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3/10 Board Meeting 7 AM
Buttercup Restaurant
4/13 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
US Bank



CARS 2ND CHANCE KEEPS ON GIVING



Tom Pericola and our former member Bill Arena

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Deepest gratitude is extended to **Tom** and **Maria Pericola** of Concord for graciously donating their motorhome to our **Cars 2nd Chance** program. Tom is shown here handing the keys to **Bill Arena** on behalf of the Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise Rotary Club. The vehicle will be refurbished by **Mary** and **Dave Kernnitz** of D&H Enterprises and donated to a local homeless family. Cars 2nd Chance is honored to be making a positive difference in our world. Thank you to Tom and Maria for their wonderful generosity and caring.

“WILL THE MEETING PLEASE COME TO ORDER”



THOUGHT OF THE DAY: *Mary Kemnitz*

7 RULES OF LIFE

1. **LET IT GO:** Never ruin a good day by thinking about a sad yesterday.
2. **IGNORE THEM:** Don't listen to other people.
3. **GIVE IT TIME:** Time heals everything.
4. **DON'T COMPARE:** The only person you should try to beat is the person you were yesterday.
5. **STAY CALM:** It's okay not to have everything figured out.
6. **IT'S ON YOU:** Only you are in charge of your happiness.
7. **SMILE:** Life is short; enjoy it while you have it,



TODAY'S GUESTS



SHARON WOOD
New Day for Children
Executive Director



TINA AKINS
5160 District Governor



BEN ELLIS
Vector Media
Marketing Manager

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

CLUB SERVICES

Director Barbara Reifschneider said the next **Friday Night Live** will be held at **President Julia Dawson's** house, March 13, in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Corned Beef and Cabbage is on the menu.

Mary Kemnitz reminded us that the Danville/Sycamore Valley Rotary is celebrating their 30th Annual Blackhawk Food, Wine & Film Festival Fundraiser, Thursday, April 23, from 5:30 to 8:30 at the Blackhawk Auto Museum, and they would love it if we would all attend. Tickets are \$75 each and tax deductible.



FAMILY HARVEST UPDATE



Madam President Julia Dawson read the letter **Dave Litty**, of the Rotary Club of Concord, sent to **Secretary Fred Nelson** inviting us to the screening of the documentary titled: "Writing on the Wall: Remembering the Berlin Wall" which is a collaboration from the Scituate Rotary Club of Boston, Boston College, and Professor John Machilcyk.

Unfortunately, it was too late for us to attend, but Dave wanted us to know that this is part of their Rotary's Peace and Conflict Resolution Month. However, if we can't make it this time, they will stage a follow up.

FAMILY HARVEST UPDATE

President Julia Dawson brought us up to speed on the status of the Family Harvest Farms project as reported by **Paul Bettelheim**. Paul said major funding has been granted for the project, and the staff is in the process of interviewing clients to participate in the program. Home Depot donated \$5,000 to cover the costs of some infrastructure expenses and tools.

The roads are in at the farm and they are ready to proceed with all the aspects of the project and looking forward to getting some hands-on at the farm. They are also in the process of getting a refinished shipping container out to the location so they can securely store tools and equipment until the security fence is erected.

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY



Congratulations

Jeff Rondini & Bob Sundberg

District Governor Tina Akins made her third trip to our club and reported that her intention of signing up 50 Paul

Harris Fellows far exceeded that goal. She actually reached 91 and took the opportunity during this visit to bestow the honor of welcoming **Jeff Rondini** and **Bob Sundberg** into the **Paul Harris Society**. Jeff was our club's treasurer for many years and has been a member of Rotary for 15 years. **Bob** is a past president, has been a member for 17 years, and will be serving as the 2020 - 2021 Sergeant-at-Arms.



MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

Passport to Adventure

Welcome Spring. The birds are chirping, flowers blooming, and our District Conference is right around the corner. **District Governor Tina Akins** reminds us that the biggest Rotary event of the year is the **Passport to Adventure**. So far **Barbara Reifschneider** and **Julia Dawson** are on board and will be attending.

