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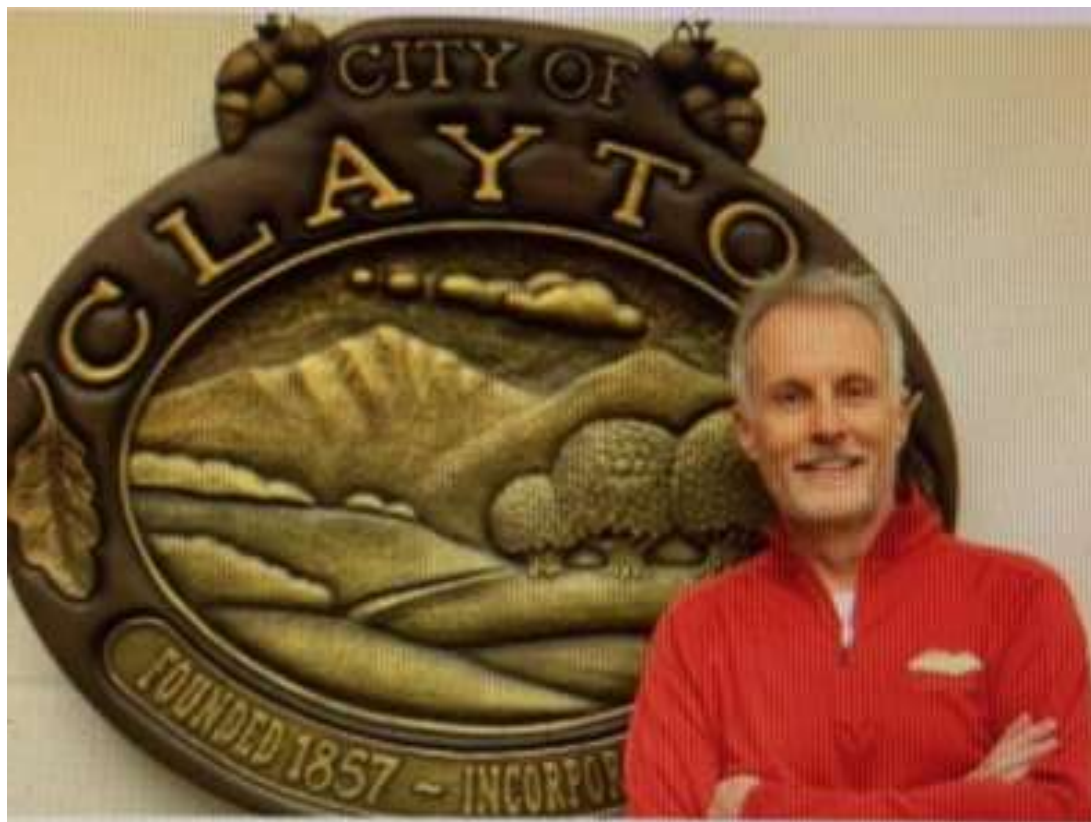
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IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

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



MEET THE CITY OF CLAYTON'S MAYOR



Mayor Carl "CW" Wolfe

Mayor Wolfe is today's speaker with an impressive resume. On December 2020 he began his term as Mayor of the City of Clayton. Before that, he served two terms as Chair of the Clayton Planning Commission, is a member of the CBCA (Clayton Business and Community Association), and is the announcer for the annual 4th of July Parade. He retired in 2018 as Creative Director for the McDonald's Corporation and is currently a consultant for the National PR/Marketing Agency handling McDonalds. Interesting to note, that the mayor is also a member of SAG and AFTRA as he is a vested actor, voice actor, and performer who has produced and directed countless live and video productions.

“Will the meeting please come to order.”



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Miles Bell

“If you are not a liberal at twenty, you have no heart. If you are not a conservative at forty, you have no brain.”

-- Winston Churchill

TODAY'S GUESTS



DEB LUYIMA
International Services
Rotary Club of Muyenga Uganda



HERBERT MUYINGA
Director



CARL “CW” WOLFE
Mayor
City of Clayton

A ROTARY MINUTE

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

Paul Harris Died



Paul Harris was born in [Racine, Wisconsin](#) on April 19, 1868 to George and Cornelia Harris.

He struggled a bit in college, including being expelled twice, but eventually became a very successful Chicago attorney. He longed for fellowship and professional discourse and found it when he invited 3 business associates to meet and form what would become the world's first service organization – Rotary.



