

# THE VALLEY SUNRISE



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1/10/22 Board Meeting 7 AM  
Zoom  
2/16/22 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM  
Zoom



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL



## SEE EVERYONE ON JANUARY 6, 2022.

## THE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: *Barbara Reifschneider*



*“Even the strongest of hands can lose their grip. The greatest of minds can become cloudy. And the biggest of hearts can break.  
So be kind. Just always be kind.”*

### The Four Way Test



Of all the things we think, say and do:  
Is it the TRUTH?  
Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIP?  
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## ZOOMING IN



TORSTEN



DEB



HERB



JULIA



TOMMY



RICH



LOIS



HUGH



JEFF

# TODAY'S SPEAKER

Program Chair Miles Bell introduced today's speaker, **Ambassador Jim Carriere** of the ShelterBox Disaster Relief charity, who spoke to us so eloquently about how they transform despair into hope.

*Today, around 113 million people around the world have been displaced by natural disaster and conflict. ShelterBox is actively working to change this, but they need your help!*

ShelterBox is constantly providing emergency shelter and tools to displaced families around the world. Natural disasters and conflicts never take days off and they don't either. They are always on the ground, working to help the most vulnerable, no matter how remote the location and see a world where no family is left without shelter after a disaster.



They provide essential tools and equipment to families following a natural disaster or conflict.



ShelterBox goes to the ends of the earth to deliver aid to families in the most remote communities that have been devastated by disaster.

How can you help? Contact Jim at [james.carriere@gmail.com](mailto:james.carriere@gmail.com) and express your interest.

## BOOK DONATION

As is our club's custom, the speaker autographs a book that we donate to the Clayton Public Library. It is always an unexpected treat that surprises our speakers and is totally appreciated.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**President-elect Mary Kemnitz** lead the meeting this morning as President Monica is off on a much deserved vacation. Mary guided us through a jam-packed program and ended the meeting with a spontaneous auction that brought in \$300. It was way cool and uproariously funny. She reminded us that as of January 1, 2022 the \$50 meeting fee goes into effect, and the meal fee was reduced to \$15.



## ROTARIANS FOR 2022-2023 TERM ANNOUNCED

The Nominating Committee has selected the following Rotarians for the 2022-2023 positions. The election will be held at the January 13, 2022 club meeting.

Director of Club Services	Barbara Reifschneider
Rotary Foundation	Susie Lim
Membership Services	Jeff Wilson
President-Elect	Bob Sundberg

## MEET MOLLY: Potential New Member

Mary introduced us to **Molly Avilez** who is in the process of becoming a Rotarian at our club. Molly has participated in many of our Rotary Club events throughout her high school and college career. She graduated from Clayton Valley Charter High School and earned her BA in Business Communications from San Francisco State and is the Property Manager at Palm Terrace Condominiums in Concord. She is currently studying for her real estate license.



The Board will consider this application at its January 11, 2022 meeting.

## HOOY'S FOOD BANK DONATION: We Passed the Hat

Every year **Bob Hooy** and his family help feed the hungry in our community by giving to the Food Bank. This year the need is probably greater than ever. Each dollar given turns into two meals, and 96 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to support food programs. Thursday we passed the hat and collected \$230 which means that that donation will be matched by Bob. There is still time to contribute.

## FOUNDATION DAY & PROJECT FAIR

**Rotary Foundation Chair Ken Nishimori** reported that you can now register for the District's Foundation Day event that will be held Saturday, January 29, 2022, at Pioneer High School in Woodland.

It is mandatory to attend this event if your club plans to apply for 2022-23 grants. **District Foundation Chair Jon Dwyer** and **District Governor-elect Suzanne Bragdon** urge you to attend.







## LAST WEEK'S COMMUNITY SERVICE MEETING

Thursday's meeting, December 9<sup>th</sup> was at **SAA Bob Sundberg's** house and was the Club's first community service project. It was a tremendous success. Fifty five boxes were prepared and driven to the Center. A ton of work went into this project that began with grocery shopping, a Wednesday organizing meeting, box stuffing, and finally delivering the boxes to the MCC. Clayton was on hand, of course, and captured proof of the immense amount of work that went into this project.

