clerks and Election Officials, served on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Standards Board, the Contra Costa Water District Board, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Steve served a term as Mayor of Concord and served on the Concord City Council 1980 to 1989. He married his partner, John, in June 2008. He Graduated from College Park High School in Pleasant Hill in 1967, received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from UC Berkeley 1971 and has been a member of our Rotary Club since 1995.

THE SECOND \$25,000 CHECK PRESENTED TO THE FOOD BANK



A total of \$50,000 has been presented to the Food Bank so far. The goal is to reach \$100,000. Just imagine how many meals that will have provided.

MILESTONES: BIRTHDAYS



Ben Wentling will be celebrating his birthday on Friday, September 18. Ben has been a member for 33 years, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and was a past president in 1990 - 1991

Eric Rehn celebrates his birthday on Sunday, September 20. Eric has been a member since 2012 and is the Vice President of the Kennedy Wilson Brokerage Group.



TEAM UGANDA: Art Project Update



DEB



HERBERT



JOAN



TINEKE



BRENDA NAMULI

Be on the lookout for a Special Edition Newsletter that will feather all 21 works of art from the students in Uganda. We will ask you to select five drawings that appeal to you. We will tabulate the votes and send medals to Deb in Uganda, and she will photograph the winners. They wasted no time getting this project underway and completed in record breaking time. Email your choices to joandonofrio@aol.com.

When you get the newsletter, PLEASE VOTE

MEET THE NEW EAGLE SCOUT: Matthew Ware



Last night, **Matthew Ware** had his Eagle Board of Review and the Golden Gate Area Council Muir District Boy Scouts of America via zoom, and was awarded the highly regarded **Eagle Scout Rank**. Concord High School **Principal Rianne Pfaltzgraff** praised the new ticket booth. She said, *"It's Beautiful. I am so happy for this gift and I will reimburse the donors if our school ever receives restitution funds from the arsonists. The community came together and folks were happy to donate to such a good cause."*

Matthew's mom Mariana was happy that he was finally able to get a haircut. They will now be leaving for UC San Diego to check Matthew into his dorm.

"I wish to thank everyone for their support. Together, we made a difference," said Matthew.

MILESTONES: Anniversaries

LAWRENCE HUTCHINGS and **DENNIS CLARK** have celebrated 25 years together. Dennis proposed marriage on the day in May, 2008, that the California Supreme Court declared that it is unconstitutional to deny gay and lesbian couples the right to marry. On September 20 they got married.

Dennis Clark was born in Monterey in 1958 and at the age of eight he was raised by his grandparents in Denair, a town so tiny that it is considered a suburb of Turlock. As soon as he graduated high school in 1976, he struck out on his own. He moved to San Jose, enrolled in junior college, and found work as a legal secretary at a small law firm where he became personal friends of all three of the partners and their wives. They



had reunions at least twice a year for 30 years, gathering annually for Thanksgiving at Aptos, and at Christmas for dinner at a fancy San Francisco restaurant. When he met Larry, he was warmly accepted into that group, got to attend holiday gatherings, bat and bar mitzvahs, and mourned the death of one of their teenage sons. Dennis then moved to San Francisco, where he worked for several prominent law firms, first as a legal secretary, then HR manager, then for the last 35 years as a law firm administrator—staying at one firm for 24 years. He is now the administrator for the Oakland law firm Kirschenbaum Law Corporation. He has been active for 30 years in the large SF chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators, serving as an officer and director.

Dennis has always supported Larry's participation in Rotary, but it was still a big deal to them when just a few months after they were living as a couple, and shortly after he helped him get through the death of his father, that Larry was asked to become President of the club (1998-1999). Dennis has long been a proud Rotarian spouse. He encouraged Larry to go to Peru to dedicate our club's first international grant project, helped with hosting Russian bakery managers for several years, as part of our club's leading role in the State Department's Professional Enhancement Program, and was at his side as he recuperated from heart surgery. Some of their most memorable trips have been attending RI conventions in Barcelona, Chicago, and New Orleans. Dennis continues to support our club by joining and working on the Cars2ndChance program.

RICH LUECK and **PAM** will be celebrating 36th anniversary. Rich and Pam met when a BART strike led Pam to join his carpool as they both worked in San Francisco. They were married on September 22, 1984 in Minden, NV and honeymooned in Lake Tahoe. They ended up with a blended family of six kids, 13 grandkids and three great grandkids. Pam worked for EDD Management in the Tax audit branch that made sure employers paid, so employees would have the credit for working. When an employee filed for unemployment, and the employer hadn't been paying, that was an audit lead. She has been retired for 16 years.



In 2001, Rich, Pam's sisters, and her brothers were tested to be kidney donors. Because of his health history Rich was chosen by the doctors at UCSF. By the summer of 2004 Pam's kidney had reached the point that a transplant was required. Rich had three different physicals before the final surgery. It turned that he was very lucky to go through the process because his PSA numbers were slightly elevated. They didn't find cancer, but that started regular checkups that he might not have had. In 2007, cancer was discovered and treated. About that time, one of his friends discovered too late that he had cancer and died a year later. There's a message to guys to be tested and not wait for symptoms.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

President Vicki Sexton introduced us to the new **Concord Chief of Police Mark Bustillos**, who was sworn in on Monday, April 6, and will replace retiring Chief Guy Swanger. Chief Bustillos comes to Concord from the San Jose Police Department, where he served for 27 years, most recently as Deputy Chief of the Bureau of Administration.



