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7/14 Board Meeting 7 AM  
Zoom  
TBA Charitable Fund 5:30 PM  
Zoom



# WE ARE PEOPLE OF ACTION

## Working for Peace & Justice



Rotary International

June 1 at 4:09 PM · 🌐

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At Rotary, we have no tolerance for racism. Promoting respect, celebrating diversity, demanding ethical leadership, and working tirelessly to advance peace are central tenets of our work.

We have more work to do to create more just, open and welcoming communities for all people.

We know there are no easy fixes and that challenging conversations and work lie before all of us. Rotary's strength has long been our ability and commitment to bringing people together. We will tap into that strength now as we stand with those who are working for peace and justice.

Rotary will do our part to listen, learn and take action to ensure that we continue to contribute to making positive change.



# Zooming Into the Future

**President Julia Dawson Aguilar** called the 12<sup>TH</sup> **Zoom** meeting to order and took attendance. Here are the members who Zoomed in today: **Clayton Worsdell, Vicki Sexton, Fred Nelson, Rich Lueck, Torsten Jacobsen, Bill Selb, Barbara Reifschneider, Tommy Wolf, Joan D'Onofrio, Larry Hutchings, Jim Brown, Steve Pignatare, and Miles Bell.**



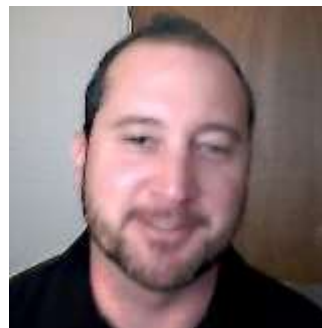
## THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Torsten Jacobsen

"Yesterday is a memory gone for good forever.  
While tomorrow is a guess, what is real is what is here and now and all that we possess.  
So treasure everyday of your life and avoid the un-needed strife.  
Focus only on what is meaningful and not on the meaningless."

### GUESTS



**JIM BROWN**  
Former Rotarian of our club  
now living in Utah



**STEVE PIGNATARE**  
Vitalant Donor Recruiter  
Today's Speaker

# ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS

## CHARITABLE FUND ELECTIONS



**President Julia Dawson Aguilar** announced that the Board of Directors of the Charitable Fund positions of **Steve Weir** and **Renee Rushworth** expired. Two new members had to be replaced. **Secretary Fred Nelson** nominated **Bob Hooy** and **Bob Sundberg** as their replacements. The motion was seconded, the vote was taken, and the two Bobs were unanimously approved.



## FIRST EVER VIRTUAL SPRING ASSEMBLY HAS BEGUN

**District Governor-Elect Mark Roberts** reports that there are nine sessions remaining, and you don't want to miss out. Go ahead and Register now as the sessions continue until June 18. You can attend as many as you want by registering with your personalized link. Check out the agenda for all the classes and descriptions that will be of interest to you.



## LET'S HEAR IT FROM...



**Treasurer Vicki Sexton** said dues, donations, and annual fees will be done online, and she, John, and Ken will send us step-by-step instructions on how to set up the way to do it.

**Secretary Fred Nelson** said that there may be hope that we may still be able to hold the Promo Demo in July. We shall see. However, the Pancake Breakfast is definitely a no go.



**COVID-19 tests:** The County testing sites are now using the lower nasal swab test because they are more comfortable than the previous swabs. Go to [coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-tested](https://coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-tested) for more information or to find a testing site.





**Mary Kemnitz** reports: Dave and I decided to take a weekend off from the boat and stay home to focus on selling the cars. Over the weekend Dave made many appointments to view the cars and made many trips to our shop to show them. Each time he came back disappointed as the buyers did not show up to view the vehicles. Totally discouraged, we went to work on Monday feeling like maybe in this climate cars are not going to sell. Renee Rushworth had her Suburban in our shop for repairs and happened to stop by about 1 pm on Monday. Perhaps she is a good luck charm because as she

walked in the door, four potential buyers came rushing in and in a matter of an hour we sold all five vehicles!