He and his beautiful wife, Jean, spent their lives traveling the world as Rotary ambassadors promoting the Fellowship, friendship, service, and **peace** that embody Rotary.

Paul Harris died at the age of 79 in January 1947, and was commemorated on this March cover of the Rotarian magazine.

Fellow Rotarians and guests please join me and raise a glass in honor and in memory of the founder of this tremendous organization – Paul Harris.

This has been the 27th minute of the History of Rotary in (about) 40 minutes.



LET'S GET THINGS STARTED

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Mayor Carl "CW" Wolfe

Miles Bell introduced today's speaker who is the Mayor of the City of Clayton, **Carl "CW" Wolfe**, who talked to us about the items in the works that include the Olivia Project, the school issues in coordination with Walnut Creek, Concord, and the Mt Diablo Unified School District, and continuous work with the CBCA*.



The Mayor also talked about how surprised he was to have been elected, but we can't see why. He is one cool dude. He is a member of SAG and AFTRA as is a vested actor, voice actor with 150 different ones to draw on, and is a performer who has produced and director countless live and video productions. He also got involved in government after meeting with Colin Powell and learned that it was important to give back. He had a very long career with McDonald's as their creative director and retired in 2018. He is also the announcer for both the Clayton BBQ Cook-off and the City of Clayton's 4th of July Parade--a true Renaissance man.

Mr. Mayor said: "I love Clayton for what it is, what it stands for, and what it can become. The future will take vision, listening, and proper planning. I serve to help make Clayton the best that it can be."

HOW THE CITY OF CLAYTON GOT ITS NAME

The town of Clayton was founded in 1857 by Joel Henry Clayton (1812–1872) and his two younger brothers. Clayton was born in the United Kingdom, and immigrated to the United States in 1837. After years in other states he settled down with his wife Margaret (1820–1908) at his town at the foot of Mount Diablo, where he and his family prospered. Joel Henry Clayton, and his brother Charles Rhine cofounded the town, and each wanted to name it after himself. If Charles had won it would have become Rhinesville, but with the flip of a coin, Joel Clayton won. Joel and his wife Margaret both died in Clayton, and were buried in Live Oak Cemetery in what is now Concord, CA.



Clayton prospered during the coal mining boom in eastern Contra Costa County. The post office opened in 1861. Following a previous incorporation attempt in 1960, Clayton incorporated in 1964 in order to stave off an annexation attempt in 1963 of the Cardinet Glen neighborhood by nearby Concord. After steady expansion during the 1970s to the east and west from its original boundaries, Clayton's land area more than doubled in 1987, to near its present-day boundaries with the annexations of the Dana Hills/Dana Ridge and Clayton Wood subdivisions, as well as the former Keller Ranch property that was developed during the 1990s with the Oakhurst Country Club.

*The Clayton Business and Community Association (CBCA) is a non-sectarian, non-partisan and non-profit community organization made up of local residents, business entities, and others who wish to share the common desire to improve the quality of life in the Clayton community through local activities, fundraising events, charitable donations, social networking and monthly meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Vicki called the meeting to order promptly at 7 AM. She announced birthdays, anniversaries, and length of service milestones that we will be celebrating this session.



MILESTONES

Length of Service



BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER is celebrating her **20th** year as an outstanding Rotarian and was surprised when Vicki announced it. She thought it was 17 years. She joined on February 15, 2001, and was instrumental in becoming our Club's **first female President** for the 2009/2010 term. Barbara was **Rotarian of the year** in 2007 and is a Paul Harris Fellow. She is our consummate party planner and organizer of our race track and bocce ball events. After a lengthy career with Pacific Bell, she retired and joined Trader Joes's where she worked for the past 14 years. Barbara grew up in San Mateo. She and her husband, Mark, have lived in their Concord home for the past 30 years—she thinks it is 29 years.

Birthday



LISA TRUESDELL joined Rotary August 1, 2006. She served as Membership Director on the Board and was a member of the Charitable Fund. Lisa is the owner of the State Farm Insurance Company in Clayton where she also lives. Her company is famous for making the parking lot available to the members who meet there when they gather for the Saturday morning Community Services programs. Happy Birthday, and thank you Lisa.

