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





# TRADING PLACES

# A Farewell Message from President Julia Dawson Aguilar



### To My Rotary Friends and Colleagues

"Farewell is a word that makes me cry, but reminds me of Pharell Williams who sings that great song called "Happy." Everyone in the video is dancing. I do wish you all farewell and that you may be filled with hope, happiness, heatth, AND prosperity. May you all continue to live by "The Four-Way Test" and be blessed with a long life. Mostly, I like to use the Irish expression from my heritage that I sang for you at our last zoom meeting: "May the Roads Rise Up ro Meet You." Thank you for putting up with me as president in "Rotary Connects the World"—the theme this past year. I lost my mother who was my best friend just before taking on the presidency and life became a very lonely place for me. Then with Covid-19 in the mix, life changed that much more. It is so nice to have worked with you on great projects and causes that made our community and the world a better place for all. I am grateful to have you as friends and fellow Rotarians and look forward to many more years in the club and being your Treasurer this coming term."

# IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR

Here is a compilation of many accomplishments that took place during the **Julia Dawson Aguilar** 2019 – 2020 term.

- Donated backpacks sponsored by the Family Justice Center
- Made a monetary donation to the Honduras WASH project
- Donated wheelchairs to the Cancer and Hospice Center in San Felipe that were hand-delivered by Rich Lueck
- Won the "It All Adds Up" award
- Made a donation to support Yanacio Valley High School's robot Lab
- Collected \$30,000 through group grant for providing computers to students in Nsawo,
   Uganda
- A Rotary plaque was secured and now hangs on the lobby wall of the Oakhurst Country Club
- Irene Davids-Blair and Fred Nelson became Major Donors for contributing \$10,000 to the Paul Harris Fellowship
- The Annual San Felipe Essay contest was won by one of the students sponsored by Clayton and Carol Worsdell
- Scholarships were awarded to two students at Clayton Valley High School: Luca Lauricella who will major in business and \$500 to Jerome Faustino to study architecture
- Paradise Fire: 58 cars were donated to Cars 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance and they were all given to residents of the fire who lost all their possessions
- Ride for Rotary was a motorcycle fundraiser in which Torsten Jacobsen participated
- San Felipe held first ever COBASH high school art contest that was judged virtually. We supplied all the art supplies and provided monetary prizes.
- Cars 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance raised \$5,000 that was donated to the Monument Crisis Center and fed 1200 people due to Covid-19
- On site meetings were canceled but our club did not miss any meetings as all of them were conducted via zoom due to Covid-19
- Rotary Annual Awards Ceremony was held via zoom and our club won first place in Best Newsletter of the Year competition beating out 72 other clubs









**SHE'S TALENTED** 

SHE'S FUN

SHE'S A GREAT TEACHER

SHE LIKES A GOOD JOKE

# **Zooming Into the Future**

President Julia Dawson Aguilar called her final 14<sup>TH</sup> Zoom meeting to order and took attendance. Here are the members who zoomed in today: Clayton Worsdell, Vicki Sexton, Rich Lueck, Bill Selb, Barbara Reifschneider, Tommy Wolf, Joan D'Onofrio, Jeff Wilson, Sunny Singh, Mike Hall, and Miles Bell.



## THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Rich Lueck

Life isn't forever, so take the first chance, and don't wait for the second one, because sometimes, there aren't second chances!

Stop waiting for a better day to come. Live in the moment and enjoy it and today will become the day you have been waiting for.

## **GUESTS**



MIKE HALL Retired/Shell Oil Refinery Julia's friend



SUNNY SINGH
Founder & CEO
Yours Humanly & Today's Speaker

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS**

# **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S FAREWELL: Countdown**

Three more days and it is official. The new Rotary year will have begun, and I will officially be a PDG. Of course emotions

are running high as I approach this milestone, and I wanted to share a few thoughts.



To the Club Presidents, the wonderful Class of 2019-20, and to the truly extraordinary Assistant Governors who supported them: What a year, huh? I am so proud to be a part of your 2019-20 team. You made this year one for the history books! You accomplished some pretty great things this year, and I was privileged enough to get to witness it. You are an inspiration. I'm so glad I got to meet you and got to work with you. You are in my heart forever.

To Mark Roberts, incoming District Governor: You are going to be a great Governor, and I can't possibly be happier for you. I will be cheering you on from the sidelines; doing everything I can to make your year as Governor a terrific one. May you have even more fun than I did, (and that's saying a lot!) and may you create memories to cherish as much as I cherish mine.

And to all the Rotarians in our District: I really have had a year to treasure. But I did nothing alone. None of it, not one thing was accomplished without your help, your support, your friendship, and your inspiration. You might think I'm talking about the other guy who is reading this, but I'm not. I'm talking about you. Every single thing each of you did in the name of Rotary--in the name of friendship--it all adds up to an incredible year.



Being your District Governor was a gift. But being in Rotary, with you, for many years to come is the best gift of all. I can't wait to see what our future together holds.

Almost-Past District Governor,

Tina

## ONLINE PAYMENTS



**President-Elect Vicki Sexton** is thrilled to announce that all dues, annual dues, Paul Harris funding, and all donations will be made online. Log on to our club website and pay away.

