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11/12/21 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM  
Zoom



## Stephen L. Weir Building DEDICATION CEREMONY



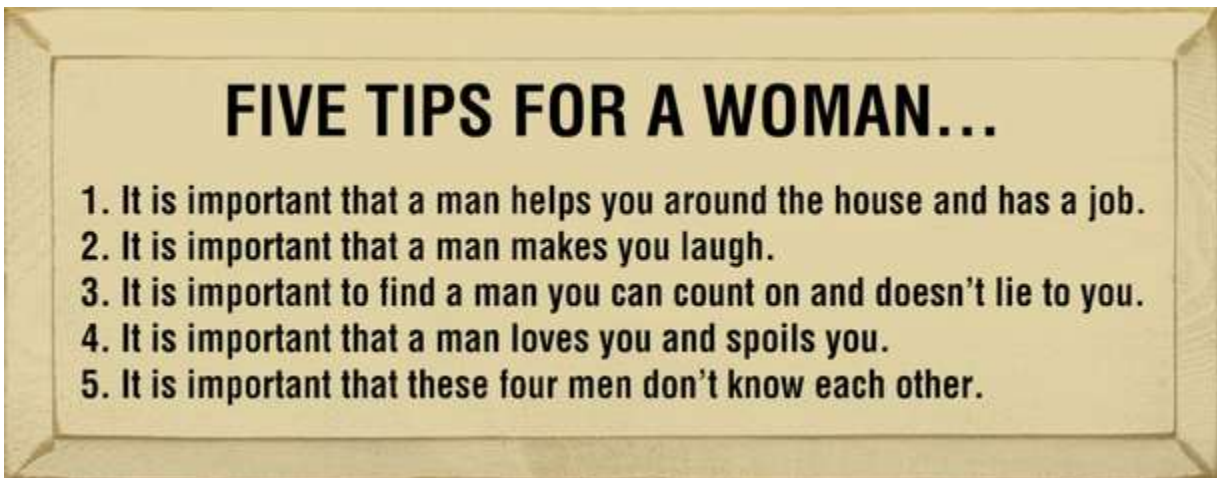
The Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder-Elections facility is now known as the **"Stephen L. Weir Building"** and on Monday, Oct. 4, a dedication ceremony, hosted by the Board of Supervisors, was held in front of the building. **Steve Weir**, the County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters from 1989 to 2013, was described as an "innovator and pacesetter" among County Departments and Clerk-Recorders across the State. He was first to implement e-commerce, offer credit card payments, use digital imaging for public records, and was primarily responsible for the current modernized building commissioned under his leadership and opened to the public in 2007.

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**“The 15<sup>th</sup> zoom meeting will now come to order.”**



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: *Irene Davids-Blair***



**THE FOUR-WAY TEST: *Jeff Wilson***

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**



**DEB LUYIIMA**



**HERB MUYINGA**



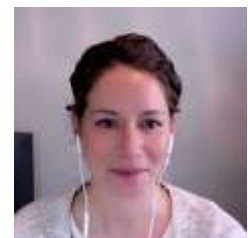
**PETER MEVANJA**

**THE UGANDA CONTINGENCY**



**ROD LEMAN**

**REPRESENTING CACTUS FAMILY FARMS**



**ADRIANNE PARR**

# TODAY'S SPEAKER

## ROD LEMAN



**Larry Hutchings** introduced us to this morning's speaker, **Rod Leman**, Director of Business Development at Cactus Family Farms (CFF) the pork division of Cactus Feeders Inc., of Amarillo Texas, and told us that Cactus Feeders Inc. is a 100 percent employee owned and diversified agricultural company feeding 1,000,000 cattle annually, and operate ranching and oil and gas investments. CFF owns 35,000 sows in Iowa, South Carolina, and Georgia and markets more than 850,000 pigs each year. CFF also has ownership interests in the WholeStone Farms, a pork processing company, as well as Heinold Hog Market that is a pig marketing company.

Ron told us all about pork processing and how important it is to raise healthy pigs through proper diets, clean water, vet oversight, and treating sick animals. He told us that our state

passed proposition 12 which means that as of January 2022 the price of hogs will increase by 20%. Guess we didn't know this when we cast our votes. Ron also explained why they cannot raise organic hogs: basically, because it is too expensive.

