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3/9/21 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
4/12/21 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
Zoom



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



Although there were several Christian martyrs named Valentine, the day may have taken its name from a priest who was martyred about 270 CE by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus. According to legend, the priest signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and, by some accounts, healed from blindness. Other accounts hold that it was St. Valentine of Terni, a bishop, for whom the holiday was named, though it is possible the two saints were actually one person. Formal messages, appeared in the 1500s, and by the late 1700s commercially printed cards were being used.

One of earliest American valentine businesses on record was run by Esther Howland in Worcester, Mass. who ran a stationary store and made valentines by hand to sell during the 1850s. Then in 1911, Hallmark was founded and it became possible to print valentine cards in color at lower costs and became part of a general movement to turn holidays into opportunities for selling things from candy to flowers to magazine advertisements.

“Will the meeting please come to order.”



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Jeff Wilson

“Our greatest power as nations and individuals is not the ability to employ assault weapons, suicide bombers, and drones to destroy each other.

The greater more creative powers with which we may arm ourselves are grace and compassion sufficient enough to love and save each other.”

-- Aberjhani

TODAY'S GUESTS



DEB LUYIMA
International Services
Rotary Club of Muyenga Uganda



HERBERT MUYINGA
Director



RIENNA SCHWARTZ
City Manager
City of Clayton

A ROTARY MINUTE

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

The First Rotary Theme

Each year the incoming Rotary International President chooses a theme and repeats that theme as he addresses audiences all over the world during his year as president. This year's 2020-2021 theme for President Vicki is "Rotary Opens Opportunities"

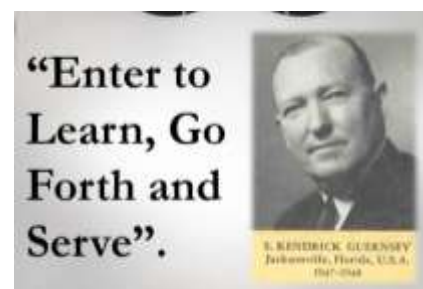
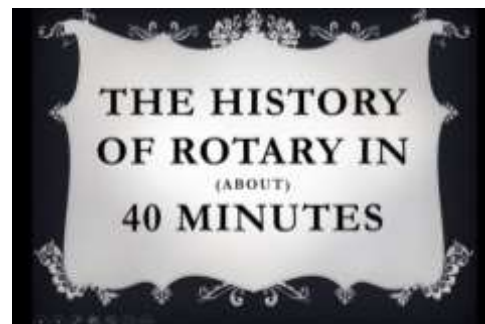


Next year's 2021-2022 theme for President-Elect Monica is "Serve To Change Lives." In Past-President Julia's 2019-2020 term, it was "Rotary Connects the World" and the year before in Past-President Chris' term 2018-2019 it was "Be the Inspiration." Past-President Tommy's term "Rotary:

Making A Difference." My term 2016-2017 "Rotary Serving Humanity" and Past-President Dave's Term 2015-2016 it was "Be a Gift to the World." And so on... and so on and so on.



But Rotary themes don't date all the way back to Paul Harris's time and began, in fact, because of Kendrick Guernsey. At the 1947 Rotary International Convention he hung a sign at the entrance to the plenary that read, "Enter to Learn, Go Forth and Serve." From that day forward each incoming president has offered his own theme. And Guernsey's theme lives on because at every Rotary



International Convention since then this same sign has been posted for all to see.



This year the 2021 Rotary International Convention, scheduled for 12-16 June, in Taipei, Taiwan, will now be a virtual event in response to the ongoing threat of COVID-19. We are sorry that we will not see you in Taipei this year, but this decision, made by the Rotary Board of Directors, is necessary to protect the health of everyone involved. We will share more details about the 2021 Rotary International Virtual Convention soon.

This has been the 26th minute of the History of Rotary in (about) 40 minutes.

LET'S GET THINGS STARTED

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Riena Schwartz

Today's speaker, **Riena Schwartz**, is now the new City Manager of Clayton and comes to us from San Pablo where she was the assistant City Manager. Riena said, "Clayton is an extraordinary community and environment, and I look forward to working collaboratively in support of our vision to be a premier small city focused on customer service and excellence."

Manager Schwartz outlined and spoke to the city of Clayton's four key issues that includes:

- Undeveloped property
- Financial sustainability
- Housing
- Environmental sustainability



Manager Schwartz said that she is responsible for the day to day operations as well as implementing the Council's policies. She can be reached at rschwartz@ci.clayton.ca.us.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Riena Schwartz holds a master's degree in public administration from Harvard and a bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley. In addition, she has attained certification as a credentialed manager with the International City/County Management Association that is one of only 1,417 managers worldwide to have done so.

She has more than three 30 years of public sector experience, and began her career as a fiscal analyst with the California Legislative Analyst's Office, which lead to a 24-year career with the city of Sacramento. Schwartz served in several key roles in Sacramento, including strategic planning director in the city manager's office and budget, policy and strategic planning manager with the Finance Department. She rounded out her career in Sacramento with an 11-year stint as director of the Department of General Services, prior to leaving for San Pablo 5½ years ago.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Vicki called the meeting to order promptly at 7 AM. She announced that there are no birthdays, anniversaries, or length of service milestones to celebrate, but many will soon be coming up.