Also, **Treasurer-elect Julia Dawson Aguilar** will be able to assist.



### **COVID-19 TESTING**

The County testing sites are now using the lower nasal swab test because they are more comfortable than the previous swabs. To find a testing site: <u>coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-tested</u> is the website.

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

The **Vitalant Blood Drive** will take place July 13 and 14 at Center Concord. Donor Recruiter **Steve Pignataro** spoke at our meeting on June 11 and explained the history of Vitalant and the scope of what they do. If you have questions, contact Steve at 877 258-4825.







**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/

URGENT: A volunteer is needed to drive the Jaguar from D&H lot to Bob Sundberg's house where he will store it until the event. Contact Mary, Dave, or Bill if you can help.

## PROMO DEMO

**Secretary Fred Nelson** said it looks like we are scheduling a Promo Demo on Saturday, July 25. Don't know yet if it will be at someone's home or if it will be held via zoom. It will be held. Stay tuned.

## CARS 2<sup>ND</sup> CHANCE

**Larry Hutchings** said the committee meets every Monday, and he reported that the Cars 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Food Bank program has generated approximately \$20,000. Only \$80,000 left to collect.



# **HAPPY BUCKS**



MILES BELL is shown here looking down at Forest, and who knows, maybe he may get a cat too. After all, he just got a Chrysler 300 and is immensely happy. He asked Russ Anderson to get him one and, lo and behold, he did. "Thanks, Russ."

**FOREST HUTCHINGS** is thrilled to report that he knew immediately he had found a home the minute **Larry** and **Dennis** walked into the Humane Society where he was waiting patiently to be adopted. We assume the feeling was mutual because here he is living happily at Rossmoor and attending his first zoom meeting.



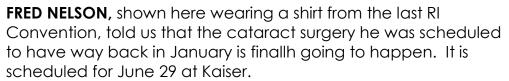
**Larry** also wanted us to know that he attended the first ever Virtual Rotary International Convention. It was all online and he found it very interesting. The sessions were excellent and he has several more to attend—at his leisure, of course.

MONICA FRAGA is happy that she got an appointment to get her hair done, after which she will spend a few weeks in Shasta with her family on a houseboat.

**VICKI SEXTON** is happy to be back driving her Mobility Matters customrs to their doctors. She volunteers for them and due to Covid-19 she could only drive them to grocery stores. Now she feels things may be getting somewhat back to normal.



**JOAN D'ONOFRIO** was happy to announce that her daugher, Susan, is catcing up to her agewise. This Sunday Susan will be celebrating her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

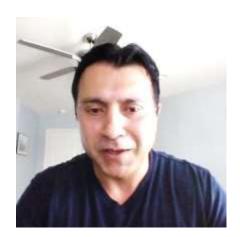




# **TODAY'S SPEAKER**



Program Chair Miles Bell introduced us to Sunny Singh the founder and CEO of Yours Humanly a global organization dedicated to helping children in need receive the education they deserve. Through their work, they are lifting children out of poverty, trafficking, child labor, and other challenging situations. While the programs and resources they provide vary among the countries and cultures in which they work, their focus is on transforming the lives of underprivileged children through education.



Their mission is to empower underprivileged children, in underserved communities around the world, access to educational programs and resources and pathways to better, brighter futures; In other words, a world where all children have an equal opportunity to receive a quality education.

A 2020 Jefferson Award winner, Sunny was born in India and immediately after his birth, it was clear that his biological parents could not take care of him. Fortunately, he was adopted by a family who gave him a safe home, an education, and a chance to live a healthy, free, and productive life.



"As far back as I can remember," Sunny said, "I saw poverty all around me, and I saw the effects of poverty. I could have been one of those children begging for food for the rest of my days, but my life was turned around with a family, a support system, and the gift of education. An education gives children a chance in life through opportunities, pathways to better brighter futures, and above all it breaks the cycle of poverty."



Though he now lives in the United States, those images of the children on the streets of India have never left his thoughts or his heart.

"It is my life's mission to help as many children worldwide get a fair chance in life and receive the education they deserve. I am an advocate for all children everywhere and the work we do on behalf of children is my way of giving back."

## **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.

# THE GALLERY

From the lens of Clayton Worsdell



# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

# **QUIZ FOR MY VERY BRIGHT FRIENDS**

Submitted by Rich Lueck

This is a quiz for people who know everything! I found out in a hurry that I didn't. These are not trick questions. They are straight questions with straight answers.

- 1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
- 2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
- 3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
- 4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
- 5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
- 6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.
- 7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
- 8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
- 9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

### Answers To Quiz

- 1. The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends: **Boxing**.
- 2. North American landmark constantly moving backward: Niagara Falls The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.
- 3. Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: *Asparagus and rhubarb*.
- 4. The fruit with its seeds on the outside: **Strawberry**.
- 5. How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle: It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.
- 6. Three English words beginning with dw: **Dwarf**, **dwell and dwindle**.
- 7. Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar: *Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses.*
- 8. The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh: *Lettuce*.
- 9. Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with 'S': **Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.**

