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IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

2/9/21 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
2/8/21 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
Zoom



CONNECTING THE WORLD THROUGH ART IN THE PHILIPPINES



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST ART STUDENTS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

We will soon be working with students from the city of San Pedro, Laguna and the Rotary Club of Metro San Pedro's Youth Chair who is in charge of their Interact Club. They suggested the theme for the students to draw is "Rotary Opens Opportunities in the Time of the Pandemic." We will be working out rules and regulations and timelines. Notice how young the students are.

“Will the meeting please come to order.”



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Bill Selb

“All friends begin as strangers.”
—from a Panda Express Fortune Cookie

TODAY'S GUEST



DEB LUYIIMA
International Services Director
Rotary Club of Muyenga Uganda

A ROTARY MINUTE

Clayton Worsdell Brings You
The History of Rotary in 40 Minutes—One Minute at a Time

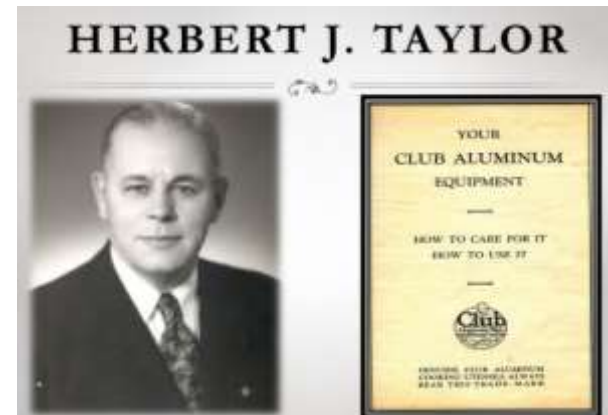
History of The 4-Way Test

The year is 1932 and the US is in the throes of the Great Depression. Chicago Rotarian, Herbert J. Taylor, has just become president of Club Aluminum in Chicago with its 250 employees and \$400,000 in debt (\$4.3M in today's dollars).



Taylor, a deeply religious man, felt that Club Aluminium needed some sort of ethical yardstick that everybody in the company could memorize and apply to what they thought,

said, and did in their relations with others. One morning he put his head in his hands and searched, as he had done for months, to find the right words. Eventually he reached for a white paper card and wrote the twenty-four words that would guide the future of his company.



Please stay seated and say it with me...

First - Is it the *Truth*?

Second - Is it *Fair* to all concerned?

Third - Will it build *Goodwill* and *Better Friendships*?

Fourth - Will it be *Beneficial* to all concerned?

Club Aluminum flourished and paid all of its debts. And in 1939 when Taylor became president of the Rotary Club of Chicago he shared his 4-Way Test with his fellow Rotarians. No surprise, they immediately made it their own and in 1943 the 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary International.



Thank you. This has been the 23rd minute of the History of Rotary in about (about) 40

LET'S GET THINGS STARTED

TODAY'S SPEAKER: John Wenzel

John Wenzel needed no introduction. John has been a member of our club for almost seven years and serves as our Webmaster. He is a Charitable Fund Board member, was our treasurer for many years, a newsletter photographer, and was instrumental in the success of the Nsawo Computer Lab program.

As CFO and Co-Founder of Archvest Wealth Advisors, John gave us a brilliant presentation. John told us that when he came into the financial field over 14-years-ago, he was struck with the conviction that individuals should be able to receive professional advice at a reasonable cost. The financial planning field is riddled with advisors who do not clearly serve their clients' best interests. As such, John came into this field to make a change to the clients he works with. He highlighted the four pillars of planning that his firm provides: planning, estates, taxes, and insurance.

