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IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

8/11 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
TBA Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
Zoom



ON HIS WAY TO BECOMING AN EAGLE SCOUT



Today's Speaker, **Mathew Ware**, is on his way to becoming an **Eagle Scout**, the highest **achievement** or rank attainable in the **Boy Scouts of America**. The Eagle Scout rank has been earned by over 2.5 million youth since its inception in 1911. Scouts earn this rank after a lengthy review process. Only after earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating or completing an extensive service project do they plan, organize, lead, manage, and fundraise if necessary. Mathew decided to design and build a new Ticket Booth to be used at Concord High School's sports field to replace the one that burned down.

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“Will the Virtual Meeting Please Come to Order.”

President Vicki Sexton called her second zoom meeting to order. One of these days we will be back at Oakhurst, but until then, please join us online.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Vicki Sexton

“I've learned that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did, but
people will never forget how you made them feel.”
— Maya Angelou

A ROTARY MINUTE: Clayton Worsdell presented the first of 40 readings that outline the history of Rotary. Each presentation will be one minute long and take place over the next 39 weeks.



TODAY'S GUEST



MARK ROBERTS
5160 District Governor
The Governor will be the guest speaker at our Thursday, August 27th meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Fred Nelson made a motion to make **Chris Ruzicka** an Honorary Member of our club. Joan D'Onofrio seconded the motion, and a vote was taken. It was unanimous and Chris is now an Honorary Member. He contributed significantly to the Club specifically and Rotary International in general. He has been a member of our Club since 1999, was President in 2018-2019, served on the Charitable Fund for many years, and is a Paul Harris Fellow.



PROMO DEMO

Secretary Fred Nelson announced that the Promo Demo event will be held on Saturday, July 25, at 4 pm. It will be a virtual celebration, so get your zoom skills up to par. Fred said to contact former members, especially those who don't come to the weekly zoom meetings and get them involved. This is a family event so make sure your family is on hand. Goodbye Julia, hello Vicki



OKAY, EVERYBODY, PIN UP OR PAY UP

SAA Bob Sundberg decided to pull a fast one and asked everyone in attendance to show their Rotary pins. Obviously, no one was wearing one, so Bob raked in some serious fines. It was just like the good old days at Oakhurst.

\$O HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ANNUAL DUES\$—YET?



Hey Dudes, it's time to pay up. Surely you all know that another year has gone by and it is Annual Dues Time. If you have already submitted your \$200, thanks. For those of you who haven't, here's all you have to do:

To pay by check: mail your payment to Clayton Valley Rotary PO Box 4, Clayton, CA 94517. Sure that requires an envelope and a stamp, so here's an easier way.

To pay by credit card: get our website www.claytonvalleyrotary.org up on your computer screen, then go to the upper left hand corner and click on the word 'Payment' and you can then enter your credit card information.

Treasurer Julia Dawson Aguilar will be nagging those of you who still haven't paid, next time and it's not gonna be Mr. Nice Guy anymore.



HOW ABOUT THIS FOR A FANTASTIC IDEA



Vocational Services Director Irene Davids-Blair had a great idea. She suggested that since we have not been paying the breakfast fees at Oakhurst and saving gobs of money, it would be a great idea if we could donate \$25 to PolioPlus or Paul Harris or just to the Charitable Fund. Contributions could be four times a year (assuming we will still be on zoom). Talk to **Treasurer Julia Dawson Aguilar** and she will have more information about this suggestion.

ZOOM TIPS AND MANNERS

President Vicki Sexton thought it might be helpful to list a few rules to maximize good Zoom manners during our meetings:

- If you want to speak, physically raise your hand.
- Be sure to mute your mic (lower-left corner of your screen) as soon as you sign on and whenever you are *not* speaking.
- Consider muting your video (also on the lower left of the screen) if you are eating, scratching, talking with someone else in the room or doing anything else that might be distracting to others.
- You can ask questions and make comments silently, if desired, by using the “Chat” feature on the bottom and center of your screen.
- Be mindful of your background lighting. If you are sitting in front of a window, you may be completely darkened by the light coming through the window.
- Stay in place as moving around the room is distracting to the group.



IT REALLY ISN'T FUNNY—WEAR A MASK



"I told him as an expert in the field I strongly recommend wearing it, but he just kept bringing up his 'rights.'"



