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PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS ALL IN

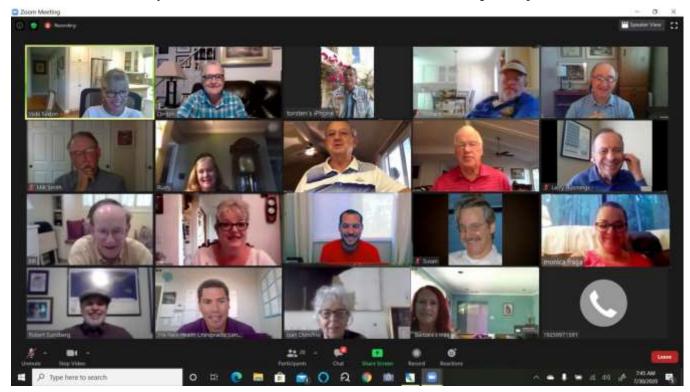


Thanks to his dedication to Rotary, the late **John Wolfe** supported his wife Carol, son Bruce, and daughter Wendy, by donating funds to the Paul Harris Fellowship in their honor. It was announced at the PromoDemo event on Saturday that Analiese and Ariella, their granddaughters, are now also Paul Harris Fellows as Carol took up the mantel and made the proper donation.

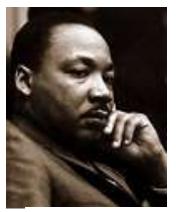
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"Will the Virtual Meeting Please Come to Order"

President Vicki Sexton called her first **Club Assembly** and fourth (18th actually) 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: Torsten Jacobsen



"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right."

--Martin Luther King Jr.



MILT SMITH Assistant District Governor

TODAY'S GUEST

CLUB ASSEMBLY & NEWS

PAUL HARRIS REPORT



Rotary Foundation Director Ken Nishimori got the meeting started by announcing that he will personaly deliver the pins that Clayton Worsdell and Jeff Rondini received last week. He then awarded Paul Harris +2 to **Youth Services Director Monica Fraga** and Paul Harris +2 to **Webmaster John Wenzel** both of whom are Rotary Direct Contributors, and he will deliver their pins, too.



Ken went on to outline his goals for the coming year by stating, "Every Rotaran, Every Year," and discussed how he would like every Rotarian to make at least a \$40 contribution to their Paul Harris fund, or they could contribute at least \$25 four times a year. He is aiming for 100% contributions and participation.

Ken will also begin emailing statements that will contian all the information regarding your Paul Harris Fellow account, and he will include instructions on how you can make credit card contributions online.You can also snail-mail a check to PO Box 4, Clayton CA 94517.



Discussion ensued on suggestions as to how to inspire members to donate to the Paul Harris program. Here are a fews ideas:

- pass the hat at meetings
- get a new member to donate immediately
- recognize members of the community
- donate recognition points to family members and friends
- recognize specific speakers
- raffle where 90% goes to PH

KEN SHOWING THE PH STATEMENT & ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Director Tommy Wolf is working on bringing back the energy and making the cllub attractive again. Lively discussion ensued and here are some of the suggestions:

- get the fundraising going
- have 59 minute meetings
- find out what appeals to millennials
- ask guests why they didn't return after their first guest visit
- eliminate the opening rituals and vary the meeting times
- survey current members and find out why they aren't attending meetings
- what happened to corporate memberships



THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Bill & Monica Show

President Vicki Sexton created a new committee. No, it is not really the Bill and Monica Show, it is a committee soley set up to raise money and called **The Fundraising Committee.** They would love it if you would funnell ideas to them and help them once a project gets going. Come on let's follow Tommy's suggestion to "bring back the enegy" and make this a fun club agin.



Here in Bill Selb's own words:

Greeting Fellow Rotarians,



Since I had no Pancake Breakfast and Monica has no High School youth to oversee, we were

persuaded by Vicki to take on the new Fundraising Committee. At this Zoom meeting, we discussed how we might proceed given the Covid-19 restrictions regarding group gatherings and the continuing Shelter in Place.