John pointed out that their client's financial goals are unique. Fortunately, so is their approach. They start by working together to develop a personalized investment plan then monitor and update it. They keep clients informed from the start about the risks and potential reward. The strategies they embrace are grounded in long-term economic truths, adjusted for today's markets, and their individual circumstances. John said, *"In our fiduciary obligation, we put you first by limiting the number of clients we serve. That way, we're available when you need us to listen, plan, guide, and even celebrate."*

If you want to contact John give him a call: 925 215-5600 ext. 103. john@archvestwa.com



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

John Wenzel, CFO and Co-Founder of Archvest Wealth Advisors, demonstrates his passion for financial planning via his commitment to serve each of the company's clients. Prior to Archvest, John worked as a Financial Advisor at a Registered Investment Advisory firm. He is a Registered Advisor through the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (NAPFA), an association exclusive to fee-only firms. He has also attained his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification, served on the NAPFA West Region board, and serves on the Board for the organization called Hope 680, which focuses on providing help and support to the homeless in the 680 corridor. John is married to his high school sweetheart, Kristyn. Together, they have two daughters, Emily and Elyse, and a son, Ian. He is actively involved in his local church and enjoys photography, mountain biking, and golf when given the opportunity.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MILESTONE



CHEERS
TO 70
YEARS

President Vicki Sexton announced that **SHE** is celebrated a birthday on Saturday, the 23rd and, man, is she happy. Even though she has left the '60s and moved into the '70s column, she is thrilled as you can see in this photo captured by Clayton Worsdell's camera. Besides spending the day with her family on a special birthday hike, John has a surprise for her that we will find out about next Thursday.

Vicki was a member of the Brentwood Club many years ago where she served on the Community Services program and worked on the dictionary project which she did with joy. She came to our Club in August of 2017 and has racked up 11-years of service. Vicki is and has been a very active woman as evident in her voluntary endeavors. Aside of serving as our Club treasurer, she has been knee deep in running our Club as President during this horrendous pandemic. She takes us through our virtual meetings every Thursday and has never skipped a beat while also driving seniors to doctor appointments and working at the American Cancer Society Discovery Store.



CHARITABLE FUND DONATIONS

John Wenzel, member of the Board of the Charitable Fund announced the results of the applications for donations to very worthy causes; **Bob Huck** will receive \$2,000 for the Mt. Diablo Unified School Districts fourth through eighth grade STEAM program. The cancer center will receive \$5,000.

Joan D'Onofrio's Michelangelo D'Onofrio Arts Foundation will receive \$2,000 for art programs both locally and internationally.



CARS 2ND CHANCE



Mary Kemnitz reported that Copart gave them a check for \$7,500, and all but one of the cars on the lot has been sold. Special thanks to **Bill Arena**, an excellent writer, is in charge of marketing. **Russ Anderson** provides invaluable help and advice. We have two new partners: Shelter Inc. and Golden Gate Chamber Players both of whom have large mailing lists and will get the word out regarding the program.



Food Bank: We are close to hitting another \$25,000 they will be donating to the Food Bank making it a total of \$75,000 that we would have donated.

As part of our social media campaign, **Rich Lueck** Members need to go on Facebook and "like" Cars2chance posts as it will increase traffic on Facebook. He said, *"People need to see something 10 times before they remember it. That's why ads repeat so often."*

CONNECTING THE WORLD THROUGH ART PROJECTS



Joan D'Onofrio and **Tineke Jacobsen** reported that their international art contests are growing. Tineke is working with a Rotary Club in Peru and the Metro San Pedro in the Philippines is setting up to begin their project now with the youngest students to date. (See first page)

Katie Nolan, the Chair of the Art Department at Clayton Valley High School, submitted ten 'My Hero' portraits that are awesome. We will send the work to everyone for winner selection.

Tineke met with **Tina Sweeney** of the San Felipe Rotary Club to give them \$200 so they can replenish their art supplies. It was donated by Joan's Michelangelo D'Onofrio Arts Foundation. It was very convenient that Torsten and Tineke were in Mexico at this time so we were able to save wire transfer fees.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

Director Ken Nishimori reported that February 20th is Rotary Foundation Day and we will celebrate enthusiastically.



HAPPY/GRUMPY BUCKS

Compiled by Director Barbara Reifschneider

What a wonderful meeting we had today thanks to John Wenzel's presentation and the input of all our members. So let's get started.