We sure are going to miss Renee. She was a huge asset to the C2C program because she took care of the bookkeeping, the 1098's, all donor letters and partner letters behind the scenes. I never realized how time-consuming those tasks were until I filled in for her. She never complained, just got the job done.

Thank you Renee, we will miss your beautiful face and your "Service above Self" attitude.

Mary goes on to say: This past week the '95 Honda donated by Bill Kinsey had its catalytic converter stolen as it sat on our lot overnight. We discovered the theft the next morning when we started the vehicle and it sounded like a diesel engine. We managed to get O'Reilly Auto parts to sell us a Catalytic Converter at cost and my friend Steve Elstins, owner of West Coast Muffler, installed it at no charge!



**STEVE ELSTIN**  
**Owner of West Coast Muffler**

Renee Rushworth reported that the Food Bank total contributions as of June 9, 2020 are **\$20,625**. There are other vehicles in progress, according to the spreadsheet, but they have not been sold yet.

**TO DONATE:** <https://cars2ndchance.com/food-bank/>

## MILESTONES EXTRAORDINAIRE

June 16 was a very popular day to tie-the-knot for two of our members.



**Fred** and **Lois Nelson** were married June 16, 1962 making it their 58<sup>th</sup> year of wedded bliss.



**Bill** and **Emily Selb** were also married on the same exact day but a few years later on June 13, 1967. They will be celebrating their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. Congratulations.

## JIM BROWN 1995-1996 ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

Former member of our club, **Jim Brown**, visited us today, via Zoom, all the way from Utah which is where he now lives. Jim was president during the 1997 – 1998 term. He was a member for 18 years, 15 of which he served on the Board of Directors. For three years he was on staff with the District and in 2000 he served as Assistant District Governor for one year. One time, when the club had so many events and programs in the works, Jim realized that they didn't have enough members on board to handle all the details and work that was involved, so he said they decided the only thing to do was bring the wives on board. Jim also recalled the time that on his first meeting as president, he decided to dress up like a King and drove up to the meeting in a 1954 Rolls Royce limousine. Lo and behold, turns out he forgot to bring the key to open the door, so he was forced to wait outside until someone else arrived. There he was all decked out in royal regalia standing next to that prestigious car and along comes Fred who took one look at him and said: "Hey, Jim, Burger King is down the block." Thanks to Clayton's extensive picture archives, here is proof of that event.





# HAPPY BUCKS



**MONICA FRAGA** is happy that Ritchie turned 17. And if that wasn't reason enough to be happy, how about this: She said that this was her first week when they had no travel cancelations and they are fully booked at last.



**Johnny Morgan** told us that he is servicing several members' computers after they experienced issues with Zoom. Clearly, we are happy to know Johnny.



**TORSTEN JACOBSEN** is one cool grandpa. He literally told his six grandchildren to take photos in their pool and even provided his newest cell phone 11 that can be used as far down as 6 ½ feet for 30 minutes. The kids threw deck chairs in the pool then dove in and started snapping away.

**JOAN D'ONOFRIO** is kinda happy that she was voted vice-chair of the Arts & Culture Commission of contra Costa County. She will be serving for one year on the board and is also serving as chair of the Veterans' ABOUTFACE progrm that offers six free two-hour painting classes beginning in late October at Cal State, Concord campus. Joan said the classes are free and all art supplies are provided. The only qualifications necessary is that you must be a Veteran.



**JULIA DAWSON AGUILAR** is over the moon happy because today is her most nerve-racking yet beautiful day of the year. Why? Because it is the Guild Audition for 16 of her 45 students who play memorized programs for a judge to receive their report cards and pins from the nation Guild of Piano teachers. The Piano teachers is a division of the American College of Muscisians where studens work all year memorizing their pieces. Some have a 50-minute program. They play the Baroque, romantic, classical and Centruely 21 pieces.

