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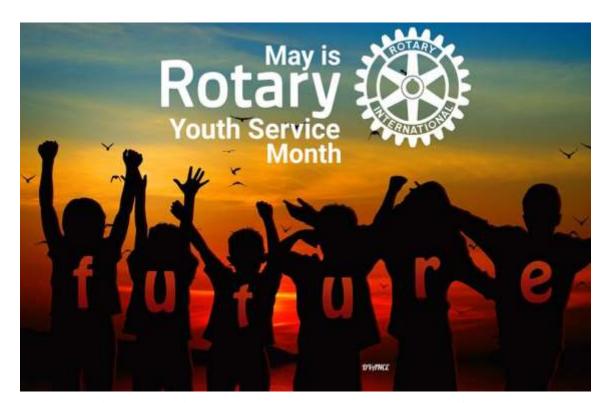
TBA Board Meeting 7 AM
Buttercup Restaurant
TBA Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
US Bank





### **STAY WELLL. STAY APART. WORK TOGETHER**

# WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER



The month of May is designated as "Youth Service Month" and focuses on all Rotary activities that support the development of young people. There are a wide range of projects under Rotary's Youth Service umbrella, and every Club in the district connects with one or more of them.

Under the leadership of our Youth Services program, our Club participated in summer camps, foreign student exchanges, Interactor support, distributed books, dictionaries, and computers to schools, constructed sports equipment, and are now building a strong presence in the arts. These programs make it a priority to create world peace and understanding while exposing youth to the ideals of **Service Above Self**. After all, they are the future and will be running our communities, the country, the world, and future Rotary clubs.

# **Zooming Into the Future**

President Julia Dawson called the sixth Zoom meeting to order and took attendance. Here are the members who tuned in today: Clayton Worsdell, Vicki Sexton, Bob Huck, Fred Nelson, Rich Lueck, Bob Rogers, Irene Davids-Blair, Bob Sundberg, Larry Hutchings, Torsten Jacobsen, Bill Selb, Ewa Sobilo, Barbara Reifschneider, Johnny Morgan, and Hugh Toloui.

Clayton Worsdell reported that our sixth Thursday morning Zoom meeting was truly a Rotary International experience. There were 20 participants that included **Katharina Woeste**, former Exchange Student from Germany; **Torsten Jacobsen**, visited from San Felipe; **Rich Bailey**, a Past President of our Club who now lives in Tucson, AZ; Assistant District Governor, **Sheryl Wilson**; and our terrific speaker, **Dr. Barbara Beery**, from the Rotary Club of Oakland who reported on the early progress of a current Global Grant with the Mumbai Rotary Club in India. It was a super meeting this morning and we are looking forward to Zoom #7, May 7. Thanks to all for attending and making this a fun and productive meeting and connecting California to Germany, Mexico and Arizona.



### **THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Nelson Mandela**

"The Youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow."

### **GUESTS**



Dr. BARBARA BEERY Today's speaker



RICH RILEY
Tucson Rotary Club



KATHI WOESTE Exchange Student



SHERYL WILSON
Asst. District Gov.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS**



### SAN FELIPE SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTORS

Here is the final compilation of the families who participated and made contributions to the Rotary Club of San Felipe's **Gracie/Kuchy Sanchez Youth Education Program**.

Clayton and Carol Worsdell
Richard and Pam Lueck
Torsten and Tienke Jacobsen
Fred and Lois Nelson
Irene Davids-Blair and Max
Ken and Phyllis Nishimori
Monica and Matt Fraga
Russell and Annette Anderson
Steve Weir and John Hemm
Dave and Mary Kemnitz
Hugh and Flor Toloui
Ewa and Rick Sobilo
Frank and Barbara Westphall
Larry Hutchings and Dennis Clark

### SAN FELIPE STUDENT ART COMPETITION

The winners were selected and will appear in next week's newsletter. The



prizes include U.S. cash, medals, and certificates and will be sent to **Tina Sweeney** who will make the announcements to the students and present them with their awards. First prize is \$50, second prize is \$25, third prize is \$15 and one student will get \$10 as an Honorable Mention. The team is now preparing for the 2021 competition.



