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## IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

11/9/21 Board Meeting 7 AM  
Zoom  
11/12/21 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM  
Zoom



## Length of Service

# 41 YEARS



**How can that be?** Our club is only 34-years-old. **Ken Nishimori** told us he belonged to the Concord/Diablo Rotary for seven years before joining our club in 2000, and that is how he amassed **41** years of Rotary service. It's no wonder he has been Rotarian of the Year three times: 2021, 2015, 2003, and was president in 2010-2011. Ken is our Rotary Foundation Director and keeps us informed and up-to-date on PolioPlus, Annual Fund, the Endowment Fund, and our Paul Harris Fellowships. Ken will be making donations to the Rotary Foundation and PolioPlus.

**“The 16<sup>th</sup> zoom meeting will now come to order.”**



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: *Mary Kemnitz***

*“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it  
is like wrapping a gift and not giving it.*

*Your action for today is to share with someone your feelings of gratitude  
Tell someone today that you appreciate them!”*

**THE FOUR-WAY TEST: *Ken Nishimori***

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FREINDSHIP?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

**GUESTS**



ELAINE SCHROTH  
CEO President  
VisitConcord



MATT FRAGA  
Monica's Husband  
who rescued us on zoom

# TODAY'S SPEAKER

## ELAINE SCHROTH



**Program Chair Miles Bell** introduced us to this morning's speaker, **Elaine Cortez Schroth**, the CEO and President of VisitConcord. Ever since 2017, Elaine has been sharing Concord's narrative and invites the community and visitors to embrace Concord's distinct cultural, artistic and recreational experiences.

With the support of Concord's hotels and the Visit Concord Board of Directors, Elaine and her team recently launched the Concord Visitor Center. The Center is an elevated informational experience that offers Concord and Mt. Diablo Region displays, merchandise, pop-up shops, culinary and art showcases and more.

Elaine's passion lies in building relationships with key stakeholders and industry partners to find the needed advocacy, resources and strategies. She serves as an involved board and taskforce member for many tourism, regional and community organizations such as CalTravel, Mt. Diablo Region Tourism, EBLC, Trinity Center WC, CCC College Bond Oversight Committee, Concord Historical Society and more.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

**President Monica Fraga** announced that the in-person Thursday morning 7 am meetings will be held at the Centre of Concord located at 5298 Clayton Road. There will be some blackout dates around the holidays but we will let you know if advance.



### FIRST IN-PERSON MEETING

This coming Thursday, October 21 will be held at the Centre of Concord located at 5298 Clayton Road. It will be our official hybrid meeting so our Uganda members will be able to join us.

### REFRESHMENTS AND TECHNOLOGY

Breakfast will be available and provided by Sunrise Bistro. All electronic equipment needed to provide hybrid service has been purchased and **SAA Bob Sundberg** will be at the controls.

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Another fun get-together will be held at **SAA Bob Sundberg's** house Friday, October 22, at 104 Regency Drive,, Clayton. You all know the drill: bring something to eat and BYO.

## ROTARY MOMENT

**Rotary International Director Ken Nishimori** presented the Rotary Moment and gave us an overview of the Rotary Foundation and particularly PolioPlus that is featured in this month's Rotary magazine. Since the 1980s the polio epidemic decreased from 125 countries to two; Pakistan and Afghanistan. In fact, the number of reported cases of children who have been infected has decreased from 350,000 per year down to only two: one in Pakistan and one in Afghanistan thanks to the work of the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Center for Disease Control, Gavi Vaccine Alliance, and the donations by Rotarians all over the world.



### The PolioPlus Society

Here are the club members who signed up last October to become PolioPlus Society members.

Monica Fraga, Bob Sundberg, Clayton Worsdell, Fred Nelson, Irene Davids-Blair, Jeff Rondini, Ken Nishimori, Larry Hutchings, Mary Kemnitz, Miles Bell, Richard Lueck, Russ Anderson, and Vicki Sexton.

Ken will be sending END POLIO NOW wrist bands to all our members that you should wear to our in-person meeting on Thursday. And, don't forget to make a contribution.