Virtual Barn Tours are available through a partnership with South Dakota State University, and they can schedule live streaming barn tours led by students. Ron serves as an industry volunteer and speaks nationwide. There are no speaker fees or travel expenses associated with appearances. Funding is provided by the National Pork Board. [ron.leman@cactusfeeders.com](mailto:ron.leman@cactusfeeders.com)



## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

**Rod Leman** is a farmer, pork producer, industry leader, current member of the Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA) Board of Directors, and served for many years on several IPPA committees. Rod also serves at the committee level at the National Pork Producers Council and has been a volunteer speaker for OMS since 2008. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and computer science from the University of Minnesota, 1990. Rod and his wife, Susan, have five children and live in Fort Dodge, Iowa

# Steve Weir Continued

In addition to his 24 years as County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters, Steve Weir served as Concord City Councilman, Mayor, member of the Contra Costa Water District, member of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and staff member to the late Assemblyman and Sen. Dan Boatwright.



Speakers at the ceremony included: **Congressman Mark DeSaulnier**, and Chair of the Board **Diane Burgis**, as well as **District Supervisors John Gioia, Candace Anderson, Karen Mitchoff**, and **Federal Glover**. President **Monica Fraga**, President-elect **Mary Kemnitz**, and Commissioner **Joan D'Onofrio** were in the audience.

Through Steve's 25 years with our Rotary club, Steve made substantial contributions toward the goal of international understanding and peace. In doing so, he has shown his support for the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation that make a difference in the lives of countless people throughout the world. Steve is among a dedicated group of humanitarians who have committed themselves to helping others less fortunate.



**Congressman DeSaulnier, Chair of the Board Diane Burgis, District Supervisors John Gioia, Candace Anderson, Karen Mitchoff, Federal Glover, and Guest of Honor Steve Weir.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

**Director Larry Hutchings** presided over the meeting this morning while **President Monica Fraga** attended to her travel agency duties. Larry said that the Centre Concord (next to the Clayton Valley Bowl) and potential caterers are being investigated for a possible location for our club to hold hybrid in-person meetings.



**President Monica** left us with this message: *"Hey everyone, I am back at it. I am off on a 4-day cruise to Mexico to check out Princess Cruise's new protocols and on-board experiences—one of which is learning how to do touchless check-ins. Long overdue, I say."*

## 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. Through our contributions to PolioPlus and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation look at what we accomplished:



## THE HYBRID CREW



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

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING 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.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 10/13



The new Membership Committee team: **Tommy Wolf**, **Ken Nishimori**, **Joan D'Onofrio**, and **Rich Lueck**. They will get to work and create a much needed new Membership Binder. First meeting is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

# MILESTONES

## Happy Birthday



**Bill Selb** has been a member for 34 years, was the 1999-2000 President, and 1990 Rotarian of the Year. He turned **85** on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and told us that the year he was born, 1936, gas was 10 cents, a loaf of bread was 8 cents, hamburger was 12 cents a pound, a new Studebaker \$665, and a new house was \$3,925. It was also the year the Girl Scouts began selling cookies while Germany, Japan, and Italy were making all kinds of trouble in the world. Bill donated \$85 to his Paul Harris and \$100 to the club.

### BLAST FROM THE PAST

Since Bill brought us memories from the past, feast your eyes on his happy days at Rotary.



And Bill would want us to remember that he shared his birth date with the late **Fred Nelson** who was also born on October 1<sup>st</sup>. We're all still thinking of you, Fred.