### *The Wednesday afternoon set-up team*



*The Thursday 7:00 am team arrived & started stuffing*





*Mission accomplished and off they went to the Monument Crisis Center*





# UGANDA

**Herbert Muyinga** and **Deb Luyiima** send us their hopes that we all enjoy the holidays. They also sent us the current pictures of the construction of the perimeter wall that is being built around the Pediatric Clinic. The furniture and carpentry work is being done off site and will get to see the results when they are delivered.



Herb and Deb were on zoom with us this morning. Deb was in Uganda but Herb was in the USA.



**Toloui: Dawn Breakers.**  
**Sadjed: One who prostrates to show humility, respect, and devotion to God**



# SAN FELIPE

Here is what's happening in our Twin club in San Felipe. They inform us every Monday morning at 8 am via zoom about their annual projects and myriad activities they participate in. Here are just a few of them:

1. The Tamales Festival fundraiser.
2. Taste of San Felipe--tour restaurants that donate appetizers for Rotary. Steak in the park--the club serves meals to about 500 and there is also dancing, music, and culture on display.
3. Weekly Rotary Breakfast truck at Farmers market.
4. Polio Plus luncheon
5. Kuchy Sanches Education programs where currently 200 students will receive scholarship, shoes, uniforms, backpacks, calculators. (Several of our members have "adopted" students as club matches. The eventual graduation ceremony is touching and appreciative.
6. Support Men's Rehab Center, city rowing team; first responders with uniforms, equipment including fire truck.
7. Interact/Rotaract programs.
8. Grants and support for hearing clinic, Equine therapy program (including equipment).
9. Support for cancer center including the cancer walk scheduled for Feb 19, 2022.
10. Christmas gift bags for the elderly and those in need are prepared and distributed

**Torsten Jacobsen** said, *"This is an incomplete list but we surely can be proud to have them as a partner and with a symbiotic relationship; both clubs benefit and become more productive. If you are ever in San Felipe, go visit them Better still is join them at their weekly hybrid meeting every Monday at 8 a.m. Let Tina Sweeney know and she will include you on their zoom email."*



# AUSTRALIA



**Helene "Bo" Morse** from Rotary Club of Paddington

Our fellow Rotarian from down under sends us this message:

I want to say **thank you** to the rare few individuals in my life who have listened without judgement, spoken without prejudice, helped me without entitlement, understood without pretension and loved me without conditions.

# HAPPY / GRUMPY BUCKS

By Barbara Reifschneider



Ever wonder how Happy Bucks became a column that is featured every week in every one of our newsletters? Did you know that it was Past President and Club Services Chair Barbara who came up with giving grumpy bucks? In fact, it was Troy Petty, 2003-2004 President, who got the ball rolling. He thought of getting members to tell us what they were happy about the week before each Thursday meeting. Barbara realized, however, that not everybody is happy all the time so she suggested at one of their board meetings that they include grumpy bucks too. She said: *"How about happy bucks if they're happy and grumpy bucks if they're not so happy. I'll bet nobody knows that."* Barbara, by the way, was our President

during 2009-2010 and was the first female Rotary President.

**VICKI SEXTON** was really happy to be home. She gave one happy buck and told us about her great time in Germany. She said that even though a lot of adventures were closed due to COVID, she and John had a memorable time anyway. They were disappointed that the river cruise they signed up for was also a victim of Covid and was canceled. They took a lot of train rides instead which was also great fun



**MILES BELL** gave a happy five bucks because he got to spend the weekend with both of his grandsons and daughter in Monterey.

**LARRY HUTCHINGS** gave five happy bucks as he and Dennis celebrated their days-apart birthdays together. They had beautiful weather down in Carmel, where they spent the weekend, and took the 17 mile drive.





# SPONTANEOUS AUCTION

**President-elect Mary Kemnitz** got the auction started, and she appointed **Russ Anderson** as the auctioneer. **Herbert Muyinga** donated the wine and dessert basket to our club and Larry Hutchings held it up for all to see. At first we were going to pass the basket around so each member could take something from it, but someone suggested auctioning it off instead. The members all agreed and Russ got the auction started. He managed to keep the bidding going until it reached \$300. What great fun. Someone shouted out that we should do this every week because even the zoomers could participate.



Herbert talked to us on zoom but was actually in the USA. Here's the stunning basket.



Mary got the ball rolling and Russ did the auction. Hugh Toloui is the winner at \$300.

