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IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

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



ROTARY'S VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM SUPPORTS THE FOOD BANK BIG TIME



Cars2ndChance, the vehicle donation program of the Clayton Valley and Lamorinda Rotary clubs, has donated another \$25,000 to the Food Bank making that a total of \$50,000.00 donated so far. The second check was presented on September 17. This is a 50% increase in food distributions due to the COVID-19 health and financial crisis. Cars2ndChance has set a goal of raising \$100,000.00 for the Food Bank by December 31, 2020 that will fund approximately 200,000 meals.

"In each of the last three months we have distributed 65% more food in pounds than we delivered the year before," said Food Bank president and CEO **Joel Sjostrom**. *"Our Food Bank, with the help of our donors, community, and Rotaries, has been able to rise to that occasion."*

Cars2ndChance funds dozens of charity partners in Northern California from the sales proceeds of donated vehicles. **Mary Kemnitz**, co-chair of the Cars2ndChance program, said: *"Unused vehicles have a mission in improving lives, and we can help get them on their way,"*

“Will the Meeting Please Come to Order”

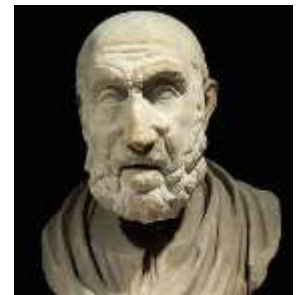
President Vicki Sexton called the 12th meeting to order. (Actually, it's our 26th zoom meeting.)



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Dr. Tommy Wolf



“Look well to the spine for the cause of disease”—Hippocrates



GUESTS



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



DEB LUYIMA
International Services



EDI BIRSAN
Galaxy 58
Former Concord Mayor



JON DWYER
Today's speaker

A ROTARY MINUTE

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

Rotary Adds “Service” the 3rd Object

In the earliest years of the Chicago club its members were doing their best to invite business associates into Rotary, but it had nothing to do with community service.

So, in April 1906 when Frederick Tweed approached Donald M. Carter, a patent attorney, about membership into the new club Carter asked the obvious question. “What’s Rotary”

In response, Tweed showed Carter the club’s constitution and bylaws which clearly stated the two purposes of Rotary;

1. The promotion of the business interests of its members.
2. The promotion of good fellowship and other desiderata ordinarily incident to social clubs.

In 1905, Rotary was a networking club that promoted business within the membership. The organization was established for the sole benefit of the members. Carter was not the least bit impressed and commented, “such a club has great possibilities if it could do something of benefit to people besides its own members. I believe it should do civic service of some kind.”

Tweed, who was slighted taken aback replied, “Why don’t you join the club and perhaps we could amend the constitution the way you think it should be done”.

Well, Donald Carter did just that and no more than a year after his induction in 1907 he presented the following to the board of directors and proposed that the 3rd Object of Rotary be:

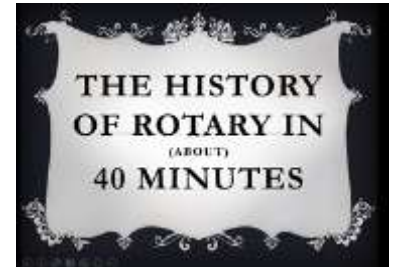
3. The advancement of the best interests of Chicago and the spreading of the spirit of civic pride and loyalty among its citizens.

It was a pivotal moment in Rotary’s history.

With Donald Carter, who became known as

the “Father of Community Service”, as the driving force, Rotary One enthusiastically embraced civic service as an ideal. Men who ran banks, law firms, and insurance companies were soon building comfort stations, helping disadvantaged children, and packing food baskets and delivering them to impoverished tenement dwellers. The third purpose was adopted in 1907 and Rotary ceased to become an inward focused group of businessmen. It became a group of people who promoted service and pride in the larger community outside of business and Rotary.

So next year on April 24, 2021 (the last Saturday) let’s give a nod to Donald M. Carter who gave Rotary a challenge to be more than a pursuit of the personal interests of the members, and instilled the value of community service and civic pride into every member. Be proud to invite a friend or business associate to join you for the true object of Rotary, community service.



