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IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

1/12/21 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
1/11/21 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
Zoom



MY WORLD, MY WAY AND THE WINNER IS...



Congratulations to 14-years-old **Hanifah Hadad** for being the first prize winner of the Uganda art competition. Her interpretation of the 'My World, My Future' theme represents life as she is living it in today's world and calls attention to the importance of education. The second and third prize winners are featured on page 9.

“Will the meeting please come to order.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Larry Hutchings

*Democracy is like a flower.
It has to be nourished every day
or it will die.*

TODAY'S GUESTS



HERBERT MUYINGA DEB LUYIMA

Rotary Club of Muyenga, Uganda



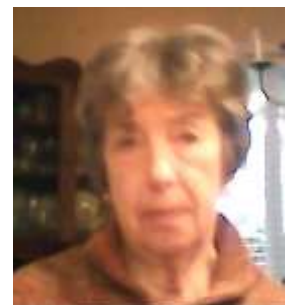
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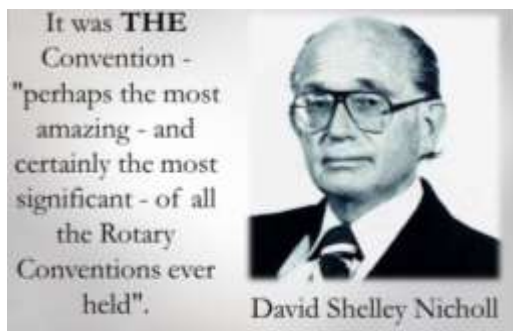
LOIS NELSON

A ROTARY MINUTE

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

First Rotary Convention Outside of the USA

It was **THE** Convention -- "perhaps the most amazing, and certainly the most significant -- of all the Rotary Conventions ever held" claimed David Shelley Nicholl, a British Rotary historian. He was referring to the 12th Rotary International Convention in 1921. The first one ever to leave borders of the USA.



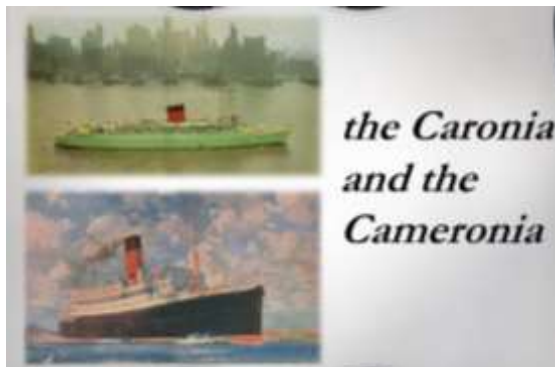
The 1,243 Clubs of Rotary were now an **international movement**.

In preparation for the Convention, British Clubs, especially the host Club of Edinburgh had to guarantee the £4,000 of costs as well as hotel accommodation for up to 2,000 Rotary visitors in order to bring the



Convention to the British Isles.

The Cunard ships-the Caronia and the Cameronia delivered over 1,000 Rotarians and their families to the shores of Britain as 200 Glasgow Rotarians welcomed the party by singing "I'm a Little Prairie Flower" (no, we are not going to ask Jack Gaughan to lead us in song).



Later, the delegates would offer a glass of friendship which Rotarians enjoyed as an escape from newly-introduced Prohibition in their homeland.



This was the Convention that truly defined Rotary as **INTERNATIONAL**, which **opens opportunities** for future conventions. The theme for Rotary International 2020-2021.

Thank you. This has been the 21st minute of the History of Rotary in (about) 40 Minutes.

LET'S GET THINGS STARTED

Program Chair Miles Bell introduced speaker.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Torsten Jacobsen *Ride for Rotary*

Torsten spoke to us today about his adventures in India on a 15-day motorcycle tour through the Rotary Program called Ride for Rotary. This is an international event that took place in India last year. The motor bike ride covers the majority of tourist spots, nature, and the commercial capital of India. He showed slides and a video.

Torsten advocates that if one travels, especially to another country, it is much more rewarding and insightful if one does not simply go with the tourist thingy with one's own country mates on some splurge tourist sojourns because one really does not get deeply into another country's culture while spending a ton of money. Instead, give the trip some deeper, meaningful, and rewarding purpose such as getting together with Rotarians around the world, where there is an automatic bonding with humans of similar values and less waste of precious resources.

