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6/09 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
TBA Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
Zoom



STAY WELL . STAY APART . WORK TOGETHER SERVICE ABOVE SELF

CARS 2ND CHANCE **FOOD BANK**
of Contra Costa & Solano

Rotarians are turning your vehicle donations into Food Bank dollars!

Donate your vehicle to provide food to Food Banks throughout Northern California .

Cars 2nd Chance has been turning vehicle donations into cash for charities for over 12 years in the spirit of Service Above Self. We accept vehicle donations of ALL types, anywhere in the USA, running or not, and we will pick up your vehicle At No Charge.

Let us get it out of the driveway or off the street!

- The Food Bank has seen a **50% plus increase in food distributions** due to the COVID-19 health and financial crisis. That number is only going to climb with skyrocketing unemployment.
- Many of the people now receiving food **have never had to turn to the Food Bank before.**
- The Food Bank has been serving the community for almost **45 years** and has a **5-star rating on Charity Navigator.**
- **96 cents for every dollar received goes directly to food programs.**

Since the TV segment of the **Cars 2nd Chance** donation program aired last week, **Mary** and **Dave Kemnitz** have had many calls. Folks are stopping by and donations are being sent through the portal. What a boost for this project! We are very grateful to the Lamorinda Rotary for pulling together a marketing committee and for our amazing social media people who have gone behind the scenes to make it happen. A huge shout-out to **Steve Weir** and **John Hemm** for knowing the right people in the right places to contact. John and Steve were able to get KPIX to do the segment. The show highlighted how a Concord Repair Shop Owner Fixes Donated Vehicles to Help COVID-19 Victims. It was a flawless segment.

Zooming Into the Future

President **Julia Dawson Aguilar** called the eighth **Zoom** meeting to order and took attendance. Here are the members who Zoomed in today: **Clayton Worsdell, Vicki Sexton, Bob Huck, Fred Nelson, Rich Lueck, Bob Sundberg, Larry Hutchings, Torsten Jacobsen, Bill Selb, Ewa Sobilo, Barbara Reifschneider, Ken Nishimori, Johnny Morgan, Joan D'Onofrio, Monica Fraga, and Miles Bell.**



THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Julia Dawson Aguilar

*“Better to remain silent and be thought a fool
than to speak and remove all doubt.”*

GUEST



JON DWYER
District 5160 Rotary Foundation Chair
Immediate Past District Governor

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Secretary Fred Nelson emailed everyone the minutes of the April 29 Board meeting via zoom. Please consult the email he sent, but keep in mind the as of May 1, 2020, a partnership with our club and the Lamorinda Rotary has been formed. It will involve splitting the profits from the Cars 2nd Chance program. As for the monies collected for donations to the Contra Costa/Solano Food Banks, there will be no split between the two clubs.



TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer Vicki Sexton reported that when there is a special event, such as the crab feed, bocce ball tournaments, and the race track event. Whoever is in charge of the event—in most cases it has been Barbara—she will know who is attending and will collect the money in cash or check. Even if the club fronts the money, she will still collect the money and give it to the treasurer in a lump or partial sum, keeping track of who has paid. No credit card payments will be accepted for these events. Vicki said: *"When members start paying me by credit card, and when I allot for the payment, it may track to the wrong account. I also have to keep a separate record of who has paid to compare with the event organizer. At any rate, it is just cleaner if it is done this way."*

CONVENTION MERCHANDISE

According to **Jon Dwyer**, because Rotary is all about helping people in our communities, they are producing face shields in response to COVID-19. They are made from the same fabric as the Rotarian Hawaiian shirts and are for sale for only \$7.00. So while you may not be able to attend the 2020 convention, you can still buy a souvenir.



COVID-19 TESTING AVAILABLE

Supervisor Karen Mitchoff informs us that Contra Costa County will now offer an appointment for COVID-19 testing at eight sites throughout the county to any resident who believes they need one, regardless of insurance, ability to pay or whether they have symptoms or not. Call **1-844-421-0804** from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily for an appointment at any Contra Costa site that includes Antioch, Concord, Walnut Creek, Martinez, Pittsburg, San Pablo and San Ramon. Testing is available by appointment only. All Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) offer drive-through testing but you must make an appointment. Testing is done in your car. coronavirus.cchealth.org/testing for more information.