## THE HYBRID CREW



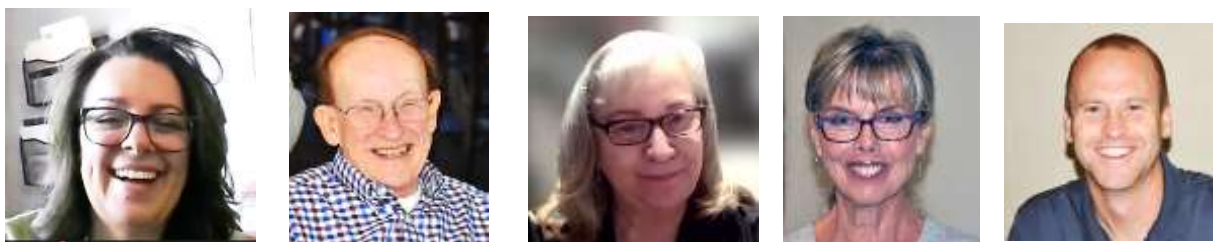
**Johnny Morgan** and **Bob Sundberg** tested all the digital equipment they located and purchased all of which is necessary to have in-person meetings that can also accommodate zoom.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT



The new Membership Committee team: **Tommy Wolf**, **Monica Fraga**, **Ken Nishimori**, **Joan D'Onofrio**, and **Rich Lueck**. They met and all came away with chores to prepare a new Membership Binder.

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE WILL MEET 10/16



**President Monica Fraga** , **Comedy Editor Bill Selb**, **President-elect Mary Kemnitz**, **Vicki Sexton**, and **Jeff Wilson** comprise the Fundraising Committee team, but keep in mind that other members can join at any time. October 16<sup>th</sup> will be their first fundraiser meeting where they will get to work preparing for the December Wine Auction.

# MILESTONES

## LENGTH OF SERVICE

**Herbert Muyinga** is a member of the Rotary Club of Muyenga Uganda and a very dedicated member of our club. We are quite sure that when he joined his Rotary Club **31 years** ago that he would be attending meetings in the USA from the comfort of his home in Uganda. We are also quite sure that when he joined in 1989 that he would end up President in 1998-1999.

It wasn't any wonder, however, that he would achieve that status because he embraced all levels of service such as Interact Officer, Director of International Services, Club Secretary, Treasurer, Bulletin Officer, and Rotary Foundation Director. Herb subscribes to the Rotary Foundation Giving and is a major Donor (USD 10,000). He holds many Rotary Merit Certificates and medals not only from his club but other club districts as well. He has attended eight Rotary Conventions worldwide and many intercity District Conferences. He was a Humanitarian Grants Officer and was a Rotary Foundation Director.

When asked what his most memorable moment as a Rotarian is, he said it was when he was District Grants chair and facilitated a number of young and bright candidates to participate in Rotary sponsored Group study exchanges with international Districts out of his Country. Is it any wonder why we love him?



**Jeff Wilson** real estate broker extraordinaire celebrates his third year as a Rotarian. Jeff is very involved in several club committees and was the leader of the fundraiser race last year. He is now actively participating in the upcoming December wine raffle fundraiser.

**Jeff Rondini** hit the 16<sup>th</sup> year of membership. Jeff served for many years as our club's treasurer and is an IRS Enrolled Agent and owner of Mt Diablo Tax Pros.

**Monica Fraga Monica Fraga**, our president, was the 2015 Rotarian of the Year and is a 10 year member. Let's not forget **Monica's** birthday was on Sunday, October 2. She also celebrated her 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Wednesday, September 29 while living through her son Ritchie's knee surgery and getting digitally set up for our in-person meeting.

# HAPPY BUCKS

BY BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER



**VICKI SEXTON** was sure glad to be home even though it took 40 hours to get here. Seems someone on the plane got sick so the flight was diverted to the closest airport which was in Dublin. Despite all of that, and being gone for one month, she said it was a trip of a lifetime.



**LARRY HUTCHINGS** gave a happy buck because he and Dennis are leaving for France on a two week vacation. Larry and Dennis will head to Paris first then on to Bordeaux, and meet up with friends they've known for 35 years. Larry also added another happy buck because apparently Monica's birthday falls on the same day as his mom's birthday.