FREDRICK TWEED 1906

Thank you. This has been the 10th minute of the History of Rotary in (about) 40 Minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS



PRESIDENT VICKI SEXTON REPORTS

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

RETURN OF THE RAFFLE—SORT OF

It will cost you nothing. All we ask is you join us at our Thursday morning meetings. We will put your name in the bowl and Vicki will pick a winner at the end of the meeting. You will win a prize in the form of a fine wine, restaurant gift certificates, delicious olive oil, and much, much more. But you gotta be in it to win it.

UGANDA ULTRA SOUND TRAINING

Deb Luyima told us that the ultrasound training all begun when they received a donation of an ultrasound machine from the Rotary club of Durango in Colorado about two years ago. However, the staff at the Nsawo RCC Medical Center did not have the skills needed to operate the machine, therefore, they had to hire a sonographer to carry out the tests, which was expensive, and he was only available once a week.



When Torsten and Annelise (Torsten and Tineke's daughter) visited Uganda in February, they realized that there was a need to train the staff at the Center to reduce costs and also be able to carry out the tests every day. They offered to pay the training fees of \$900 as \$100 had already been fundraised. The total training fees was \$1,000.

The management and staff of Nsawo RCC medical Centre is forever grateful for the gift.

WORLD POLIO DAY

Rotary Foundation Chair Ken Nishimori reports that World Polio Day is on October 24, 2020, and is an event that The Rotary Foundation holds each year to let the world know where we are in the on-going effort to finally eradicate polio. In recognition of this event, the club board of directors voted to use some recently received club recognition points to match contributions by Rotarians to the Polio Fund of The Rotary Foundation. To receive your matching points, please note the following:



1. For every \$100 that you contribute to PolioPlus, the club will match your contribution with 100 recognition points.
2. Qualifying contributions must be in increments of \$100.
3. If you give an additional \$100 to PolioPlus, you will receive an additional 100 recognition points.
4. The maximum number of recognition points that a Rotarian can receive is 200 points.
5. Your contribution must be made between July 1 and December 31 of this year.

For those who make contributions, please be sure to let Ken know so that he can transfer the recognition points to yours (or another individual's) Rotary Foundation account.

FALL VIRTUAL TRAINING SEMINAR

Secretary Fred Nelson reminded us that it's not too late to join the October 3rd 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**. Everyone is encouraged to attend, so join us on **Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00 to 11:30am**.

CARS 2ND CHANCE UPDATE: Larry Hutchings

Larry reported that Cars 2nd Chance is going gangbusters. Approximately \$9,000 has been collected in partner programs so our share is \$4,373 and all of it goes into our treasury. Letters are being sent out to our partners. We need help in finding new partners, so do your best to find them. The current partner chart is at the end of this newsletter. A total of \$50,000 has been presented to the Food Bank so far. The goal is to reach \$100,000 by December.



SECOND \$25,000 CHECK PRESENTATION

MILESTONES: BIRTHDAYS



Joan D'Onofrio will be celebrating her 82nd birthday on Tuesday, September 29. She said she will donate \$82 to the Rotary Foundation. No pool parties are planned

Don Ouimet is celebrating his birthday on Wednesday, September 30. He is the same age as Joan.

Deb Luyima had a birthday on September 22nd and received a surprise breakfast in bed.

Carrie Kroeger hits the nine year mark as a Rotarian. She joined our club in 2011.

MILESTONES: Anniversaries



Ken and Phyllis Nishimori are celebrating the big one. On September 26 they will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. Who knew that these two who met at UC Santa Barbara in 1966 would wind up together all these years? Phyllis grew up in Oakland and never lived outside of California until the newlyweds moved to Honolulu for four years. Then back to the Bay Area, where they raised their two boys, Daniel and Robbie.

Phyllis worked in her family business Grandt Line Products, where she

managed the office and also developed model kits for the miniatures hobby. In addition, she wrote and illustrated instructions for the many model railroad kits produced by the company. She spent a few years on the Concord Arts Commission, and is a long time member of the Concord American Association of University Women (AAUW) and the Quilt Guild of Contra Costa County.

As grandparents of four, they love family time with their kids and the little ones. Daniel is in Lafayette and has Luca (12) and Mila (9). Robbie lives in Truckee and has Ella (11) and Cal (7) Ken and Phyllis are newly retired and are enjoying their hobbies during this Covid year: Phyllis with her quilting and Ken with his ukulele and his model railroad.



