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



# PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS ALL IN THE FAMILY



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 **Analiene** and **Ariella**, their granddaughters, are now also Paul Harris Fellows as Carol took up the mantle and made the proper donation.

# **“Will the Virtual Meeting Please Come to Order”**

**President Vicki Sexton** called her first **Club Assembly** and fourth (18<sup>th</sup> 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 personally 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 Rotarian, 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 contain 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 few 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 club 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 solely set up to raise money and called **The Fundraising Committee**. They would love it if you would funnel ideas to them and help them once a project gets going. Come on let's follow Tommy's suggestion to "bring back the energy" and make this a fun club again.



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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>ND</sup> CHANCE: Mary & Larry Reporting



**International Services Director Larry Hutchings** said that the Cars 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 organizations below and see if we can convince them to partner with us to do some fundraising, both for them and us and make some really happy bucks.

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

# 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 trunk-load 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 delivered 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



# \$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](http://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.

♪ Julia please lead us ♪  
**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**



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

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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*