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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” And we're off to a good start.



Remember when last week **PolioPlus Chair Mike Crosby** spoke to us 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.

Well, **Rotary Foundation Director Ken Nishimori** reported that 12 members have signed on to the program. It is very easy to get on board. By signing on and donating \$100 or \$10 a month you become a member of the PolioPlus Society 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.



# “Will the Meeting Please Come to Order”

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



## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Rich Lueck

"From the moment I picked up your book until I laid it down, I was convulsed with laughter. Someday I intend to read it." --Groucho Marx



## GUESTS



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



**DEB LUYIMA**  
International Services



**SUSAN PRICCO**  
President CoCo Tax  
Today's Speaker



**COUNCILMAN EDI BIRSAN**  
Computer Game Designer

# A ROTARY MINUTE

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

## ROTARY IN THE YEAR 1914

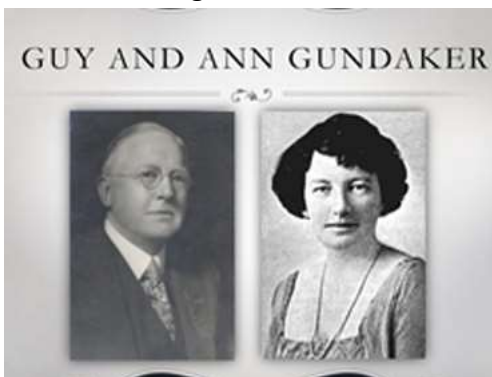
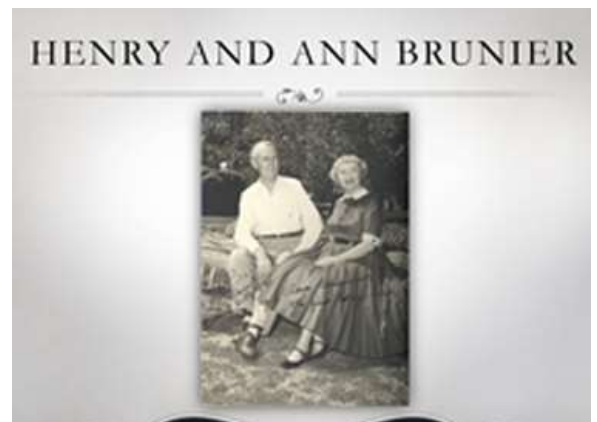
The year is 1914 and Rotarians around the country are headed to the 5th Rotary International convention in Houston, TX.

A group of west coast Rotarians chartered a train to take them to the convention (No, this is not a picture of the actual train).



One of the passengers and the only woman was, Ann Brunier, the wife of the club president of San Francisco, Henry Brunier.

Since Rotarians make a point of calling each other by their first names without the baggage of titles, sweet and charming Mrs. Brunier quickly became Ann and almost as quickly became "our Rotary Ann". During the ride a number of songs and stunts were organized which would be performed in Houston including a "Rotary Ann" chant. Upon disembarking they lifted her into the air and began singing their chant.



A reception group met the train in Houston and among the group was a Philadelphia Rotarian, Guy Gundaker and his wife, who was also named Ann. When her name was discovered, she too was hoisted onto their shoulders and paraded through the station while they chanted:

"Our Ro-tary Ann, Ro-tary Ann!" Immediately the same term of endearment was used for all of the wives in attendance and the name "Rotary Ann" was here to stay.

**This has been the 15th 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, **Susan Pricco**, who spoke to us about the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association's recommendations regarding voting for Propositions Y and X. Here are the other topics we covered.



## WINTER PROGRAM: "Starts 10/30 and Ends 11/30"

### Rotary Club of NorCal Gateway, Richmond Yacht Club US Sailing

**Alan Test** told us that for the past 25 years his club has been collecting coats, blankets, sweaters, and all clothing for the impoverished in the Bay Area. Some charities and outreaching organizations are counting on us this year more than ever. This year is crucial for this program as schools and a lot of small businesses are still closed and will not participate. You can do one major thing to help us this year as those outreach organizations are struggling. Contact Alan at [testalan@yahoo.com](mailto:testalan@yahoo.com).