Monica Fraga and Matt will be celebrating their 19th wedding anniversary on September 29. They met



when they were both 15-years-old in high school. Mutual friends that were dating introduced them. Turns out Matt lived right around the corner from Monica. They started off as friends because Monica was not allowed to have boyfriends until she was 16-years-old. So on her 16th birthday, Matt took her out for their first solo date. Fourteen years later they got married. Matt graduated from CVHS in 1990 and went to work as a painter for Mike's Auto Body where he painted for 16 years. After they got married, he changed career paths and became a dock worker at the Pittsburg Marina. He

loves his job on the water because he does something different everyday like towing boats, electrical, plumbing, etc. And, as Matt loves to say: "City work is never done."

They have been happily married for 19 years. Have two kids Molly and Richie. Molly graduated SFSU and is working as a paralegal in a family law firm in Walnut Creek. Richie is a senior at CVCHS and will be attending underwater welding school in Florida next fall. Monica said: *"Ten years ago, I was very lucky to have the opportunity to take over our family's travel agency. This fits perfectly with raising children and both of our passion for traveling. We love traveling with kids, no kids, groups of friends, or clients. We have been extremely lucky to create so many memories thus far but absolutely look forward to a lifetime of more. Next trip up is Tahiti in March for our 20 year anniversary and Matt's 50th birthday."*

TODAY'S SPEAKER



Program Chair **Miles Bell** introduced us to today's speaker **District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair Jon Dwyer** who joined Rotary in 2005 as a member of the Benicia Rotary Club. Prior to serving as President in 2009-2010, Jon served on the Club's Board in several positions over the years.

Jon is an avid believer in "Enhancing the Rotary Experience for our Members" and highlighting the work that all of the Rotary Clubs are doing in their local communities.

His service over the years proves his philosophy. At the District level, prior to being named District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair for 2020 – 23, he served as Governor for District 5160 in 2018 – 19. He was the Assistant Governor for the Diablo Valley Eight in 2012 – 2013, the Solano County 10 +1 Clubs in 2013 – 2015, and the District trainer in 2015 - 2017. Jon has been a Camp Venture Counselor for the past 10 years and was responsible for the House of Friendship at District Conferences from 2012 - 2018. Jon is a graduate of the District 5160 Leadership Academy, a member of the Paul Harris Society, and a Major Donor.



Jon introduced us to the first female member of Rotary International **Jennifer E. Jones**. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada and will assume the presidency in 2022-23 making this a groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization's 115-year history. Jones has

been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts. Jones recently led the successful RotaryResponds telethon, which raised critical funds for COVID-19 relief and was viewed by more than 65,000 members.

ABOUT SPEAKER JON DWYER

Jon was born in Bennington, Vermont; He is a 1970 graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a degree in Chemical Engineering (and a "minor" in football as he was a Student Mgr. of the football team). He retired in 2008 after 30+ years in Technical Sales and Sales Mgt. for Nalco Chemical Co. His working career included 8 years of foreign assignments, two in Thailand and six in Saudi Arabia. Jon and his wife Bonnie have been married for 51 years and live in San Ramon. Bonnie is a certified Contra County Master Gardener. They have two children: Tyler and Carrie, and six grandchildren.

HAPPY / GRUMPY BUCKS



MILES BELL had an awesome experience at Tommy's Health clinic and took advantage of the special offer. It was really simple he told us as he was in and out in 20 minutes and the benefits were so unbelievable.

BILL SELB is \$5 grateful for the zoom and skype programs because they have made his life very active. Without leaving his home he has attended "tons of meetings" with his church, his real estate business, and even a wine tasting—not to mention his weekly Rotary meetings. FYI: Bill will be putting out a Fundraising newsletter. Be on the lookout.

RICH LUECK piped up and invited Bill to a Russian zoom meeting he will be attending.

TOMMY WOLF is not happy that he is seeing lots of middle school kids as this covid thing is affecting them bigtime. On the other hand he is happy to report that his one 'customer from hell' is gone.

THE GALLERY

From the lens of Clayton Worsdell.
Check out those clouds.





ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

FUN AT THE FOOD COURT

I took my dad to the mall the other day to buy him shoes. He is 92 so it took some time. After that, we worked up an appetite and decided to grab a bite at the food court.

As we were sitting there, I noticed that he was looking at the teenage boy sitting next to us. The teen had spiked hair in all different colors: green, red, orange, yellow and purple. Dad kept staring at him and the teenager noticed.