This is an adventure you won't want to miss.

As you know, every great conference experience includes top-notch speakers that leave you inspired, and this year we found one in **David LaMotte**. David is a successful musician who had an extraordinary dream. What, he wondered, if music could be a metaphor to solve conflict and bring peace? This dream led to the pursuit and realization of a Rotary Peace Scholar Fellowship, and he'll tell you it was the beginning of a life-changing experience. He now speaks about challenging the myth of powerlessness, and questions prevailing narratives about how the world changes and how it does not. You'll find yourself inspired by what he says and it may lead you to engage in the world around you and address the problems you see.



Register NOW for the 2020 District Conference: Passport to Adventure! May 1-3, 2020 to be held at the Sheraton Hotel and Redding Civic Auditorium, Redding, CA

Spring Training Assemblies

District Governor-Elect Mark Roberts of the Rotary Club of Lamorinda Sunrise announces the Spring Assemblies are planned for multiple dates and locations for your convenience. Both of these Assemblies have great breakout sessions...and free life breakfast and free lunch! Just choose the Assembly you prefer, and register NOW. Feedback from prior Assemblies helped us choose topics that you said you most want and need. The agenda is posted on the District calendar and is guaranteed to include topics for everyone.

Of course, the best part is the fun of hanging out with Rotarians from other clubs and communities, and learning from one another! Looking forward to seeing you at the Spring Training Assemblies!



Northern Spring Training Assembly - Red Bluff

Saturday March 21st Tehama County Department of Education, Red Bluff **Register NOW**

Southern Spring Training Assembly - Fairfield

Saturday, April 4th Fairfield High School, Fairfield **Register NOW**

HAPPY BUCKS



Remember the line from the movie "The Godfather" when Michael Corleone says, "Just when I thought I was out, they pull me back in"? Well that is pretty much what **Miles Bell** sounded like when he said, "just when I thought I was finished moving my daughter's 'stuff' from place to place in my truck, I ended up making three more trips to the dump to dispose of the remnants generated from rebuilding the deck on her new house." Kids, ya gotta love 'em.

owner of the Mt Diablo Tax Pros. He has amassed a clientele of over 600 clients and his wife, Meg, joined the company.

Jeff Rondini expressed his happy feelings that he attributes to his membership in Rotary. It made him feel part of the community. While he was successful in the real estate world, he suffered the 2008 fiasco and turned his skills to a new career in taxes. He is now a successful tax man and the



Joan D'Onofrio mentioned that she met Jeff when they both worked at H&R Block, and that it was Jeff who introduced her to our Rotary and encouraged her to join. Joan confessed she never heard of Rotary, but she met with the late Jim Swanson, who became her sponsor, and look how far she has come.



Frank Westphall and **Barbara** drove from Concord to Los Angeles to attend a friend's wedding and didn't spend one dime on gas. Yes, Frank is one of those lucky Tesla owners.



Rich Lueck told us that Clay Gardner, his wife, and their camper have departed. He also mentioned that he is happy his CT scans are clean.

Jeff Wilson's buyer of the three million dollar house he sold him wasn't so lucky. Apparently the buyer didn't put his car in park, and when he got out of it to check out the garage of the new home, it attacked him. On the bright side, Jeff's daughter got a clean bill of health.



TODAY'S SPEAKERS

Making a Difference in a Girl's Life



Program Chair Miles Bell introduced today's speaker, **Sharon Wood** who spoke to us today about the **New Day for Children** which is a charity that provides support and assistance to children who are recovering from the despair of sex trafficking by providing safe housing, school, medical, mental health care, and equine therapy

Since 2009 New Day has worked to restore the lives of American girls aged 10 and older who have been rescued from sex trafficking. Their goal is to create children of character, provide direction for them to pursue their hopes and dreams, and free them from the nightmares of their past. Working with the FBI, law enforcement, parents, and local service agencies, New Day's programs are designed to lift the girls out of their desperate circumstances. Over the past three years Sharon Wood has been the Executive Director for New Day. She discovered the program five years ago when she found a young girl she knew being sold in the Contra Costa County area. Sharon and her husband Phil live in Pleasant Hill. For more information: www.newdayforchildren.com.



