

THE VALLEY SUNRISE



BEST NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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



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**And the Winner is
Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise**



Kudos to **Joan D'Onofrio** and **Clayton Worsdell** the members responsible for getting our weekly newsletter published every single week without skipping a beat. Joan, the editor, has been a member for six years and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Clayton, the staff photographer, is a past president 2016/17, has been a member for 11 years, is a member of the Paul Harris Society, and was the 2012/13 Rotarian of the year. The announcement of their "Best Newsletter of the Year" award took place at the Rotary's District Annual Awards Breakfast, Saturday via zoom where 201 members from the 5160 District were in attendance.

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Zooming Into the Future

President **Julia Dawson Aguilar** called the 13TH **Zoom** meeting to order and took attendance. Here are the members who Zoomed in today: **Clayton Worsdell, Vicki Sexton, Renee Rushworth, Rich Lueck, Patrick Dolan, Bill Selb, Barbara Reifschneider, Tommy Wolf, Joan D'Onofrio, Belma Mirvic, Jim Brown, Lisa Truesdell, Bob Huck, and Miles Bell.**



THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Rich Lueck & Joan D'Onofrio

"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much it is whether we provide enough for those who have little."—Franklin D. Roosevelt

"Winning isn't everything; it's the only thing."

—Henry Russell (Red) Sanders
UCLA Bruins Football Coach

GUESTS



JIM BROWN
Visiting Rotarian
now living in Utah



PATRIC DOLAN
CEO Dolan Lumber
Today's Speaker



BELMA MIRVA
Financial Advisor
Edward Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS

PRESIDENT-ELECT VICKI SEXTON ANNOUNCEMENTS



President-Elect Vicki Sexton is thrilled to announce that the position of Treasurer, the position she currently holds, will be filled by none other than our outgoing **President, Julia Dawson Aguilar**.

Vicki Also announced that **Bill Selb** has agreed to be the chair of the newly established Fundraising Committee. He has his work cut out as our big fundraiser, the Pancake Breakfast, had to be cancelled this year. Please let Bill know if you would like to serve on his committee.



COVID-19 TESTING

The County testing sites are now using the lower nasal swab test because they are more comfortable than the previous swabs. For more information or to find a testing site use this website:

coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-tested

JIM BROWN FORMER MEMBER



Former member of our club, **Jim Brown**, zoomed in again this week. When asked what he was most proud of when he was a member of our club and served as president, he said it was the Dictionary Project. He told us it was formed during his administration, and he reminisced about bringing them to the schools and handing them out to third graders toward the end of the semester so they would have them on hand when they entered fourth grade.



Mary Kemnitz reports: **Bill Kinsey** is putting together an event called Wheels and Deals that is a combination car show and flea market. In other words, there is something for everyone. Bill is looking for volunteers to help set up and man—or woman-- the booth. It will take place on July 11 from 8 am to 2 pm (vendor set up is at 6:30 am) at The Meadows of Isleton campground, 301 Jackson Slough Rd, Isleton.



Bill said that they need pop-up sun shade, table and chairs, Cars2ndChance literature, Cars2ndChance car for sale from the inventory, and 3 people to help set up and staff the booth. Contact: Terri Comfort 714 460-3241 and check out the website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/668128140450969/>



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

MILESTONES

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mary and **Dave Kemnitz** tied-the-knot 48 years ago on June 15, 1972. They were married in Renville, Minnesota, left for California immediately, and never looked back. They celebrated at one of their favorite restaurants, Jacks in Pleasant Hill, and dined outside. Mary said: *"It felt awesome to be out and about and grateful that we soon can resume our normal lives."* Dave was our club president 2015/16. He and Mary are both Paul Harris Society members and were both Rotarians of the Year: Mary 2013 and Dave 2010 and 2014.

LENGTH OF SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Time sure flies when you're having fun, but mostly being a member of our Rotary and devoting time and energy to deserving causes is fun.