**TINA SWEENEY** 

### **COVID-19 TELETHON**

This Saturday the COVID-19 project titled #RotaryResponds was held. It was a one-hour Telethon to raise critical funds for disaster response. The Facebook Live event was a simulcast on the Rotary International Facebook page to raise one million dollars. Rotary's 1.2 million members across the globe have taken swift action to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. More than \$3.4 million in Rotary Disaster Response Grants have already been put into action and millions more have been raised by #PeopleofAction because they responded quickly and are truly saving lives. Rotary International Director for our zone **Johrita Solari** said: "We need to do more and the need for additional funding is a priority. The Telethon will also showcase how our polio eradication infrastructure is helping to combat COVID-19."

In case you missed the Saturday event you can still donate as an individual or as a club at http://on.rotary.org/drf

### THE WORLD IS WATCHING

Governor Tina Akins said: "Yes, the world is watching, and we, as Rotarians, people of action, are now truly defined by our actions in this crisis." I am making an extraordinary request of you, and all members in our district, to join the fight against COVID-9. It's called Volunteer Surge. Our district is one of two leading in the Volunteer Surge program and your immediate participation is critical to its success. Two weeks ago, Rotarians in a local club engaged Rotary International to recruit 1 million volunteers in two weeks to sign up with Volunteer Surge, a new program that allows us to train online, for free, to become a Telehealth Worker, or a Community Health Worker. These volunteers will provide basic assistance, and will reduce suffering and save lives, locally and across the nation. How? By helping our health care providers to focus more of their attention where it is most needed.



# CONNECTING OUR YOUTH WITH THE WORLD Meet our former Exchange Students

**Kathi Woeste** was our first exchange student from Germany and today is an accomplished carpenter. Check her website to see her beautiful work: <a href="katharina-woeste.de">katharina-woeste.de</a>. **Sophie Etter** was from Switzerland and our second exchange student. We haven't heard from Sophie in a very long time, but recently our third student was **Aline Collard** from Belgium who emailed us her bio and photos. She is almost finished with her beauty courses and hopes to open her own shop.





KATHI WOESTE GERMANY



SOPHIE ETTER
SWITZERLAND



ALINE COLLARD BELGIUM

# **TODAY'S SPEAKER**

Today's speaker is **Dr. Barbara Beery** who is hosted by **Irene Davids-Blair**. She talked to us about a potential cooperation on the global grant in India for 2020-2021 that consists of the construction of 100 toilet blocks, 200 soak pits for waste water management, and the construction of 24 farm wells. Project WASH is the Rotary Foundation Global Grant #1872376 being constructed by the Rotary Club of Bombay and the Rotary Club of Oakland. Dr. Beery talked about the progress being made on this grant



that they have currently with the Mumbai Rotary club. The existing grant has been so successful that they intend to penetrate the community even more extensively with these improvements through a larger renewed grant.

Dr. Beery would like to share a tentative trip itinerary to India in the first 10 days or so of November, but not until it is safe for everyone to travel. They feel it would be a great opportunity to get a read on preliminary interest. Of course all of you are invited. They have not engaged Howard Travel yet for details, but they are sure they would enhance my preliminary effort with seasoned recommendations. Contact Dr. Beery if you want more information or if you want to join them.









HERE ARE A FEW PHOTOS OF THE FARM WELLS (BEFORE AND AFTER), A TYPICAL FAMILY TOILET, AND DEMONSTRATION OF WATER WASTE MANAGEMENT

## ART EXPO PROGRESS

### Nothing's Going to Stop Us Now



Newsletter Editor Joan D'Onofrio reports that due to the COVID-19 school closures, the seniors at the Clayton Valley High School are being deprived of their senior prom and graduation ceremonies. Consequently, it was a triple whammy to be deprived of the Art Expo competition which the students and their parents wait for all year long. So, Art Department Chair, Katie Nolan, and all the teachers in the art department, came to the rescue. They decided to photograph over 400 pieces of artwork and create a website on which to display them. The winners will be announced on the website and all artwork will be demonstrated. The awards will be sent to the winners via mail and consist of cash, medals, and certificates. The recipient of the \$500 scholarship has been selected and will attend the University of San Francisco to pursue a career in art and architecture.

This happens to be one of the most eagerly awaited art awards program throughout the district held every April at the CVCHS where over 200 people attend and watch as 27 students receive awards in the form of cash and medals. Our **Rotary Club of Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise** co-sponsors the event along with the **Michelangelo D'Onofrio Arts Foundation** and have been doing so for the past four years.