Literacy Program



Sharon happily signed this week's book "The Day You Begin" that will be donated to the Clayton Public Library in honor of our Literacy Program.

ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING

Lost in Service

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it.

The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up; stood beside the little boy; and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning. Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?"

The pastor replied, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, "Which service, the 8:00 or the 10:30?"

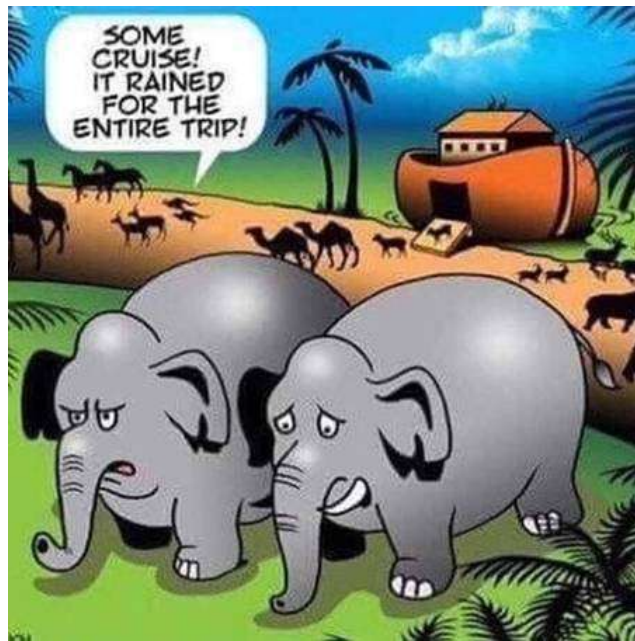
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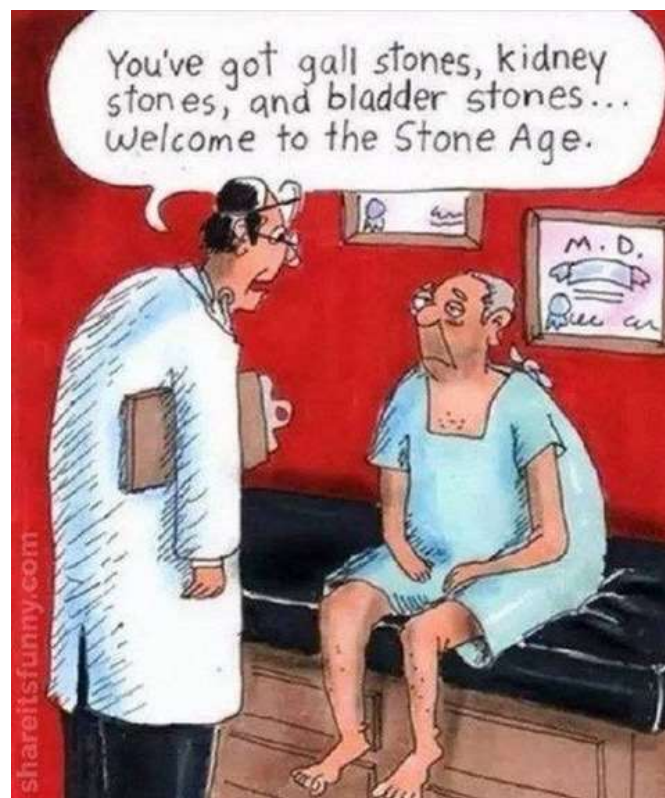
An old guy was working out at the gym when he spotted a beautiful blonde walking in.

He asked the trainer standing next to him, "What machine should I use to impress that girl over there?"

The trainer looked him up and down and said; "I would recommend the ATM in the lobby."







...and that's all folks.