Torsten said: "it is something that Lois and Fred Nelson and Chuck Graham experienced in Zambia at our eye clinic. Michael Barrington traveled with me to Burkina Faso and Honduras. Some of our members visited Ethiopia. In San Felipe, Tineke and I and our kids visited several countries including our club sites in Africa and elsewhere; In addition, one is often safer, better cared for and oriented. You also make International friendships such as we now have with Deborah and Herbert in Uganda. The more simply you travel, the more fun and insightful it is."



ABOUT THE SPEAKER: In his own words.

"My father was a boulangerie owner from Belgium with low grade narcolepsy and my mother a 15 year old French prostitute named Cloe with webbed feet. My father claims he invented the question mark; he would drink and womanize. He once accused chestnuts of being lazy. I spent my summers in Rangoon taking luge lessons. When I was insolent, I would be placed in a burlap bag and beaten with reeds which were pretty standard really. Alternative fake CV. Born in China like lots of people, my father was in foreign consulate and international trade, subsequent frequent transfers between the U.S. and Denmark. At age 16 I was confined to U.C. Davis, first vet school, took a year off as Scandinavian merchant mariner (only jailed 4 times-overnight and only in various countries helping my ship mates "get out of trouble") Met Tineke when I crashed a party in Oslo; then U.C.S.F Med school and orthopedic Surgical Residency post med school; Total 13 years. Served overseas in the U.S. 8th Army with the rank of major during and after Vietnam. Prof. of Orthopedic surgery in the Netherlands four years (chief of Children department and hand surgery specialized in trauma training in Switzerland). Finally did private practice at John Muir. Have four kids (that I know of) all daughters. Overseas medical projects in various countries some with Rotary assistance and some with SIGN International orthopedic trauma training. Have enjoyed track and field in younger days, tennis, motor sports here and in Europe, travelled 40+ countries, and motorcycled 21."

Getting to know various cultures throughout the world...



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MILESTONES

Birthdays



President **Vicki Sexton** announced that today is **Bob Sundberg's** birthday, and **Bob Hooy's** birthday was yesterday. **Barbara Reifschneider** will celebrate her birthday on Sunday, the 10th.

Length of Service



Bob Sundberg is hitting his 18th year of service as a Rotarian. **Torsten Jacobsen** marks 17 years, and **Steve Weir**, hits the 25th year.



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Joel Sjostrom, President and CEO
Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano
4010 Nelson Ave.
Concord, CA 94520

Re: Clayton Valley Concord Sunrise Rotary Club

Dear Joel:

This year the members of the Clayton Valley Concord Sunrise Rotary Club outdid themselves. In total, we raised \$5,675 for the Food Bank. More particularly, I have enclosed checks from our current and former members, all payable to the Food Bank, as follows:

1. Richard Lueck (and Pam)	\$100
2. Irene Davids-Blair	200
3. Vickie Sexton	25
4. Rich Bailey (former Club President)	100
5. Bob Huck	50
6. Ken Nishimori	100
7. Steve Weir	1,000
8. Archvest Wealth Advisors (John Wenzel)	2,000
9. Joan D'Onofrio	100
10. Hooy & Hooy, PLC (Bob Hooy)	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$5,675

Our Club hopes that our donations will make a positive difference. Happy New Year!

Very truly yours,


ROBERT W. HOOY, ESQ.

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FUNDRAISERS

WINE BARREL AUCTION



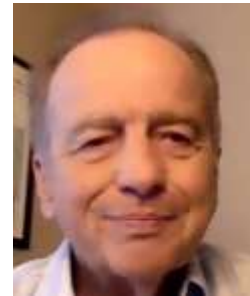
Bill Selb and **Monica Fraga** reported that no date for the auction still has been set; there is time, however, to donate two bottles of excellent wine or \$40. Let Monica (925 783-3930) or Bill (925 586-2953) know. They are still in the collections phase.



Bill said that if anyone has any fundraising ideas, please let them know.

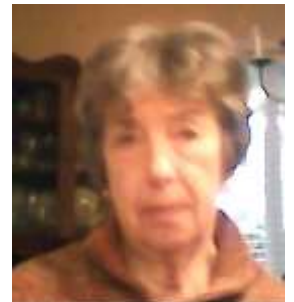
CARS 2ND CHANCE

Mary Kemnitz and **Larry Hutchings** held their weekly meeting and reported that they reviewed their marketing collateral. It was agreed that Lamorinda will design and produce future brochures, business cards, and banners to include both club's names. As for marketing, Bill Arena, a former member of our club, will be photographing all vehicles as they come in, writing ad copy, and posting them on Facebook and Craig's List. He will coordinate all appointments as well. Mary said they have five cars for sale at D&H, but there are a total of 30 cars on hand.