Chief Guy Swanger said: "I am confident that his positive, inclusive management style will serve the department and our Concord community well." During his tenure with the San Jose Police Department, Bustillos had responsibilities in all aspects of running a department, including patrol, investigations, and administration. In his recent role as Deputy Chief, he managed a team of 420 employees, both sworn and civilian. Concord's Police Department has 154 sworn personnel and 57 civilian staff. The mission of the Concord Police Department is to provide the highest quality police services to enhance community safety, protect life and property, and reduce crime and the fear of crime. The Department works together in partnership with the community and City employees to resolve problems and improve the safety and quality of life for all.

Chief Bustillos said: *"Right now the men and women of the Concord Police Department are doing an outstanding job while working in very difficult circumstances, and I intend to step in and continue the leadership that Chief Swanger has shown and I am looking forward to getting to know the community and working with the men and women of the Department in building community relationships. We will get through the COVID-19 health crisis, and continue our mission to keep the community safe while delivering a high level of customer service."*

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Chief Mark Bustillos was born and raised in San Jose, earned his BA in International Relations from Stanford University, and his Master's in Public Policy from Claremont Graduate University. He is also a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police.

Mark joined the San Jose Police Department because he wanted to give back to the community that was his home. He joined the Department in 1992 and held a variety of assignments that included Patrol, Narcotics Enforcement, Mobile Emergency and Response (SWAT), and the Field Training Unit. In 2002, he was promoted to Sergeant, serving in patrol, and later in the Office of the Chief-Internal Affairs and the Special Investigations Unit. He became Lieutenant in 2008 and assigned to positions as the watch commander in the Southern, Western and Central Divisions. He was promoted to Captain in 2011 and served as the Division Commander in the Foothill and Western Divisions prior to being assigned to oversee the Bureau of Investigations. He was promoted to Deputy Chief in 2016 and assigned to the Bureau of Administration where he oversaw the hiring of 300 recruits as well as the Police Academy, Records and Communications division.

Mark has two sons. One is an engineer in the aerospace field and the other is finishing his junior year in college. He has been married for 26 years to his wife Carrie. He enjoys traveling, fishing, and following Stanford sports. In his spare time he likes to umpire baseball and assist non-profits with getting first generation children to college.

THE GALLERY

Photos
taken by
Vicki on
vacation



Bryce National Park, Utah



Slot Canyon Escalante, Utah

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

DEAF BOOKKEEPER

A Mafia Godfather finds out that his bookkeeper, Guido, has cheated him out of \$10,000,000. His bookkeeper is deaf. That was the reason he got the job in the first place. It was assumed that Guido would hear nothing so he would never have to testify in court.

When the Godfather goes to confront Guido about his missing \$10 million, he takes along his lawyer who knows sign language. The Godfather tells the lawyer, "Ask him where the money is!"

The lawyer, using sign language, asks Guido, "Where's the money?" Guido signs back, "I don't know what you are talking about."

The lawyer tells the Godfather, "He says he doesn't know what you're talking about." The Godfather pulls out a pistol, puts it to Guido's head and says, "Ask him again or I'll kill him!" The lawyer signs to Guido, "He'll kill you if you don't tell him."

Guido trembles and signs, "OK! You win! The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed at my cousin Bruno's house." The Godfather asks the lawyer, "What did he say?"

The lawyer replies, "He says you don't have the guts to pull the trigger!"

MORNING COFFEE

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, "You are in charge of the cooking around here so you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

Wife replied, "No, you should do it, and besides it says in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replied, "I can't believe that! Show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says, "HEBREWS."

FRAZZLED CASHIER

I was checking out at the busy super market, and the cashier was having problems. The register ran out of paper, the scanner malfunctioned, and finally the cashier spilled a handful of coins. When she totaled my order, it came to exactly \$22.

Trying to soothe her nerves, I said, "That's a nice round figure."

Still frazzled, she glared at me and said, "You're no bean pole yourself."

THE NILE VIRUS (Type C and D)

I thought you would want to know about this virus. Even the most advanced computer programs from Norton, McAfee, and others cannot take care of this one. It appears to target those who were born prior to 1958. The lockdown seems to be increasing the chances of being affected!

Virus Symptoms (Type C)

1. Causes you to send the same e-mail twice. (Done that)
2. Causes you to send a blank e-mail. (That too)
3. Causes you to send an e-mail to the wrong person. (Yup)
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you. (Ah-ha)
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment. (Done that)
6. Causes you to hit SEND before you've finished. (Oh no, not again)
7. Causes you to hit DELETE instead of SEND. (Hate that)
8. Causes you to hit SEND when you should DELETE. (Heck, now what?)

This virus is called the C-NILE virus!

A lot of us have already been inflicted with this deadly disease and unfortunately as we age it gets worse.

And if you can't admit to doing any of the above, you've obviously caught the other strain - the D-NILE virus!

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

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