# TODAY'S SPEAKER

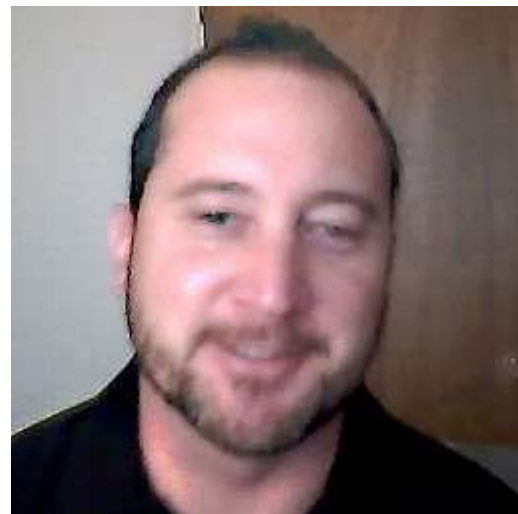


**Miles Bell** introduced us to Donor Recruiter **Steve Pignataro** of **Vitalant** the nation's second largest community blood service provider in the nation. They supply comprehensive transfusion medicine services for nearly 1,000 hospitals and health care partners for patients in need across 40 states. Contra Costa County will be holding a two day blood drive July 13 and 14.

Vitalant's network of blood centers work in tandem and partner with UCSF moving lifesaving donations throughout the system to help ensure blood is available when and where it is needed most. In the Bay Area, they support over 45 hospitals.

Steve told us that Vitalant, formerly Blood Systems Inc. is a nonprofit organization that collects blood from volunteer donors and provides blood, blood products and services across the United States. It was founded in 1943 at the Salt River Valley Blood Bank in Phoenix, Arizona. Today Vitalant is a founding member of the American Association of Blood Banks and was involved in the creation of the America's Blood Centers consortium of nonprofit blood centers.

Blood Systems was the first interstate blood bank, operating under multiple names; by 1967, it was serving 850 hospitals in 12 states. On September 2018, Blood Systems merged all of its existing brands under the Vitalant name and today it serves 40 states, has 127 donation centers, and claims to collect about 1.8 million donations of blood each year from about 780,000 donors. They are the sole blood provider to nearly 1,000 hospitals across the United States.



Vitalant will now test all blood donors for antibodies for COVID-19. The antibody test will indicate whether a donor's immune system produced antibodies for the virus regardless of whether the person ever showed symptoms. The test is part of a full panel of tests that Vitalant performs on successful blood donations.

Donating blood is safe and easy to do. But sometimes we all need help finding the power to do our part. What if you could overcome your own fears and uncertainties because you know you're significantly impacting the lives of others? We're here to guide you every step of the way and happy to answer any questions to make you feel comfortable. As part of our commitment to safety, blood donors must meet certain requirements to give blood. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, please call 877-258-4825.

In keeping with our club's Literacy Program, a book will be donated to the Clayton Library after Steve signs it.



# THE GALLERY

From the lens of Clayton Worsdell





*by Clayton Worsdell 2019*



# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

## THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMA

I just had a  
physical.

The doctor said,  
"Don't eat anything  
fatty"

I said,  
"Like bacon and  
burgers?"

He said,  
"No fatty, don't eat  
anything!"



# DOG FOR SALE

A guy is driving around Tennessee and he sees a sign in front of a house: "Talking Dog For Sale." He rings the bell and the owner tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a Labrador retriever sitting there. "You talk?" he asks. "Yep," the Lab replies.

"So, what's your story?"

The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young."

"I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running."

"But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security wandering near suspicious characters and listening in."

"I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

"Ten dollars," the guy says.

"Ten dollars? This dog is amazing. Why on Earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Because he's a liar. He never did any of that stuff."

# FOR PUN LOVERS

In the front of a funeral home: "Drive carefully. We'll wait"

In a Veterinarians waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

# ONE FINE DAY

One day a husband says to his wife, "Today is a fine day!" Next day he says it again. "Today is a fine day." Again next day, he says same thing, "Today is a fine day."

Finally after a week, the wife asks her husband, "Since last week, you are saying today is a fine day. I am fed up. What's the matter?"

"Last week when we had an argument, you said, 'I will leave you one fine day.' I was just trying to remind you."



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*. . . That's all folks.*