TOMMY WOLF 7 YEARS
Joined: June 2013

Membership Director
Past President 2017/18
Paul Harris Society



MARY KEMNITZ 5 YEARS
Joined: June 2015

Cars2ndChance Founder
Charitable Fund Member
Rotarian of the Year 2018
Paul Harris Society
Owner D&H Enterprises



BILL KINSEY 3 YEARS
Joined: June 2017

Public Relations Chair
Operations Coordinator
LexisNexis



RUSS ANDERSON 8 YEARS
Joined: June 2012

Paul Harris Society
Sales Manager
Lehmers GMC Buick

HAPPY BUCKS



JULIA DAWSON AGUILAR is happy because her most nerve-wracking day of the year is over. It was the Guild Audition for 16 of her 45 students who played memorized programs before a judge so they can receive their report cards and pins from the National Guild of Piano Teachers. Sixteen students received diplomas while their parents waited in their cars. In gratitude for the judge's ordeal, she treated him to dinner at the LaVeranda Café in Clayton. No, she didn't wear her fluffy pink slippers.



BILL SELF, our new Fundraising Chair, is just plain old happy for so many things. For one, he said, he is happy to be living in Concord and even joined a wine club. Hmmm.



RENEE RUSHWORTH wasn't sitting in front of a backdrop when she signed into the meeting from Arizona. She actually was in Arizona—Avandale to be exact. She wanted to express how happy she is that D&H Enterprises fixed her car so she was all set for her actual move to Arizona. Maybe when our club is back at Oakhurst, Renee will be able to join us via zoom.

VICKI SEXTON is over the moon happy because Julia agreed to serve as treasurer for the upcoming new Board which starts July 1st and is only 11 days away. She is also grateful for Bill Self's decision to be the Fundraising Chair.



Happy Father's Day,
Daddy.



TODAY'S SPEAKER

Almost a Century of Expertise



Miles Bell introduced us to **Patrick Dolan** the CEO of Dolan Lumber. Patrick talked about how the COVID-19 affected the business, the staff, and their customers after a presentation about the company. In the 1950's, Dolan's was well-known to Bay Area builders. Dolan lumber was used to build many of downtown San Francisco's landmark buildings.



Today, the Dolan family continues the tradition of providing the best possible products at affordable prices. It is still owned and operated by the Dolan family, who continue to take pride in their attention to detail and prompt response. It is a work-ethic handed down by the founder and patriarch, Patrick Dolan, of the Dolan Lumber company back in 1958. Grandson Patrick said: *"Our very experienced staff at each location is knowledgeable in the most up-to-date information that can help you make the right choices for your projects."*

PATRICK EUGENE DOLAN was born in 1925 and immigrated to the USA from Ireland. Patrick was one of 11 children in a rural Irish family and no stranger to poverty. He went to work helping support his family when he was 12-years-old. He was 21 when he came to the Bay Area after World War II. He became a U.S. citizen, served in the National Guard, went to school and worked various jobs. With \$6,000 that he earned cutting and selling Christmas trees in December 1958, he established Dolan's Lumber in Pinole — the first of his five Bay Area lumber and building materials stores in what remained a thriving enterprise. Besides Pinole, the business had stores in Benicia, Burlingame, Concord and Walnut Creek.



During the good old days, Pat worked seven days a week. He died December 31, 2010 two weeks short of his 85th birthday. Even though he suffered from Parkinson's disease, he still came to work, with the help of a caregiver, if only to answer phones and shake hands with the customers.

The family stores have outlived most of the building materials competition in the day of big-box retailers and today have stores in Pinole and Concord.

LITERACY PROGRAM

A book will be donated to the Clayton Public Library as soon as the pandemic is over and we get all the speakers to sign them.

DISTRICT 5160 AWARDS



Although you could not see all of them, there were 201 participants in attendance courtesy of Zoom. This was the District's Annual Awards Breakfast and District Governor **Tina Akins's** last big important event. She chaired the meeting that lasted almost two hours.

The District Rotarian of the Year Award went to **Brian Gray** of Paradise club and the Cliff Dochterman Club Spirit Award went to the Berkeley Club. **Johrita Salari** was a featured speaker.

Best news ever. Our club won THE BEST CLUB NEWSLETTER in District 5160. We were also recognized for 40% participation in the Paul Harris Society Challenge.