As you know, successful fundraisers are those that get most of their contributions from OPM (Other People's Money). The best example of that is the Cars 2nd Chance program. Over the years we enjoyed fundraising events that were fun and we raised money. Remember all the auctions, golf tournaments, raffles? Some might remember years ago when the call went out to turn in recycled televisions and computers that Johnny Morgan set us up at the Pavilion to do this for a couple of days. Cars were lined up from the Pavilion to Clayton Road.

What about the Harlem Globetrotters type team that put on an exhibition at a high school gym. We did this for two years and had a lot of laughs and fun along with earning some money for the club. The May edition (p, 12) of the Rotarian Magazine features a document-shredding fundraiser. They are a hit with the community and it raises awareness of Rotary.

Now we need ideas about what we can do from the comfort of our homes. Vicki mentioned that Richard said we might contact an auctioneer, who would be able to arrange an on-line auction. It's also been suggested that we might do a virtual 5K walk or run. And how about have a virtual garage sale. Just put your junk online and the winning bidder comes to your house, picks up the item, pays, of course, and the money is turned over to the club. We would appreciate your ideas and once we decide what we want to do we of course need everyone's participation.

CARS 2ND CHANCE: Mary & Larry Reporting



International Services Director Larry Hutchings said that the Cars 2nd Chance Foodbank project began in mid-May, and they are ready to present them with a \$25,000 check. How incredible is that?

Mary Kemnitz reported that to date we have received close to 40 vehicles and two motorcycles. The donated vehicles have generated over \$30,000, and we have 15 to 20 vehicles still awaiting sale. Mary will let everyone know when a date for the presentation to the Food Bank has been set.

What Mary and Larry didn't tell you is the staggering amount of work that goes into processing, dealing with the DMV, upkeep, and bookkeeping chores go into this operation. So let those cars keep coming, and if anyone wants to help Mary with some of the clerical issues, let her know



PARTNER LIST

Rich Lueck wants us all to contact the organizatons below and see if we can convince them to parter with us to do some fundraisng, both for them and us and make some really happy bucks.

	PARTNER	CONTACT	TITLE	PHONE
	Alhambra High School	Karen Sloper		925-335-5810
Mary Kemnitz	AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE COUNCILS	Gloria Peterson	Admin	916-290-5828
	Bay Area Crisis Nursery	Tara Bartholomew	Director	925-685-8052
	Blue Star Moms Contra Costa	Loretta Masnada		925-775-5084
	Buttercup Farms Organization	Jorie Hanson	Manager	925-963-4104
	California Reentry Institute	Collette Carroll,	Director	925-549-1416
	CALIFORNIA VOCATIONS/PARADISE	Bob Irving	Director	530-519-4146
	CCRIM Real Estate in Motion	Ryan Keller	CEO	925-295-9223
	Crohn's & Colitis Foundation	Derek Aitken, Esq		415-356-2232
Monica Fraga	CVCHS # ROTARY Interact	Monica Fraga		925-672-9840
Richard Lueck	Delta Blues Festival Scholarships	Frank Giovanni		209-603-7240
	DIABLO CHORAL ARTISTS	Mark Tuning		925-930-0516
	Dogs and Katz Rescue	Kathleen Stercks		925-852-1217
Clayton Worsdell	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONCORD	Clayton Worsdell		925-207-2509
	Food Bank CC & Solano Counties	Joel Sjostrom	CEO	925-676-7543
	Highlands Elementary	David Swider	President	925-672-5252
	HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONCORD	Vivian Boyd		925-827-3380
	Historical Society Contra Costa	John Greitzer	President	925-229-1042
Vicky Sexton	MOBILITY MATTERS	Elaine Welch		925.284.2207
	MONUMENT CRISIS Center	Sandra Scherer	Director	925-222-6868
Richard Lueck	Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club MDARC	Rich Lueck	Admin	925-683-7865
	North Creek Academy	Erin James		925-954-6300
	OAKLAND RITECARE CHILDHOOD CENTER	Nan Busse		<u>510-839-1513</u>
	POA EMERGENCY FUND CONCORD	Ron Bruckert	President	925-676-8298
Richard Lueck	RotaCare Concord	MELISSA ALLAN NP	Chair	925-429-6409
	Solo Opera – San Francisco	Sylvia Amorino		925-685-4945
	ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL Clayton	Rev. Audrey Miskelley	Vicar	925-672-8855
	St. Agnes School	Jill Lucia	Principal	925-689-3990
	Veteran's Affordable Home Ownership	Jim Etherington	President	530-662-2237
Mary Kemnitz	White Elephant Woman's Museum Board	Lori Fogarty	Director	510-839-5919
Mary Kemnitz	White Pony Express	Eve Birge	Director	925-322-0604
	YGNACIO VALLEY MUSIC BOOSTERS	Clarice Adams		925-685-8414