ORDINARY PEOPLE DOING EXTRAORDINARY THINGS

CARS 2ND CHANCE & THE TV FOOD BANK PROGRAM



Hope you all saw the Food Bank donation segment on channel 5 TV news at 6 pm last week. It was a very well done presentation by our CARS 2ND CHANCE founders **Mary and Dave Kemnitz**. Thanks to **Steve Weir and John Hemm** for the initial connection with John Ramus and the photos collected by **Chris Ruzicka** that showed photos of the works our club has produced, executed, or sponsored.

Larry Hatchings and **Dennis Clark** have volunteered to take over the issuing of thank-you letters that will need to be sent and the program 1098s. *"This is a huge job," Mary said, "and I am very grateful that folks are stepping up to help us. The Lamorinda Rotary is amazing."*



VOLUNTEER SURGE

Volunteer Surge is a program **District Governor Tina Akins** encouraged us to pursue. While we are not health care providers, we are doing our best to *reduce suffering by focusing our attention where it is needed most*. Our club made a large donation to the **Monument Crisis Center** and the **Winter Nights Family Shelter** earlier this month, and now we are embracing the CARS 2ND CHANCE program, in conjunction with the Lamorinda Rotary Club, by accepting car donations that will be sold and funds donated to the **Contra Costa and Solano Food Banks**.



MONTHLY THEMES

This month the theme is Youth. Next month it will be Fellowship. The monthly themes are meant to highlight the wide range of Rotary's good work and give clubs some suggestions, timing, and guidance for their programs and activities. Here's the list:

January – Vocational Service
February – Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention
March – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
April – Maternal and Child Health
May – Youth Service
June – Rotary Fellowships

July – (no theme because it's a new Rotary Year)
August – Membership and New Club Development
September – Basic Education and Literacy
October – Community Economic Development
November – Rotary Foundation
December – Disease Prevention and Treatment

SAN FELIPE ART WINNERS

Here are the winners of the San Felipe Art Competition that all students at COBASH High School entered. The winners were selected and **Tina Sweeney** will deliver the prizes to them which consist of: First prize \$50, second prize \$25, third prize \$15, and Honorable Mention \$10.

FIRST PRIZE

Artist **Noelia Ibarra Cortez**



SECOND PRIZE

Artist: **Dannia Berenic Ruela**



THIRD PRIZE

TITLE: The Wonders of Water and Life

ARTIST: Solange Elena Garcia Rico



HONORABLE MENTION

TITLE: The 5 Minds that Enlighten Me

ARTIST: Alexander Santiago Carrilo



The Team is now preparing for the 2021 competition.

HAPPY BUCKS



Larry Hutchings is not only happy that he zoomed into our meeting all the way from Maui but told us that he is really, really happy that thanks to C-19 people are beginning to understand that they are not immortal, and his wills and estates business is booming.



Bill Selb is happy because even though it is not possible to show houses, the real estate business is doing just fine. Houses are all shown online, and he has a new listing for a \$1.2 million house in Lafayette.



Torsten Jacobsen joined us all the way from Baha. He and Tienke are very happy.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Jon is the epitome of what a Rotarian is all about.

Program Chair Miles Bell introduced us to **Jon Dwyer** who spoke to us this morning and brought us up to speed on the status of Rotary International's future plans. Rotary, for example, is reflecting on future trajectories and suggested we concentrate on the environment as one possible direction that will be of particular interest and concern to millennials and younger folks that are a part of our society that Rotary is in need of attracting.



Jon has a long history with Rotary and is a member of the Paul Harris Society. He has been an outstanding member of the Rotary Club of Benicia since 2005. He was a Past President, 2009 -2010, and the Assistant Governor for the DV8 Solano County Rotary Clubs during his 2000 -2001, term and also the District Governor.

After Jon graduated from the University Of Notre Dame in 1970 where he earned his B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering, he went to work as a construction engineer building refineries and chemical plants. From 1978 to 2012, he worked for the world's largest specialty chemical organization, Nalco Chemical Company, in Technical Sales and Sales/Marketing.

Jon's working career included eight years of foreign assignments—two in Thailand and six in Saudi Arabia.

He was born and raised in Bennington, Vermont and lives with his wife Bonnie in San Ramon. They have two grown children and six grandchildren.



This is how we are used to seeing Jon.

THE POWER OF ART

Photography . Mixed Media . Sculpture

ENJOY OUR MEMBERS' PHOTOGRAPHY

Vicki Sexton



Poppies all in bloom in the Rocky Ridge hills between Castro Valley and San Ramon

Barbara Reifschneider



Clayton Worsdell

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

ZOOM CONGRATULATES THE CLASS OF 2020



. . . that's all folks.