CARS 2ND CHANCE REPORT

Larry Hutchings and **Mary Kemnitz** reported that we have almost reached the \$25,000 mark for the Food Bank donations that included a \$4,000 car sale just yesterday.

The Joint Committee of our club and Lamorinda Sunrise is working hard on marketing. **Rich Lueck** updated the contact information list for all 50+ partner organizations and appears below. A Lamorinda member has volunteered to help Dave research car values and post the cars for sale on social media. The committee is reaching out to the partners to promote their organizations through our social media initiative, and to celebrate and thank them on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter when they bring in a donation. When you see our Facebook posts, don't forget to "Like" the post and share with your friends!

Larry asked all members to think of contacts and relationships you may have with other non-profits and let us know if they might be an organization that needs to fundraise. We can then contact them and make a presentation about the benefits of our partner program. This includes organizations you have championed in the past for donations by our Charitable Fund. We need to remind them that not only is it an easy way for them to fundraise, but it is a big source of the money we have donated to them.

Alhambra High School	Karen Sloper	
Automotive Service Councils	Gloria Peterson	Admin
Bay Area Crisis Nursery	Tara Bartholomew	Executive Director
Blue Star Moms Contra Costa	Loretta Masnada	
Buttercup Farms Organization	Jorie Hanson	Manager
California Reentry Institute	Collette Carroll	Executive Director
California Vocations/Paradise	Bob Irving	Director
CCRIM Real Estate in Motion	Ryan Keller	CEO
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation	Derek Aitken, Esq.	
CVCHS # ROTARY Interact	Monica Fraga	
Delta Blues Festival Scholarship Fund	Frank Giovanni	
Diablo Choral Artists	Mark Tuning	
Dogs and Katz Rescue	Kathleen Stercks	
First Presbyterian Church	Clayton Worsdell	
Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties	Joel Sjostrom	CEO
Highlands Elementary	David Swider	President
HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONCORD	Vivian Boyd	
Historical Society Contra Costa	John Greitzer	President
Mobility Matters	Elaine Welch	
Monument Crisis Center	Sandra Scherer	Executive Director
Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club MDARC	Rich Lueck	Admin
North Creek Academy	Erin James	
Oakland Ritecare Childhood Language	Nan Busse	
POA Emergency Fund Concord	Ron Bruckert	President
RotaCare Concord	MELISSA ALLAN NP	Chair Rotacare
Solo Opera – San Frisco	Sylvia Amorino	
St. John's Episcopal Clayton	Rev. Audrey Miskelley	Vicar
St. Agnes School	Jill Lucia	Principal
Veteran's Affordable Home Ownership	Jim Etherington	President
White Elephant Woman's Museum Board	Lori Fogarty	Director & CEO
White Pony Express	Eve Birge	Executive Director
YGNACIO VALLEY MUSIC BOOSTERS	Music Boosters	Clarice Adams

HAPPY/GRUMPY BUCKS



JOAN D'ONOFRIO is happy that her 24-year-old grandson passed his driving test. Four months ago he made an appointment for the road test, but the only one he could get in the year 2020 was in Tracy. Sadly, adding insurance premiums to the mix was a bummer.



MONICA FRAGA said that she is so happy Tommy Wolf cured her Vertigo just in time for her to go on vacation that she donated \$100 to Tommy's Paul Harris.



BOB SUNDBERG wanted us to know that Frank Westphall was exposed to Covid-19 and is waiting to see what happens. So far, no news is good news.

KEN NISHIMORI was not at all happy that his air conditioner stopped working. Seems the motor burned out and parts had to be replaced. He was told that parts would have to be ordered and will arrive on Monday. Sure enough Monday came, but only one part

was in the delivery. The other one would arrive the next day. Well it did, and all is well in the Nishimori household.



RICH LUECK reported that when Pam got news she had to take the written test, there was much concern because she thought she may have missed the deadline. Happily she found out that the DMV extended the test deadline.



BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER had good news when her AC broke down. Found out the problem was just the starter and only cost \$400 to replace. However, a stitch was left in her rotator cuff and she now has to go back to have it removed. Stitch removal, by the way, is painful so good luck Barb.

MATHEW WARE is way happy as one of our members pledged \$100 to his Ticket Booth project after he gave his presentation.



TODAY'S SPEAKER



Today's speaker is **Mathew Ware** a recent graduate of Concord High School class of 2020. He is also a Boy Scout in Troop 370 and a candidate to become an Eagle Scout.