### Rotary Club of San Ramon Valley

**Dany Gregory** reported that their program was started in 1995 by her late Husband C.W. Bill Gregory, former marine during WW2, and founder of the San Ramon Valley Rotary Club. They started by collecting 55 coats in their garage the first year and it grew to 12,000 pieces. They distribute to local shelters, East Bay charities, and the "Christmas for Everyone" project in Martinez. Rotarians can leave one box in their driveway, or post on their Nextdoor site, or on social media. Contact or email Dany for more information: Cell 925.899.6771 or email [danygregory1@att.net](mailto:danygregory1@att.net)



## INTERNATIONAL ART PROJECT UPDATE



DEB



HERBERT



JOAN



TINEKE



BRENDA NAMULI

**Joan D'Onofrio** reported that the program is growing. Contacts have been made in Australia, the Philippines, and possibly Fiji. **Tineke Jacobsen** is in Baha and will be meeting with **Tina Sweeney** to help them get their submissions started.

## FUNDRAISING TEAM: Update

**CHOOSE YOUR FUN! WALK OR RUN.** Jeff Wilson reported that we now have grown from 32 members to 41. That means we have taken in approximately \$1,500. Way to go Jeff. Now we only need 59 more to reach a goal of 100. Bill is trying to reach 200 participants as this Fundraiser replaces the Pancake Breakfast. For those who don't want to run, a \$30 donation will show your support. So sign up on [active.com](https://www.active.com) and go to CHOOSE YOUR FUN! WALK OR RUN.



We all need to participate in some fashion. Bill is concerned that we are not reaching enough people. The word needs to get out. Joan suggested sending a press release to The Pioneer. As we publish events in our newsletter perhaps they should send an announcement to the newsletters of other Rotary clubs.

Wine is still coming in and you should call Jeff, Bill, or Monica to pick up your bottles. You can reach them at: Jeff: 925 286-1827 Bill: 925 938-9200 Monica: 925 783-3930



### FUND RAISING NEWSLETTER

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

*Choose Your Fun: Walk or Run for Rotary*



JEFF REPORTED AT OUR MORNING ZOOM MEETING THAT WE NOW HAVE 41 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.

# TODAY'S SPEAKER

## GOOD GOVERNMENT AT AFFORDABLE COST



### Program Chair Miles Bell

introduced **Susan Pricco** who is President of the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association (CoCoTax). Susan told us that the Association was founded in 1937 and leads the way in providing fiscal oversight of local government. We actively resist unwarranted taxes and fees, discriminatory regulations, ill-advised public expenditures and government secrecy, inefficiency and waste.



Susan said that their mission statement is *to promote good government at affordable cost*.

They challenge government at all levels to be accountable, responsive, efficient and fair and to deliver optimal value for every tax dollar. Susan encourages us to read their posts, and watch their upcoming videos for information on current issues and proposals that affect your wallet and your life-style. Leave a comment, and join their non-partisan efforts to protect taxpayers from unnecessary taxation.

She also reviewed the propositions that we will be voting on this coming Tuesday, recommended voting no on Proposition X and yes on V. No matter what, be sure to vote.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

**Susan Pricco** is a retired courtroom clerk from Contra Costa County. She has spent over 35 years in public service for Contra Costa County. She has a long history of volunteering, most notably as former head of Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church "Shipmates" with a membership topping 5000. She lives in Hercules with her husband and spends her time working in taxpayer advocacy with Contra Costa Taxpayers Association (CoCoTax) and spoiling her two toddler grandsons. CoCoTax' motto is "good government at affordable cost"

# HAPPY/GRUMPY BUCKS



**RUSS ANDERSON** is way happy that his daughter moved to New Orleans and survived the horrible storm. Did he mention that a wine party helped?

**TORSTEN JACOBSEN** was very happy that he waited until his trip to Baha to get his car repaired as he only had to pay \$100 instead of the \$1,100 he was quoted 'up here.'

**RICH LUECK** is \$5 happy that his first wife's palm reading incident came through. Seems the palm reader predicted that when Rich married his second wife, it would last longer than his first.