JOHRITA SALARI



BRIAN GRAY



CLIFF DOCHTERMAN



DISTRICT GOV TINA AKINS

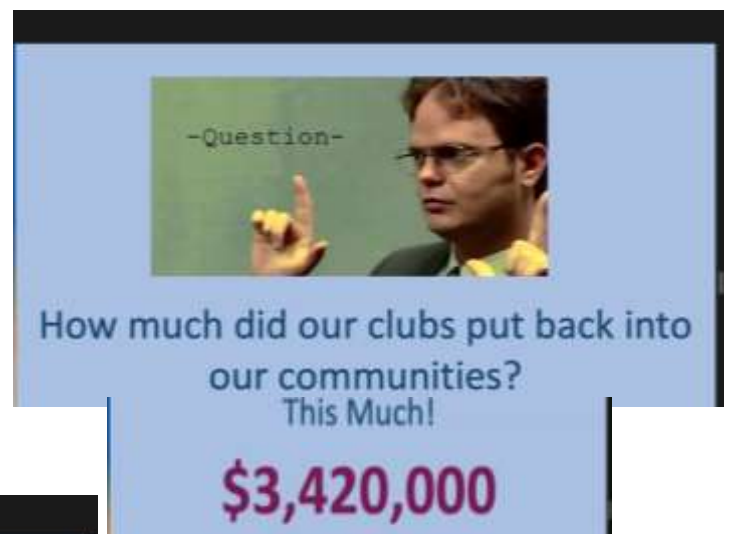
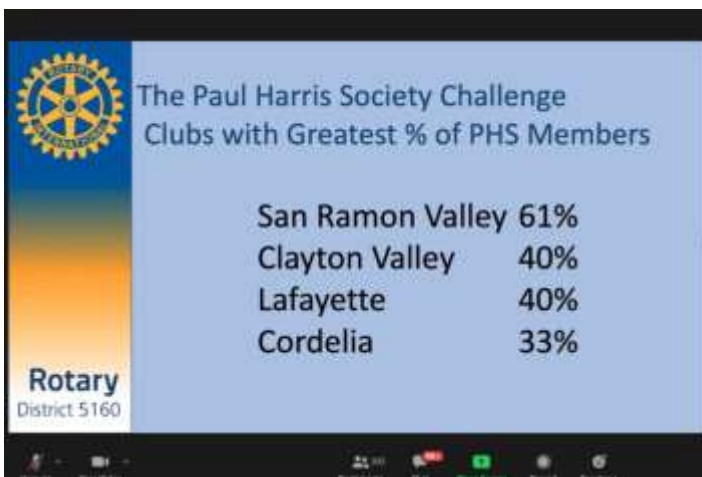


CLAYTON WORSDELL, Photographer



JOAN D'ONOFRIO, Editor

More screen captures from Clayton



...and we are thankful to have had the opportunity to serve during your reign.

THE VIRTUAL GALLERY

From the lens of Clayton Worsdell





Please send us your artwork and photography so our Gallery will always be full.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

DO THE MATH

A big-city counterfeiter decided the best place to pass off his phony \$18 bills would be in some small, out of the way, town. So, he got into his new wheels and off he went.

He found a tiny town with a single store. He entered the store and handed one of the bogus bills to the man behind the counter. "Can you change this for me, please?" he said.

The store clerk looked at the \$18 bill a short time, then smiled and told the man, "Sure, Mister. You want 2 nines or 3 sixes?"

THE SHOW MUST GO ON

An actor had been out of work for years because he always forgot his lines. One day he got a phone call from a director who wanted him for an important part in a play.

All the actor had to say was, "Hark! I hear the cannon roar!"

Opening night arrived, and while he waited in the wings, the actor muttered to himself,

"Hark! I hear the cannon roar! Hark! I hear the cannon roar!"

The time for the entrance finally came. As the actor made his appearance onstage, he heard a loud BOOOOM!

He turned around and said, "What the hell was that?"

IT'S A GUY THING

From Rich Lueck

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight.

There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together.

When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I'm still lost ... it's a guy thing.

. . . That's all folks.