HAPPY/GRUMPY BUCKS

WHO IS THAT MASKED MAN?

Why it is none other than **RICH LUECK** on his way to the Monument Crises Center to deliver a trunkload of Pluots that he actually picked, one-by-one, from the trees in his backyard. Just what are Pluots, you ask? Why Pluots are a complex hybrid between the Japanese plum and the apricot developed in the late 20th century.



MILES BELL thanked Julia for the nice gifts she delivred to her Board of Directors. RICH LUECK is happy that PromoDemo is over. We made sure he knew that he did a fabulous job. BILL SELB said he is happy that the Pancake Breakfast is over. Huh? LOL

\$0 HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ANNUAL DUE\$-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.

It was suggested that since we have not been paying the monthly \$75 breakfast fees at Oakhurst and thereby 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 quarterly. 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

- If you want to speak, physically raise your hand.
- Mute your mic (lower-left corner of screen) whenever you are not speaking.
- You can ask questions and make comments silently, if desired, by using the "Chat" feature
- 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.





VIRTUAL PROMODEMO

President Vicki Sexton called the PromoDemo event to order and called for the Pledge, followed by a rousing chorus of "America the Beautiful," and group recitation of The Four-Way Test.

A Julia please lead us A Oh, beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea. **Event Speaker, Rich Lueck**, compiled a list of our club's accomplishments and fulfillment of activates in our country and others around the world. His presentation included photos taken by **Clayton Worsdell** that included members who were involved in some or all of the programs.

Here are the accomplishments we performed during the year:



•Pancake Breakfast that generated \$7,000

- "It All Adds Up"
- •Cruise on the Delta
- •End Polio Now: 2.5 billion kids were vaccinated and it is ongoing
- Adopt- a- Street
- •The Home Team
- •Chrome book donation
- •WASH program
- •Halloween party
- •Computers in Uganda: raised \$30 thousand from the clubs plus \$3,000 for expensed and \$700 for birth control program donated by Torsten Jacobsen

•Following good deeds to our Twin Club San Felipe

Medical Clinic in San Felipe

Wheelchairs delivered to SF by Rich and Pam

Donation to the Cancer Clinic

Annual Scholarship Program

Essay contest

Art Contest

•Turkey drive for Monument Crisis Center

•Cars 2nd Chance income

•Cars 4 Charity: donated 68 cars to victims of Paradise Fire with a value of \$191 thousand

- •Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- •Rotary plaque that hangs in the lobby of the Oakhurst Country Club
- •Monument Crisis Center: we donated \$5,000 for food

•Food Bank: Bob Hooy raised \$2,705, one-thousand of which, was donated by our Charitable Fund •Blue Medal were awarded

•Art competitions and awards of achievement in local Mt. Diablo District high schools

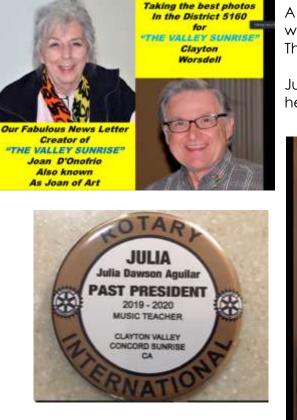
Art scholarships awarded

Wow, did we really accomplish all that? Unbelievable. The only downside, unfortunately, was not holding the Pancake Breakfast due to the coronavirus. But we are, in fact, still holding regular Thursday morning meetings thanks to zoom and our member's dedication to Rotary and all we do for people around the world.