# HAPPY BUCKS

BY BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER

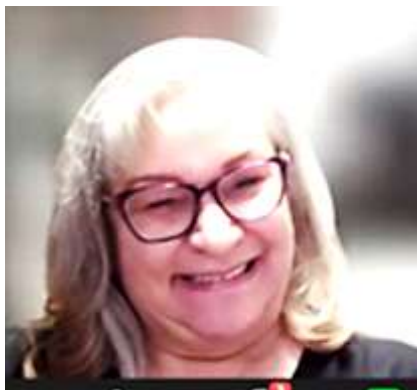


**TORSTEN JACOBSEN** gave 10 bucks and told us how massive fires, resulting from global warming, are devastating our wild life. The Tahoe basin has the highest concentration of bears in North America (normally 300-500 hundred). But massive fires have forced them to flee, causing a huge increase of very hungry bears and their cubs on the western side of the basin. They are desperately hungry. The cabin where Tineke and Torsten stayed was broken into as was their car. The bears are ruthlessly searching for food and breaking into homes tearing off cabinet doors, turning the stove knobs, and even relieving themselves. One night Tineke went upstairs in the middle of the night (in her negligee) thinking she heard a bear in one of the bedrooms. When asked what her plan was, she stated that she had not thought that far ahead yet! Torsten reminded her that people who have been mauled stood between the bear and the exit, so while this situation was **unbearable**, it turned out to be happy in the end.

**HUGH TOLOUI** had a grumpy 5 bucks today. Hugh loves succulents, while working with a plant called Sticks on Fire (*Euphorbia Tirucalli*) he accidentally got sap on his hand, touched his eye, and experienced great pain. He went to the ER where he spent an hour and a half waiting to be taken care of due to the influx of Covid patients.



**IRENE DAVIDS-BLAIR** gave a happy 10 bucks for the new Rotarian magazine. She loves the new layout of the magazine and said it is worth checking out. Irene's bucks turned out to be sad bucks when she told us that Chef Michael, who fed us at Promo Demo, lost his mother and one of her friends lost a husband who was only 61-years-old.



**MARY KEMNITZ** had happy bucks today. She gave 10 happy bucks for being able to attend Steve Weir's building dedication where she was joined by Joan and our wonderful president Monica.

and



**C2C** was part of her happiness as she gave a shout out to **Clayton Worsdell** for his car referral from the Presbyterian Church.

# UGANDA: Pediatric Clinic

**Herbert Musinga** is happy to report that the painting is complete, the windows are all finished, the inside doors are all installed, and the water tank is connected to both buildings. Rows of bushes have been planted and work has begun on the outside flower garden. Herbert said the building would be completed in September when they started in May, and here are the photos to prove it. Remember back in May he said September was their goal despite the fact they not only did all the construction, they also made all of the bricks.





**Deb Luyiima** spoke about how happy they are to learn about the success of the Malaria vaccine. **Torsten Jacobsen** went on to explain that Malaria kills 400,000 per year; primarily children and is especially severe in Sub Saharan Africa. Children may have repeat bouts (as may adults). It can be devastating for pregnant women and the fetus. The falciparum form, common for example in Uganda, can cause death from encephalitis within 24 hours. The microscope we supplied to our clinic helps make this diagnosis quickly, but immediate I.V. meds and equipment must be available to treat the condition. The current vaccine has been tested on 800,000 children and has cut deaths in half by reducing most severe symptoms. It requires four injections. More interesting is the

work being done at UCSF whereby mosquitos are modified so that the female (which is naturally the culprit not the sweet and loving male) is unable to fly.

# THE RAFFLE

THE WHEEL IS BACK & WHERE IT STOPS NOBODY KNOWS



The virtual wheel is back and when **Mary Kemnitz** gave it a spin, It landed on **John Wenzel's** name. John picked red wine for his prize.