### Do your kids need a more creative outlet?

The Michelangelo D'Onofrio Arts Foundation is requesting donations in order to build and donate art-supply-kits for kids who are staying-safe by staying-home.

You can
help provide
ART SUPPLY KITS
for the kids
STAYING-SAFE by

STAYING-HOME



Children will be encouraged to create and submit their works-of-art, too. Their projects will be published here—in the newsletter—and on the foundation's website.

When you help the foundation reach its goal, instructions on how parents can acquire the kits will be published here and on the foundation's website, so...

...WATCH THIS SPACE!

To donate go to: www.MDArtsFoundation.org or visit Go-Fund-Me and search Art Supplies for Kids and look for the MDAF logo!

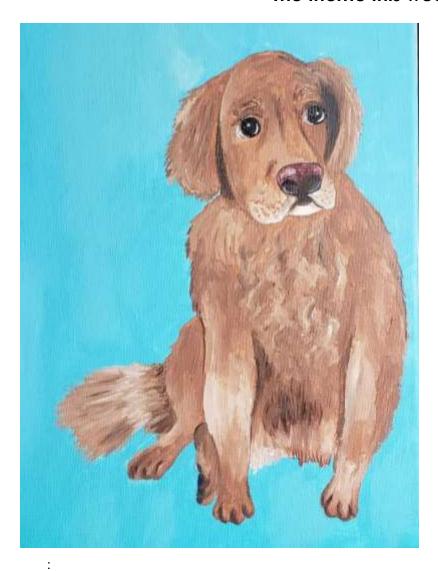


### **THE POWER OF ART: Student Work**

Photography . Mixed Media . Sculpture

### **FUTURE ARTISTS**

The theme this week is animals.





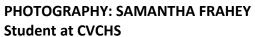
ARTIST: HALEY CALLAGHAN

DVC freshman, is Vicki Sexton's granddaughter

### **WATERCOLOR: ARTIST STUDENT AT CVCHS**









**WATERCOLOR: Artist Student at CVCHS** 

## LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE



**CREATED BY C J BENNETT** Joan D'Onofrio's grandson



### **SUNDAY PAPER**

A very drunk gent checked into a hotel late one Saturday night. He awoke very ill and summoned a bellboy to fetch him a bottle of whiskey and a Sunday newspaper.

The bellboy was gone a long time. When he returned, the man remarked, "It must be hard to buy a bottle in this town on Sunday."

"There was no trouble with the liquor," replied the bellboy, "but it's tough finding a Sunday paper on Tuesday."

### **REDNECKS FISHING**

Two rednecks are fishing on their respective sides of the creek. Just as soon as one redneck put his line in the water, he slung a fish onto the bank. The other was catching nothing, so he yelled out, "Buddy, I'd sure like to be on your side of the crick!"

"Aright, tell ya what I'm gonna do. I'll shine my flashlight across this river, and you can walk across this little beam of light," the first redneck yelled back.

The other replied, "Ain't no way, buddy. I know you think I'm a fool. But I know when I get halfway across, you'll turn your flashlight off."

# **ONE LAST THING**

How can we celebrate Youth Service Month?

By Serving
By Staying Connected
By Uniting Behind a Fund Raiser
By Setting and Achieving Goals.



ROTARY'S VISION STATEMENT

# TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE UNITE AND TAKE ACTION TO CREATE LASTING CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE

### IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

As we stand on the cusp of eliminating polio, we find ourselves poised for our next challenge. The time is right to move toward realizing a new vision that brings more people together, increases our impact, and creates lasting change around the world.

To achieve the vision of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, we have set four priorities that will direct our work over the next five years.

### ROTARY'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

### INCREASE OUR IMPACT

- Eradicate polio and leverage the legacy
- Focus our programs and offerings
- Improve our ability to achieve and measure impact

### OUR REACH

- Grow and diversify our membership and participation
- Create new channels into Rotary
- Increase Rotary's openness and appeal
- Build awareness of our impact and brand

### ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

- Support clubs to better engage their members
- Develop a participant-centered approach to deliver value
- Offer new opportunities for personal and professional connection
- Provide leadership development and skills training

### INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

- Build a culture of research, innovation, and willingness to take risks
- Streamline governance, structure, and processes
- Review governance to foster more diverse perspectives in decision-making