As a student at Concord,

Mathew was Captain of his

School's Varsity Water Polo team, won Concord's High Academic Letter Award, and maintained a 4.17 GPA for all seven semesters. For all 13 years he was in school—starting with kindergarten—he never missed a day. He had perfect attendance. While he was pursuing his scouting duties, Mathew was able to work as a lifeguard at Forest Park and Springwood Swim Club.

This fall, he will attend the University of California at San Diego where he will pursue a degree on his way to becoming a data analyst.



The Eagle Scout Project:

For his Eagle Scout Project, he plans on building a Ticket Booth at Concord High School by August 15, 2020. The original Ticket Booth was burned down by vandals. The booth will benefit Concord High School's Athletics Program. The previous ticket booth had a life span of over 14 years.

The project Costs for the Concord High School Ticket Booth:

The anticipated project cost is \$3,500. The Concord High Athletic Boosters will fund \$1,000 of the costs which will leave a project short fall of \$2,500. He is seeking emergency fundraising of \$2,500 from local philanthropic groups. Mathew even included cost for pizza to feed to the students and adults who will help him during the building stage.

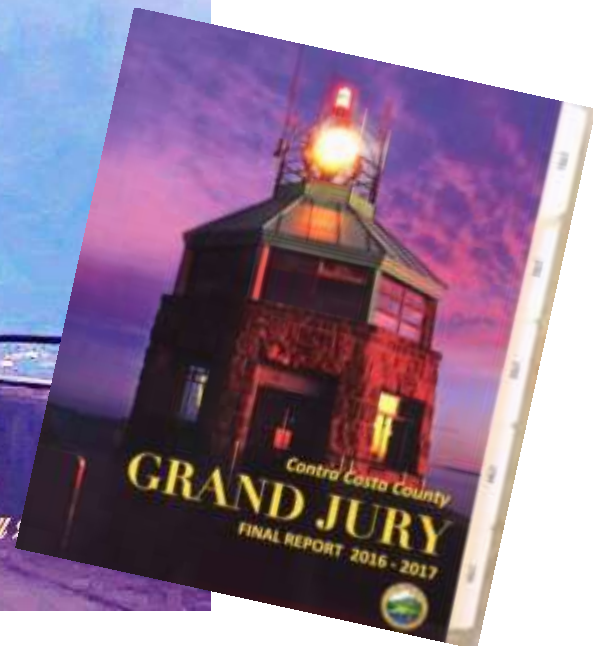
If you want to help Mathew earn his Eagle Scout status, please make a donation to his project. To donate money, here is his address: 3852 Palmwood Drive, Concord, CA 94521. If you have tools to donate give him a call (925) 808-8066. Email: mathewware827@gmail.com.

LITERACY PROGRAM

A book will be donated in **Mathew Ware's** honor to the Clayton Public Library as soon as the Pandemic is over and he has an opportunity to sign it.

THE GALLERY

July is the month that the "Contra Costa County Grand Jury Final Report 2016-2017" issued their annual publication. It is the third anniversary of the publication and just so happens that the book designer used a photo of "The Beacon" taken by **Clayton Worsdell** to create the cover.



...and here is another very interesting photo that Clayton took.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



SILVER SURFERS

As we **Silver** Surfers know, sometimes we have trouble with our computers.

I had a problem yesterday, so I called Eric, the 11-year-old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control and asked him to come over.

Eric sat in front of my computer, clicked a couple of buttons, and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?"

He replied, "It was an ID ten T error."

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless enquired. He said it was An ID ten T error. "

"What's that," I said "in case I need to fix it again."

Eric grinned. "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before"?

"No," I replied.

"Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out."

So I wrote down: **ID10T**



QUICKIES

- What happens if you are scared half to death twice?
- Why do psychics have to ask your name?
- How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?

THE OLDEST PROFESSION

A doctor, an architect, and a computer scientist were arguing about whose profession was the oldest. In the course of their arguments, they went all the way back to the Garden of Eden.

The doctor said, "The medical profession is clearly the oldest because Eve was made from Adam's rib, as the story goes, and that was an incredible surgical feat."

The architect did not agree. He said, "But if you look at the Garden itself, in the beginning there was chaos and void, and out of that, the Garden and the world were created. So God must have been an architect."

The computer scientist, who had listened to all of this said, "Yes, but where do you think the chaos came from?"

. . . That's All Folks