TORSTEN JACOBSEN gave \$50 happy bucks this morning because he was happy to be in Baja even though it rained quite a bit. While they were there, he and Tineke checked out the cancer center in San Felipe to see how things are going. Torsten got vaccinated at Encana at the local vet office but thinks it was for distemper. Torsten said, *"I'm glad that the vitriol due to the election is over, and, as my grandfather taught me, you don't make yourself bigger by making others smaller."*



VICKI SEXTON gave a happy buck in honor of her 70th birthday. She's also happy that she will be getting her Covid vaccination today in San Pablo. Vicki gets it earlier than most because she has an essential job as a volunteer for Mobility Matters that drives the elderly to doctor appointments and other errand.



TOMMY WOLF gave a happy buck because he was happy about having a good time with family in Oroville where they celebrated Xmas with his family. Only difference here is that they had to take down the Xmas tree instead of putting it up. He is also detoxing with his lovely wife, Vanessa, and they reached day three, not a good place to be.



BILL SELB was a bit grumpy today because Kaiser Permanente gave him and Emily a hard time setting up an appointment so he gave \$5 grumpy bucks.. Apparently he was not able to get his Covid vaccine and had to navigate through the whole system but eventually got an appointment in Pleasant Hill on Monday.

THE RAFFLE



President Vicki filled in for Monica and drew **Rich Lueck's** name. Rich didn't want anything other than peace of mind. Since we don't have such a prize, he donated what we would have spent on a prize back to the club.



If you attend the zoom meetings, your name is put into the drawing. New prizes will be added, BUT you have to be in it to win it and must be present to qualify. Let's face it, Zoom meetings will be around a lot longer, so keep in touch by logging on.

You gotta be in it to win it.



All you have to do is show up for a zoom meeting.

THE GALLERY

Bo Morse, from Australia, took this lovely photo.



From
Torsten
Jacobsen's
garden.

And this from Clayton Worsdell
who says you can even see
Venus in this photograph.



Amazing.

ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING ...

**I just saw a Facebook status...
Lonely man seeks wife...
He got 265 replies.
All of them said:
“You can have mine.”**

A TEXAN GOES ON VACATION

A Texan farmer goes to Australia for a vacation. There he meets an Aussie farmer and gets talking.

The Aussie shows off his big wheat field and the Texan says, “Oh! We have wheat fields that are at least twice as large.”

Then they walk around the ranch a little and the Aussie shows off his herd of cattle. The Texan immediately says, “We have longhorns that are at least twice as large as your cows.”

The conversation has, meanwhile, almost died when the Texan sees a herd of kangaroos hopping through the field. He asks, “And what are those”?

The Aussie asks with an incredulous look, “Don’t you have any grasshoppers in Texas”?

AMERICAN SENIORS

Groups of American seniors were traveling by tour bus through Holland.

As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goat’s milk was used in some of the cheeses. She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing.

“These,” she explained, “are the older goats. We put them out to pasture when they no longer produce.” She then asked, “What do you do in America with your old goats?”

A spry old gentleman answered, “They send us on bus tours!”

POOR GROOM

After dating a young lady for some time a poor young man decides it is time to marry her. He proceeds with all the necessary plans and finally the big day comes.

On the day of the wedding the young man has yet to pay the pastor for performing the ceremony. The service proceeds as planned and the vows are exchanged. Now it is time for the groom to kiss his bride. The pastor sees this as the perfect opportunity to ask to be paid. He pulls the young man aside and asks him, "Can you please pay me now?"

Not wanting to create a scene the young man asks, "How much do I owe you?"

The pastor thinks quickly and replies, "Pay me according to your wife's beauty."

The young man checks his pocket. All he has is five dollars and he gives it to the pastor.

Although annoyed by this, the pastor realizes he has himself to blame. He continues the ceremony and says, "You may kiss the bride now."

As the veil is lifted, and the groom is about to kiss his new bride the pastor interrupts and promptly hands the groom his five dollars back.