IN HONOR OF FRED NELSON

It was wonderful to see **Lois Nelson** at our virtual meeting. **President Vicki** announced that she and Fred's friends made donations to our Club in Fred's honor. **Harold and Barbara Hubinger** donated \$200 and **Patricia Steffen** donated \$50. On top of that, Irene Davids-Blair voluntarily paid Fred's Happy/Grumpy Bucks bill. Thanks to everyone.



WALKERS

Rich Lueck thanked **Hugh Toloui** for helping him get one of his walkers so he could give it to one of his friends in great need. Seems Hugh collected 15 walkers that he hoped to donate to the San Felipe club but was unable to do so. He can't find anyone who wants to take them, so if you have contacts, give Hugh a call at: 925 672-6686.

UGANDA CONTEST WINNERS: MY WORLD, MY FUTURE

The students of Ssaku Senior Secondary School in Nsawa Village who participate in the 'My Hero' portrait competition were anxious to participate in the 'MY WORLD, MY FUTURE' contest. Here are the winners, Thanks to all of you for supporting this event by voting.



Second Prize

KABUGO PETER
DERIK 17-years-old

Truly represents
Kabugo's COVID
world.



Third Prize

MUSISI COLLINS
15-years-old

A deeply moving
depiction of the
violence in Musisi's
world.

HAPPY/GRUMPY BUCKS

Compiled by Director Barbara Reifschneider



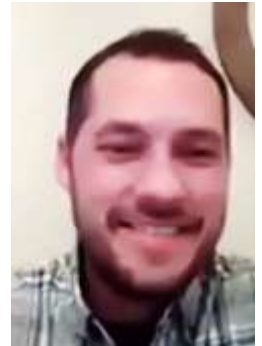
Torsten Jacobsen gave a happy buck for getting his broken pipe fixed thanks to Frank Westphall. Seemed he smelled gas and PG&E told him it was due to a broken pipe that was leaking. Once again, Frank saves the day.



Richard Lueck gave \$20 happy bucks because he was way happy that Hugh Toloui's collection of walker enabled him to get one for a friend who is a cancer patient.

John Wenzel gave \$10 happy bucks because he was able to attend two meetings in a row.

Tommy Wolf was happy to be able to go to San Diego and spend Xmas with family and friends for Christmas. He mentioned that the airports were empty.



Julia Dawson Aguilar gave a happy buck because she was able to spend Christmas with her son Jordan.

Larry Hutchings gave a happy buck because he was able to go to Palm Springs for the holidays and the weather was nice allowing him to play golf for 10 days of fun.

Hugh Toloui gave a happy buck because he was able to help his next door neighbor out. Apparently the neighbor's car was stuck in the swimming pool. It's a long story but Hugh did offer a lot of hints as to what really happened.

Monica Fraga gave a grumpy buck for her holiday meltdown over not being able to be together with her whole family, but they all were able to do FaceTime and she felt better.

Herbert Muyinga was happy about being able to visit his daughter in the good old US of A.



THE RAFFLE



President-elect Monica Fraga drew **Torsten Jacobsen's** name from a bag and became this week's winner. Because New Year's Eve is a few weeks away, Monica decided to purchase champagne instead of wine. There is also the oil and vinegar set to choose from.

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. Zoom meetings will be around longer, so keep in touch by logging on.



You could be next if you join us on zoom

ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING ...

MY WIFE IS LOST

Submitted by Rich Lueck

Husband: My wife is missing. She went shopping yesterday and has not come home!

OFFICER: Age?

Husband: I'm not sure. Somewhere between 50 and 60. We don't do birthdays.

OFFICER: Height?

Husband: I'm not sure. A little over five-feet tall.

OFFICER: Weight?

Husband: Don't know. Not slim, not really fat.

OFFICER: Color of eyes?

Husband: Sort of brown I think.

OFFICER: Color of hair?

Husband: Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark brown now. I can't remember.

OFFICER: What was she wearing?

Husband: Could have been pants, or maybe a skirt or shorts. I don't know exactly.

OFFICER: What kind of car did she go in?

Husband: She went in my truck.

OFFICER: What kind of truck was it?