After the teen had enough, he walked up to my dad and said, *"What's the matter old man, never done anything wild in your life."*

Without batting an eye and very calmly my dad said to him, *"Got drunk once, had sex with a peacock, and was wondering if you were my son."*

MOM LOVES ME BEST

Three Jewish mothers are sitting on a bench talking about how much their sons love them.

Sadie says, "You know the Chagall painting hanging in my living room? My son, Arnold, bought that for me for my 75th birthday. What a good boy he is; he loves his mother."

Minnie says, "You call that love? You know the Mercedes I just got for Mother's Day? That's from my son Bernie. What a doll."

Shirley says "That's nothing. You know my son Stanley? He's in therapy with a psychoanalyst on Park Avenue. Five sessions a week, and what does he talk about the whole time? Me."

LIFE INSURANCE

Larry's barn burned down and his wife, Susan called the insurance company.

Susan spoke to the insurance agent and said, "We had that barn insured for fifty thousand dollars, and I want my money."

The agent replied, "Whoa there, just a minute. Insurance doesn't work quite like that. An independent adjuster will assess the value of what was insured, and then we'll provide you with a new barn of similar worth."

There was a long pause, and then Susan replied, "If that's how it works, then I want to cancel the life insurance policy on my husband."

HOW TO GET INTO HEAVEN

After a long illness, a woman died and arrived at the gates of Heaven. While she was waiting for Saint Peter to greet her, she peeked through the gates. She saw a beautiful banquet table. Sitting all around were her parents and all the other people she had loved and who had died before her. They saw her and began calling greetings to her. When Saint Peter came by, the woman said to him, "This is such a wonderful place! How do I get in?"

"You have to spell a word," Saint Peter told her.

"Which word?" the woman asked.

"Love." The woman correctly spelled love, and Saint Peter welcomed her into heaven.

About six months later, Saint Peter came to the woman and asked her to watch the gates of Heaven for him that day. While the woman was guarding the gates of Heaven, her husband arrived.

"I'm surprised to see you," the woman said. "How have you been?"

"Oh, I've been doing pretty well since you died," her husband told her. "I married the beautiful young nurse who took care of you while you were ill. And then I won the lottery. I sold the little house you and I lived in and bought a big mansion. And my wife and I traveled all around the world. We were on vacation and I went water skiing today. I fell, the ski hit my head, and here I am. How do I get in?"

"You have to spell a word," the woman told him.

"Which word?" her husband asked.

"Czechoslovakia."

PETTY ARGUMENT

The other day, Nancy and I got into some petty argument. (I'd say it was petty. She would have said it was Armageddon.) As is our nature, neither of us would admit the possibility that we might be in error.

To her credit, Nancy finally said, "Look. I'll tell you what. I'll admit I'm wrong if you admit I was right."

"Fine," I said.

She took a deep breath, looked me in the eye and said, "I'm wrong."

I grinned and replied, "You're right."

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

PARTNER LIST: New & 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
	Highlands Elementary	David Swider	President	925-672-5252
	HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONCORD	Vivian Boyd		925-827-3380
	Historical Society Contra Costa	John Greitzer	President	925-229-1042
Vicki Sexton	MOBILITY MATTERS	Elaine Welch		925.284.2207
	MONUMENT CRISIS Center	Sandra Scherer	Exec Dir	925-222-6868
Richard Lueck	Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club	Rich Lueck	Admin	925-683-7865
	North Creek Academy	Erin James		925-954-6300
	OAKLAND RITECARE CHILDHOOD CENTER	Nan Busse		<u>510-839-1513</u>
	POA EMERGENCY FUND CONCORD	Ron Bruckert	President	925-676-8298
Richard Lueck	RotaCare Concord	MELISSA ALLAN NP	Chair	925-429-6409
	Solo Opera – San Francisco	Sylvia Amorino		925-685-4945
	ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL Clayton	Rev. Audrey Miskelley	Vicar	925-672-8855
	St. Agnes School	Jill Lucia	Principal	925-689-3990
	Veteran's Affordable Home Ownership	Jim Etherington	President	530-662-2237
Mary Kemnitz	White Elephant Museum BOD	Lori Fogarty	Director CEO	510-839-5919
Mary Kemnitz	White Pony Express	Eve Birge	Exec Dir	925-322-0604
	YGNACIO VALLEY MUSIC BOOSTERS	YV Instrumental Music	C. Adams	925-685-8414