# THE GALLERY

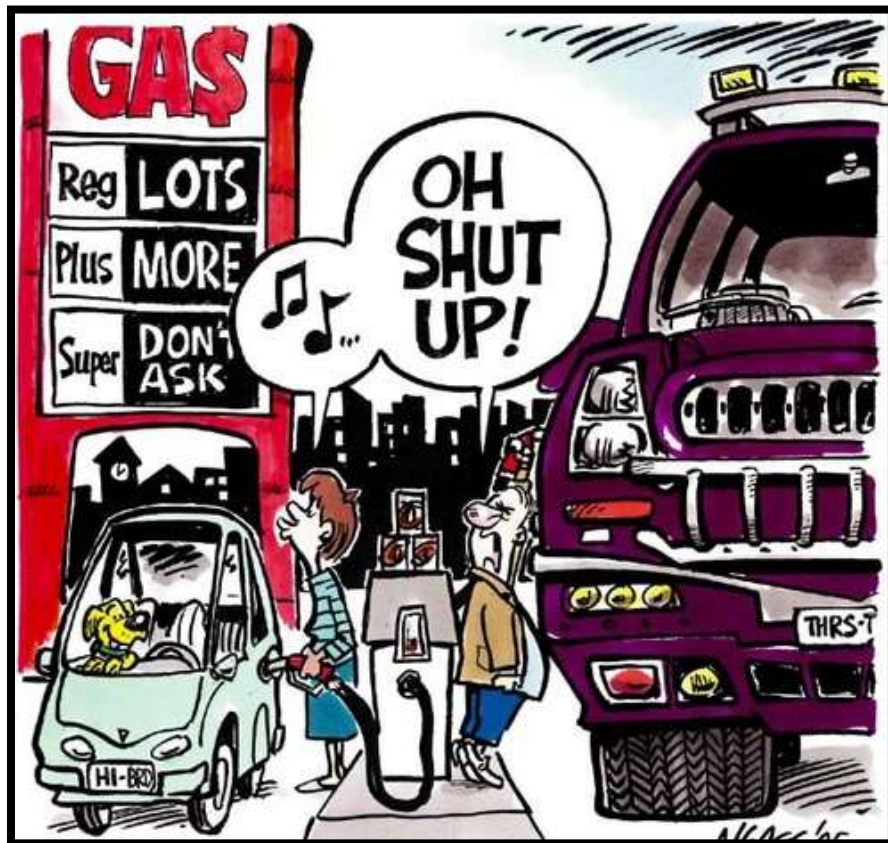


Two roses: old and new. Thanks to  
Clayton Worsdell.



# ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING

By Bill Selb



## FOREIGN ACCENTS

I was sitting at a bar in London once when I spotted two very large women sitting across from me. Bored as I was, I listened to their conversation and realized they speak with accents.

I said, "Cool accents, are you two ladies from Scotland?"

One of them yelled, "It's Wales, you idiot."

Slightly taken aback, I said, "Ok, so are you two whales from Scotland?"

I don't remember much after that.

## COST OF SERVICES

A married couple is travelling by car to visit family. After almost eleven hours on the road, they were too tired to continue and decided to take a room. But, they only planned to sleep for four hours and then get back on the road.

When they checked out four hours later, the desk clerk handed them a bill for \$350.00. The man explodes and demands to know why the charge is so high. He told the clerk although it's a nice hotel but the rooms certainly aren't worth \$350.00 for four hours. Then the clerk tells him that \$350.00 is the 'standard rate'. He insisted on speaking to the Manager.

The Manager appears, listens to him, and then explains that the hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference center that were available for us to use. "But we didn't use them," the husband said. "Well, they are here, and you could have," explained the Manager. The Manager went on to explain that the couple could also have enjoyed one of the shows for which the hotel is famous. "We have the best entertainers from New York, Hollywood, and Las Vegas perform here," the Manager says. "But we didn't go to any of those shows," the husband said. "Well, we have them, and you could have," the Manager replied.

No matter what amenity the Manager mentioned, the husband replied, "But we didn't use it!" The Manager is unmoved, and eventually the husband gave up and agreed to pay. As he didn't have the check book, he asked his wife to write the check. She did and gave it to the Manager. The Manager is surprised when he looks at the check. "But ma'am, this is made out for only \$50.00." "That's correct. I charged you \$300.00 for sleeping with me," she replied. "But I didn't" exclaims the Manager. "Well, too bad, I was here, and you could have."

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