Outgoing **President Julia Dawson Aguilar** concluded the event by announcing all the members and their specific contributions to the club over the past year. Julia also provided gift bags filled with fun items to show her gratitude to her Board. And a PromoDemo would not be complete without the announcement of Rotarian of the Year. This year it went to **Joan D'Onofrio** the editor of this newsletter. Joan is shown here—sans grey hair—with the beautiful crystal globe she was awarded.







A few weeks earlier our newsletter, The Valley Sunrise, won the District's Best Newsletter of the Year award. They were up against 72 clubs.

Julia was presented with this lovely plaque as thanks for her service, and she earned her Past President pin.



Now it is time to open new opportunities to the future term with Vicki Sexton







Zooming into the New Rotary Year with Viki





This marked the end of the 2019 - 2020 Rotary term. Not bad for a season where we endured the last few months in quarantine.

PRESIDENTS & ROTARIANS OF THE YEAR

2019-2020 Julia Dawson - Joan D'Onofrio 2018-2019 Chris Ruzicka* - John Wenzel, Renee Rushworth 2017-2018 Tommy Wolf - Mary Kemnitz 2016-2017 Clayton Worsdell - Rich Lueck, Frank Westphall 2015-2016 Dave Kemnitz* - John Wolf 2014-2015 Irene Davids-Blair - Monica Fraga, Julia Aguilar, Ken Nishimori 2013-2014 Bill Fuller* - Dave Kemnitz 2012-2013 Mureleen Benton* - Clayton Worsdell 2011-2012 Bob Sundberg - Irene Davids-Blair 2010-2011 Ken Nishimori - Fred Nelson 2009-2010 Barbara Reifschneider - Dave Kemnitz 2008-2009 Bob Hooy - Torsten Jacobsen 2007-2008 Louie LeLaurin * - Rich Lueck, Fred Nelson 2006-2007 Mark Deven* - Barbara Reifschneider, George Brown 2005-2006 Warren Taylor – Chuck Graham** 2004-2005 Al Martin* - Johnny Morgan 2003-2004 Troy Petty* - Rich Lueck 2002-2003 Richard Bailey* - Ken Nishimori 2001-2002 Rich Lueck - Rich Bailey 2000-2001 Bob Roman** - Mureleen Benton 1999-2000 Bill Selb - Larry Hutchings **1998-1999 Larry Hutchings - Chuck Jordan** 1997-1998 Jim Brown* - Rick "Zoomie" Hanson 1996-1997 Art Kroeger - John Wolfe** 1995-1996 Chuck Graham - Jim Brown** 1994-1995 Kelly Crane* - Al Martin 1993-1994 Fred Nelson - Bill Hooy 1992-1993 Jim Swanson - Kelly Crane** 1991-1992 Chuck Jordan - James Swanson** 1990-1991 Ben Wentling - Don Ouimet 1989-1990 Bill McManigal* - Bill Selb 1988-1989 Paul Lyons* - Fred Nelson 1987-1988 Ron Orlebeke* - Paul Kennedy **Deceased *No longer a member

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

PARKING SPOT

A woman was driving down the street in a sweat because she had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking space.

Looking up toward heaven, she said, "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I'll go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up drinking wine."

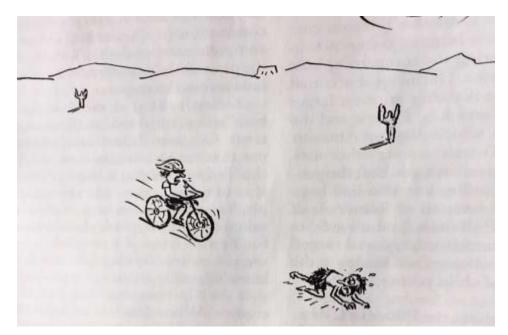
Miraculously, a parking space opened up right in front of her destination.

The woman looked up to heaven and said, "Never mind, Lord; I found one on my own."

PUNS

On an electrician's truck: "let us remove your shorts"

At a tires shop in Milwaukee: "Invite us to your next blowout".



"Hey dude, you're in the bike lane."

... That's All Folks

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