CARS 2ND CHANCE Service above Self



THE TREAM: Mary Kemnitz, Dave Kemnitz, David Wahl, Larry Hutchins, Vicki Sexton, Pat Flaharty, Rich Lueck, Bill Arena, Paul Bettelheim, Tom Guyette, Alex Arnold

Mary Kemnitz said that Copart picked up 14 cars this past week, \$7,091 was sent to Lamorinda, and the same amount was deposited in our Club's account.



Larry Hutchings reported that we have five new C2C's partners in our program:

Oakland Rowing Club
Lamorinda Village
Klamath River Renewal
Project Healing Waters

Bill Arena is in charge of marketing and putting his photography skills to use as he photographs all the cars coming into the program.



THE ANNUAL FOUNDATION DAY MEETS

Register NOW for District 5160's ROTARY FOUNDATION DAY to be held next week Saturday, February 20th from 9 AM to 12 PM. The fee is only \$49 and those who register will receive a Zoom link the day before the event. For more information contact: John Dwyer at Jon@Rotary5160.org. If your club is planning to submit a request for a Grant for 2021-22, at least ONE PERSON MUST ATTEND. This is the only time this year the training will be offered.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

Director Ken Nishimori reported that February 20th is Rotary Foundation Day and we will celebrate enthusiastically. He also reported that John Wenzel who is one of the nine PHSM's, John was happy to show us his "flag."



These are the nine active PHSM's: **Russ Anderson, Irene Davids-Blair, Ken Nishimori, Torsten Jacobsen, Mary Kemnitz, Jeff Rondini, Clayton Worsdell, John Wenzel** and now **Bob Sundberg**.

CONNECTING THE WORLD THRU ART: Peace through Service



Joan D'Onofrio, Tineke Jacobsen, and Deb Luyiima: report that the Uganda students are gearing up for another art challenge and this time the theme is: **"Peace through Service."**



Concord High School is joining the project as well, and will do the My Hero theme. The Arts & Culture Commission of Contra Costa County is interested in the success of this project.

Votes for the CVCHS My Hero portraits are coming in from as far away as Australia and also from our Council members. **Bo Morse** from Australia and Councilman **Edi Birsan** sent in their votes.



HAPPY/GRUMPY BUCKS

Compiled by Director Barbara Reifschneider



Torsten Jacobsen gave a happy buck for his grant to help bring clean water to the women and children in India. Torsten said there are about 400 altogether that will benefit from some clean water



Tommy Wolf gave a happy buck because he was happy for Valentine's Day. Vanessa and Tommy decorated the whole office and are currently giving a free promotion offer for family and friends.



Larry Hutchings gave a happy buck, because he got his second Covid shot and is going to Palm Springs for two weeks.



Rich Lueck gave a happy buck because his divorce was finalized on Valentine's Day many years ago.

Vicki Sexton gave a happy buck, because she was very happy to hear that Ken will take over the treasurers job for the rest of the term.



Jeff Wilson had a happy 10 bucks as his daughter was turning five. He was also happy that he closed on a multimillion dollar house and two more will close next week.



Miles Bell Miles gave a happy buck, as he was thankful for the support of the club members and their suggestions for future speakers.

Last but not least, listen to what Torsten Jacobsen had to say:

I decided to emulate Deb's hairdo by dyeing my hair dark and enhancing it a bit with colors; but alas in contrast to her abundant hair my result was rather "flat." So my granddaughter Siri (imaginary) who had seen Deb's hair style, suggested that I "enhance" with a bit of an electric jolt. So on that suggestion,, I stuck my finger in a lamp socket. Wow-momentarily an electric head of hair heading straight up but with, alas, only a "burnt" finger. Deb won and I lost. A man can lose one finger and still count to 20, whereas a woman if she loses one can only count to 19-I added.



THE RAFFLE



President Vicki pulled **Russ Anderson's** name and he chose the red wine as his prize he had no other choice. New prizes will be forthcoming.

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

THE NIGHT BLOOMING CEREUS: *Selenicereus Grandiflorus*

Bob Sundberg submitted these amazing photos and they are so beautiful that here they are again.



Awesome



ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING ...

**If a man speaks in the forest
and there is no woman around to hear him,
is he still wrong?**

SUPERBOWL TICKETS

A guy placed an ad on a Local Affairs website:

"I have two tickets for Super Bowl, both box seats. I paid \$2500 for each ticket, but I didn't realize last year when I bought them that it was going to be on the same day as my wedding.

I am looking for someone to take my place.

The wedding is at St. Thomas Church, Providence at 3pm. Her name is Amanda. She's 5'6", about 130 lbs. She'll be the one in the white dress."

EMPTY SEAT

A man goes to the Super Bowl but his tickets are for the upper tier. He spots an open seat on the 50-yard line and grabs it.

The guy sitting next to him says, "Actually, this seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. This is the first Super Bowl we haven't been together since we got married in 1967."

"I'm sorry to hear that," says the first man. "Couldn't you find a friend or relative to come with you?"

"Nope," replies the second guy. "Everyone's at the funeral."

HELPFUL NEPHEW

I walked into my sister's kitchen and found my nephew having a snack.

"Where's your mother?" I asked.

"She is upstairs, said she was going to take a shower." came the reply

"Do you know how long it's been? I need to ask her an urgent question." I asked.

He stepped into the nearby bathroom and flushed the toilet. A second later a sharp yell came from upstairs.

My nephew walked back out and said, "Won't be too long now."



Now that we can talk, we have to have meetings.

. . . That's all folks.