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

# THE GALLERY

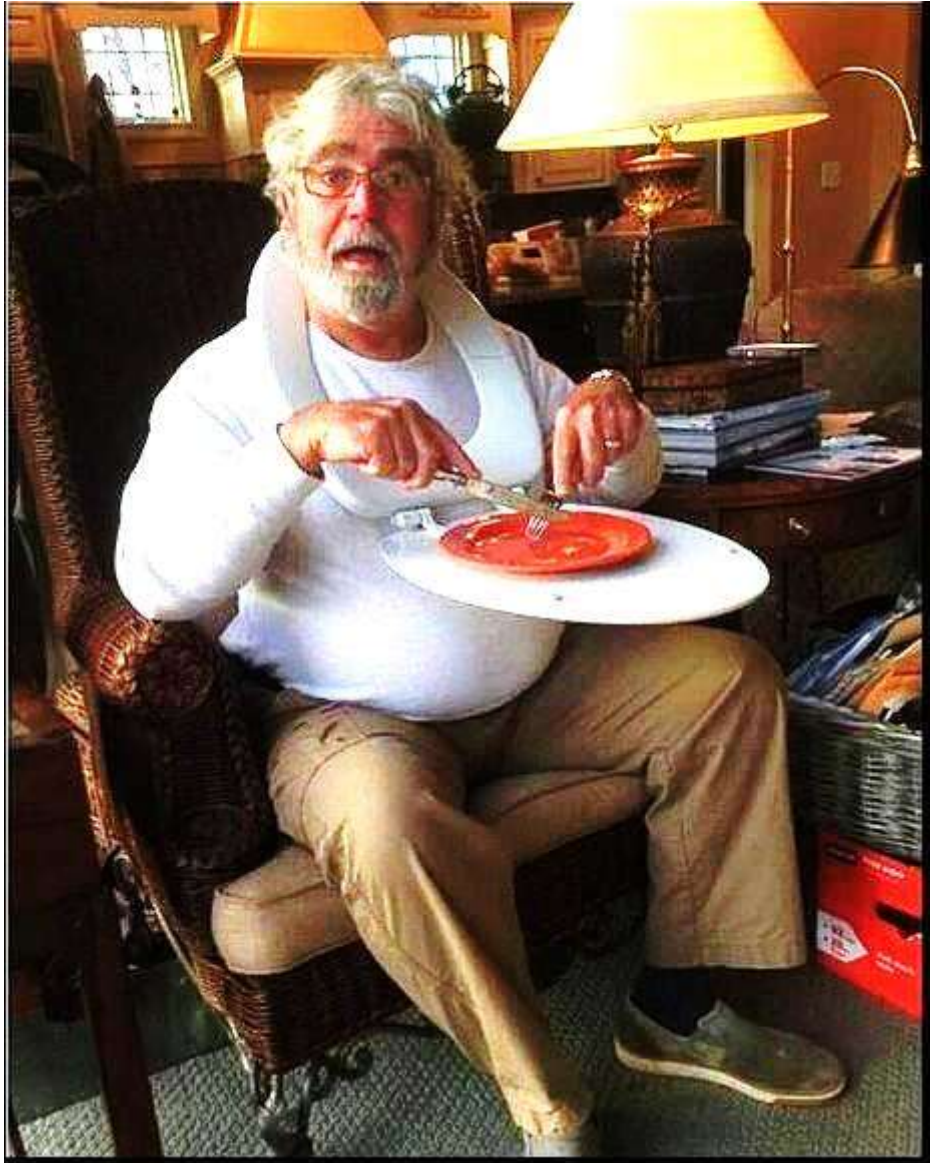


CLAYTON WORSDELL SENT US THESE PHOTOS FROM SILVER LAKE IN MONO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

# "ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING"

EDITOR BILL SELB

## TV TRAY FOR SENIORS



*Now why didn't I think of that?*



## WORD-PLAY EULOGY

Veteran Pillsbury spokesman Pop N. Fresh died Wednesday of a severe yeast infection. He was 71 and buried Friday in one of the biggest funerals in years.

Dozens of celebrities turned out including Mrs. Butterworth, the California Raisins, Hungry Jack, Betty Crocker, and the Hostess Twinkies.

The graveside was piled high with flours, as longtime friend Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy: "Fresh was a man who never knew he was kneaded. Fresh rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a smart cookie, and wasted much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Still, even as a crusty old man, he was a roll model to millions."

"Fresh is survived by his second wife. They had two children, and one in the oven."

# FAILED BRAKES

A Software Engineer, a Hardware Engineer and a Branch Manager were on their way to a meeting.

They were driving down a steep mountain road when suddenly the brakes in their car failed. The car careened almost out of control down the road, bouncing off the curbs, until it miraculously came to a halt half way down the mountainside. The car's occupants, shaken but unhurt, now had a problem: they were stuck halfway down a mountain in a car with no brakes.

What were they to do?

"I know," said the Branch Manager, "Let's have a meeting, propose a Vision, formulate a Mission Statement, define some Goals, and by a process of Continuous Improvement find a solution to the Critical Problems, and we can be on our way."

"No, no," said the Hardware Engineer, "That will take far too long, and besides, that method has never worked before. I've got my Swiss Army knife with me, and in no time at all I can strip down the braking system, isolate the fault, fix it, and we can be on our way."

"Well," said the Software Engineer, "Before we do anything, I think we should push the car back up the road and see if it happens again."

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