Husband: A 2017, manufactured September 16th, pearl white Ram Limited 4X4 .with 6.4l Hemi V8 engine ordered with the Ram Box bar and fridge option, led lighting, back up and front camera, Moose hide leather heated and cooled seats, climate controlled air conditioning. It has a custom matching white cover for the bed, Weather Tech floor mats. Trailing package with gold hitch, sunroof, DVD with full GPS navigation, satellite radio, Cobra 75 WX ST 40-channel CB radio, six cup holders, 3 USB ports, and 4 power outlets. I added special alloy wheels and off-road Toyo tires. It has custom retracting running boards and under-glow wheel well lighting. At this point the husband started choking up.

OFFICER: Take it easy sir, we'll find your truck.

A BANK LOAN TO A SCOTSMAN

A Scotsman (wearing his kilt and a bonnet) walks into offices of private bankers Coutts & Co in the Strand, London (Bankers to the Royal Family since 1820) and asks to speak to the manager.

He informs him that he is going abroad on business for two weeks and needs to borrow £5,000. The Manager tells him that Coutts & Co would only be delighted to meet his requirements, but that he should understand that since he is not a client of the Bank, it would need some modest security for the loan.

So the Scotsman opens his sporran, takes out the keys and documents of a brand new Ferrari parked in front of the bank and hands them to the manager saying "Will this do?" He also produces the car's log book and after a phone call everything checks out fine. The manager agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan; the cashier hands out £5,000 while bank's porter drives the Ferrari into the bank's underground garage for safe keeping.

Over lunch manger tells his colleagues the amusing little story of how a simple-minded Scot from North of the Border secured a loan for £5,000 offering a £120,000 Ferrari as collateral and they all enjoy a good chuckle as they sip their Port.

Two weeks later, the Scotsman returns, repays the £5,000 and the interest, which comes to £15.41. The manager says, "Sir, we have been more than happy to have had your business and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are just a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are in fact a wealthy property investor. What puzzles us is why would you bother to borrow £5,000 from us?"

The Scotsman replies: "Where else in London can I park my Ferrari for two weeks for only £15.41 and expect it to be still there when I return?"

BLIND DATE

How was your blind date?" a college student asked her roommate.

"Terrible!" the room-mate answered. "He showed up in his 1932 Rolls Royce."

"Wow! That's a very expensive car. What's so bad about that?"

"He was the original owner."

THE SENATOR AND THE GENIE

A senator sat in his office, and out of boredom, decided to see what was inside his old filing cabinet. He poked through the contents and came across an old brass lamp.

"This will look good on my mantel," he said, and took it home with him.

While polishing the lamp, a genie appeared and, as usual, granted him three wishes.

"I would like an ice-cold Coke right now." He gets his Coke and drinks it.

Now that he can think more clearly, he states his second wish. "I wish to be on an island with beautiful women, who find me irresistible." Suddenly, he's on an island with gorgeous women eyeing him lustfully.

He tells the genie his third and last wish. "I wish I'd never have to work again." Instantly, he was back in his government office.

HUNTING BUDDIES

A group of friends went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day.

That night, one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of an eight-point buck.

"Where's Henry?" the others asked.

"Henry had a stroke of some kind. He's a couple of miles back up the trail," the successful hunter replied.

"You left Henry lying out there and carried the deer back?" they inquired, shocked.

"Yeah, it was a tough call," nodded the hunter. "But I figured no one is going to steal Henry!"

ASK THE WEATHERMAN

A film crew is on location in Kenya, when a tribal shaman approaches the director and says, "Tomorrow rain." The director pays no attention, but the following day it pours and shooting has to be delayed.

That night, the director sends his assistant to bring the shaman back. "What will be the weather tomorrow?" asks the director.

"Bigger rain tomorrow, much wind," and sure enough a terrible storm once again delays the filming.

But then the witch doctor disappears for a week and the director, now depending on him, sends his people out to find him and bring him back to camp.

Finally, he is located and brought to the director's tent. "What will be the weather tomorrow?" asks the director in desperation.

"No idea," says the shaman, "Radio batteries dead."

SOMETHING TO PONDER

Submitted by Hugh Toloui

The countries most affected by the coronavirus are the USA, Brazil, Russia, Spain, the United Kingdom, Italy, India and France.



Here are the images of their leaders.

The countries that are recognize^d as having managed the crisis best are Germany, Taiwan, New Zealand, Iceland, Finland, Norway and Denmark.



Now you know why you have to listen to your wife.

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