**BOB HUCK** is happy about his Social Security raise of 5.9% starting in 2022. So am I.



**MONICA FRAGA** gave 10 happy bucks. Even though she took two plane rides, took a week long working cruise and came home sick, it was not Covid. It was just a cold. Monica also gave one more buck because Matt had to step up and help her out this morning.

**BOB SUNDBERG** gave a happy 10 ½ bucks because he was able to get together with his family in Ashland, OR and enjoy their company for five days straight. He also gave us a scoop and announced that they are expecting another addition to the family. In December they will welcome the arrival of a grandson. That will make Bob a grandpa to eight grandkids



# THE RAFFLE

**THE WHEEL IS BACK & WHERE IT STOPS NOBODY KNOWS**



The invisible virtual wheel is back and when **Mary Kemnitz** gave it a spin, It landed on **Bob Huck's** name. And like a good winner he picked red wine for his prize.

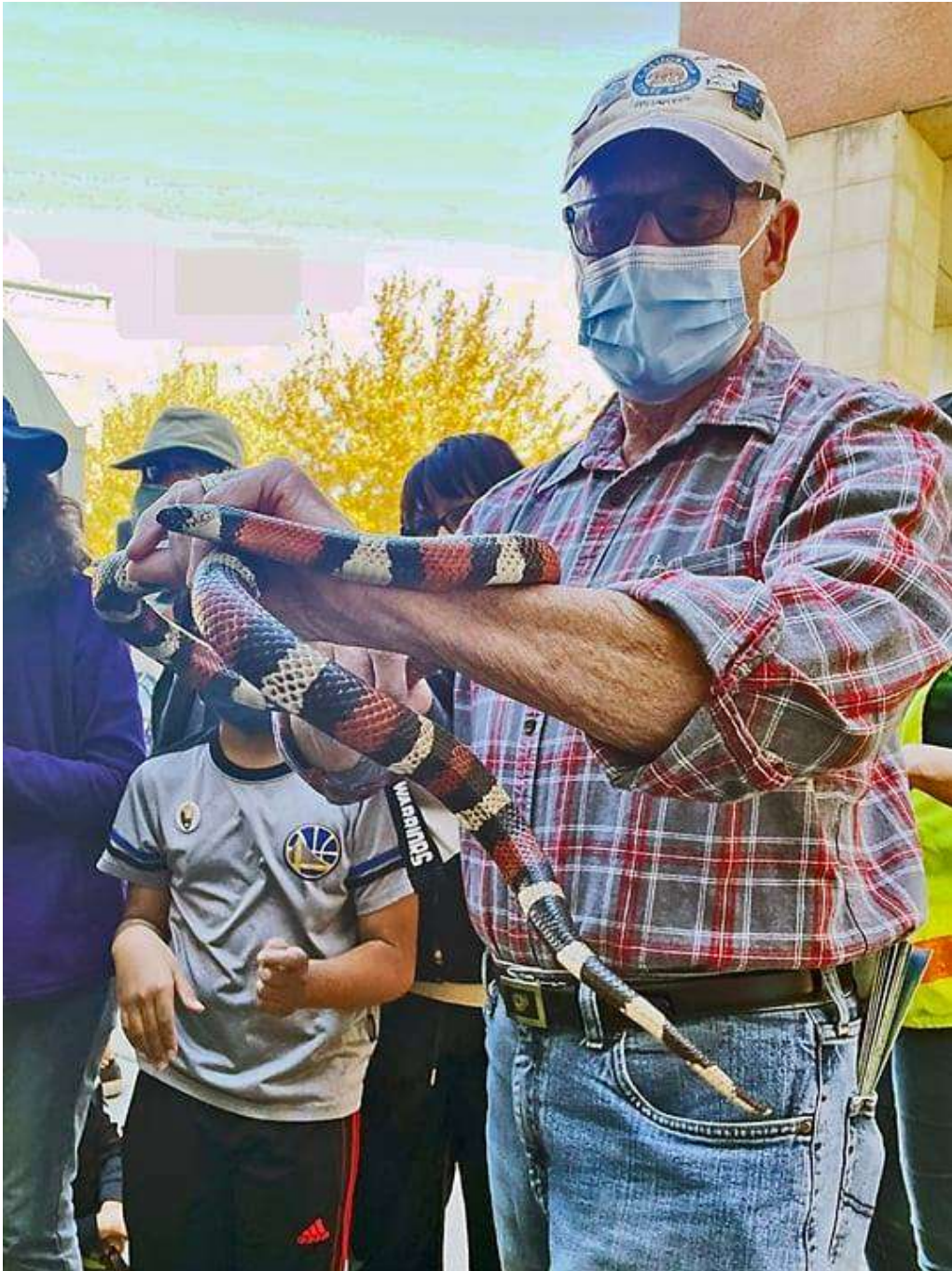


Remember, you gotta be in it to win it—  
and that means attending the  
meetings.



# THE GALLERY

Look what Clayton pulled out of his pocket!



Carol Worsdell took the photo.

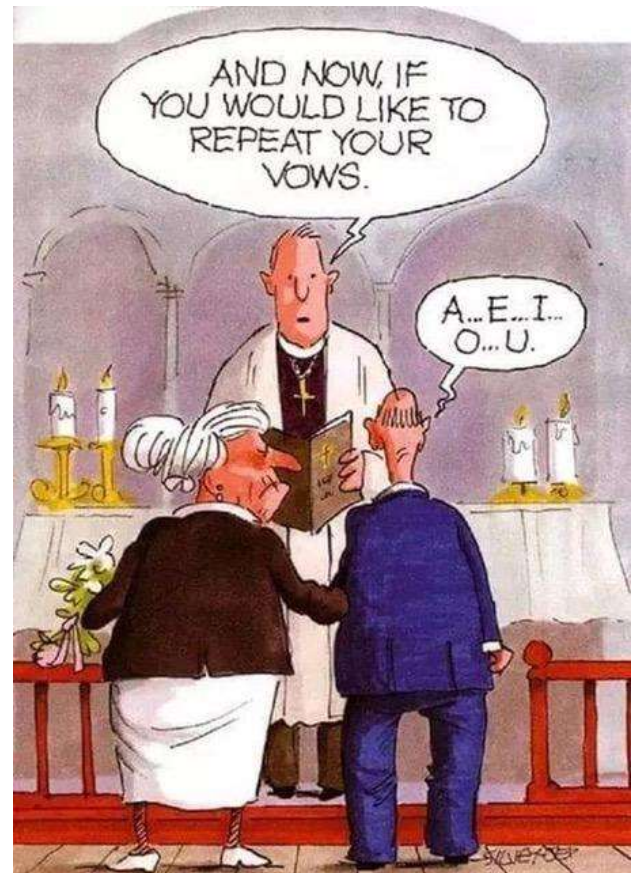


Sent in by Rich Lueck



# "ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING"

When you're over 40 and they say just put a BandAid where it hurts...



## FIRST DAY OF WORK

A man joined a big corporate empire as a trainee. On his very first day of work, he dialed the pantry and shouted into the phone, "Get me a coffee, quickly!"

The voice from the other side responded, "You fool you've dialed the wrong extension! Do you know who you're talking to, dumbbo?"

"No," replied the trainee.

"It's the CEO of the company, you fool!"

The trainee shouted back, "And do you know who YOU are talking to, you fool?!"

"No," replied the CEO indignantly.

"Good!" replied the trainee, and put down the phone.



# REMEMBER PHYLLIS DILLER?

Remember how really funny Phyllis Diller was? And she did it without saying one nasty word. Here are some of her gems:



Your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.

Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the sidewalk before it stops snowing.

The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.

Best way to get rid of kitchen odors: Eat out.

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.

Most children threaten at times to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.

Burt Reynolds once asked me out. I was in his room.

What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.

The only time I ever enjoyed ironing was the day I accidentally got gin in the steam iron.

His finest hour lasted a minute and a half.

My photographs don't do me justice - they look just like me.

Tranquilizers work only if you follow the advice on the bottle - keep away from children.

I asked the waiter, 'Is this milk fresh?' He said, 'Lady, three hours ago it was grass.'

We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve years telling them to sit down and shut up.

*...That's all, folks.*