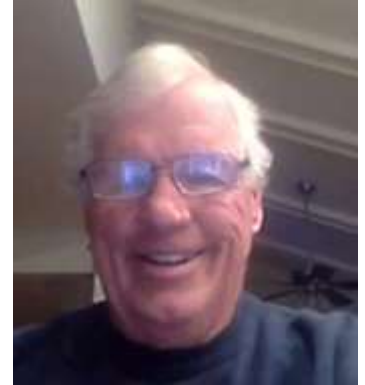
**EDI BIRSAN** is \$20 happy to announce that the Cowell Pool will stay open during the coming winter months. He said that many people donated funds to make it happen.

**JULIA DAWSON AGUILAR** is doing the best she can with the pain she is suffering but very happy that her son will be visiting, and they plan to spend it at the ocean.

## WEEKLY RAFFLE: *Not again! The winner is...Miles*



**President-elect Monica Fraga** was absent, so **President Vicki** had the honor of picking the winner this week, and, once again, **Miles Bell** was selected. Miles chose the certificate to Fiore's.



if you attend the zoom meetings, your name will be put in the drawing. 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 be sure to log on to our Thursday zoom meetings, and your name will automatically be put in the drawing.



# THE GALLERY

Happy Halloween



Do you recognize anyone?

**WEAR YOUR MASKS**



**AND VOTE**

# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

## WRINKLE REMOVAL

A man of 77 went to the hospital to get a radical new surgical procedure done where they stretch the skin and pull all the wrinkles up onto the top of the scalp making you appear years younger.

On his way out of the hospital, he met an old friend who didn't recognize him at first.

"Rob, is that really you?" said the friend. "You look years younger. I didn't know you had a dimple in your chin."

"It's not a dimple, it's my belly button" said the old man and his friend laughed.

"If you think that's funny, try to guess why I'm wearing a scarf in the middle of the summer!"

## LIFE AFTER DEATH

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees.

"No, sir," the clerk replied.

"Interesting." the boss said. "You see, I never did either but yesterday, after you left early to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you."

## AN APPLE A DAY

Jake came rushing in to see his Dad. "Daddy!" he puffed, "Is it true that an apple a day keeps the doctor away?"

"That's what they say," said his Dad with a smile.

"Well, give me an apple quick! I've just broken the doctor's window!"

## **AN OLD SNAKE**

A old snake goes to see his Doctor.

“Doc, I need something for my eyes...can’t see well these days”. The Doc fixes him up with a pair of glasses and tells him to return in 2 weeks.

The snake comes back in 2 weeks and tells the doctor he’s very depressed.

Doc says, “What’s the problem? Didn’t the glasses help you?”

“The glasses are fine, doc. I just discovered I’ve been living with a water hose the past 2 years!”

## **THREE WISHES**

A man finds a lamp. He rubs it and a Genie emerges. The Genie tells him he will be granted three wishes. The man thinks for a moment and says, “First, give me a bottomless mug of beer.”

A mug of beer appears in his hand. He sips it once, then again and the mug is magically refilled. The man is thrilled and continues to drink. The mug never empties.

Then the Genie says, “And what about your other two wishes?”

The guy thinks for a moment and says, “Give me two more just like this one!”

A man who is silent is thought to be wise.  
A woman who is silent is thought  
to be scary.

**This will give you a laugh – which we all need right now!**  
**From Rich Lueck**

## Wonderful English signs from Around the World

**In a Bangkok Temple:**

IT IS FORBIDDEN TO ENTER A WOMAN, EVEN A FOREIGNER, IF DRESSED AS A MAN.

**Cocktail Lounge, Norway:**

LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR.

**Dry Cleaners, Bangkok:**

DROP YOUR TROUSERS HERE FOR THE BEST RESULTS.

**On the main road to Mombasa, leaving Nairobi:**

TAKE NOTICE: WHEN THIS SIGN IS UNDER WATER, THIS ROAD IS IMPASSABLE.

**On a poster at Kencom:**

ARE YOU AN ADULT THAT CANNOT READ? IF SO, WE CAN HELP.

**In a City restaurant:**

OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND WEEKENDS.

**In a Cemetery:**

PERSONS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING FLOWERS, FROM ANY BUT THEIR OWN GRAVES.

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

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