Anniversary



Frank and **Barbara Westphall** celebrated their anniversary on Sunday, February 14. Frank is the owner of Aces Plumbing and has been a member of Rotary for 17 years. He is always on hand to help senior citizens with their plumbing issues. Barbara just came back from a trip to Virginia where she met with their 13 grandchildren and great grandchildren. Frank explained that the reason they have so many grandkids is a result of his bringing two children to the marriage and Barbara brought four. With six children between them, their family sure has grown.

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 10 titles just came in and everything is moving along beautifully. **Larry Hutchings** reminded us that the following clubs are now our new partners: Oakland Rowing Club, Lamorinda Village, Khammash River Renewal, and Project Healing Waters.



ROTARY FOUNDATION DAY



Director Ken Nishimori reported that Saturday is Rotary Foundation Day and seven members signed up; **Ken, Vicki, Torsten, Larry, Irene, and Monica**. We will get full reports next week for those of us who did not attend. This event is also imperative to attend if a grant is under consideration.

CONNECTING THE WORLD THRU ART: Peace through Service



Joan D'Onofrio and **Tineke Jacobsen**, are happy to announce the five winners of the CVCHS's My Hero virtual competition:

First place



Second place



Third place



Fourth place



Fifth place

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

FUND RAISING NEWSLETTER #9 *Wine Draw Event*



FOLLOWING OUR MEETING THIS PAST THURSDAY, YOUR FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE HAD A ZOOM MEETING TO DISCUSS OUR UPCOMING WINE EVENT. LO AND BEHOLD, LARRY AND MONICA RAISED THE BAR.

AS BEFORE, WE ANTICIPATE THAT EACH MEMBER WILL CONTRIBUTE EITHER A COUPLE OF BOTTLES OF EXCELLENT WINE OR \$40 CASH. WE SUGGEST THAT THE WINES BE VALUED AT A MINIMUM OF \$20.

WE FURTHER PROPOSE THAT EACH MEMBER BE ISSUED A BLOCK OF FIVE TICKETS TO BE SOLD AT \$50 EACH. WE WILL ALSO PROMOTE THE EVENT TO OTHER CLUBS. OUR VISION IS TO SELL ONLY 250 TICKETS. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO TO SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF CLAYTON.

MONICA WILL HOLD THE SUPPLY OF CONTRIBUTED WINE. LARRY AND MONICA WILL PURCHASE WINE WITH THE DONATED CASH. WE HOPE TO ACCUMULATE 60 TO 70 BOTTLES OF WINE.

THE DATE FOR THE DRAWING HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO THURSDAY, APRIL 15TH (TAX DAY).

THAT GIVES US PLENTY OF TIME TO PROMOTE THIS EVENT AND SELL THE TICKETS. WE ARE CONSIDERING HAVING AN EVENING MEETING THAT DAY TO CAP OFF THE EVENT.

AT THIS POINT VICKI IS ARRANGING FOR THE DESIGN AND PURCHASE OF THE TICKETS. MONICA AND LARRY ARE RECEIVING AND CATALOGING OUR WINE INVENTORY. BILL WILL KEEP YOU APPRISED OF OUR ONGOING PROGRESS.

SO START THINKING OF YOUR CONTACTS AND PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHO WILL HELP US SUPPORT THIS EVENT.

ALL ABOARD: District Conference Sign Up.

District Governor Mark Roberts wants us to know that: *"By nature, Rotarians are an optimistic lot. We see opportunity in challenges and seek to be the change we wish to see in the world. Yet even the cheeriest of us have found ourselves on the brink of impatience and frustration this year. The recommended cure is to register for the **Spring District Conference, to be held Friday, April 30 - Sunday May 2. It's good for your soul.**"*



You have probably heard by now that we are going to provide the same, great conference content via a special virtual conference platform (no, it's not Zoom!). Network one-on-one with your Rotary friends – or meet some new ones with the speed networking feature. Keynote speakers, breakouts, a Friday night social; we are going to have it all.

This year's event will be different. In the spirit of the theme **"All Aboard,"** the conference will kick off with a dynamic program led by the JARS (Junior Active Rotarians) and Rotaractors of Chico. The topic is bridging the gap between generations, and their approach is both fresh and highly engaging. It's been a hot topic and one you won't want to miss.

Now here's the best part: If you register by Tuesday February 23, your conference fee is just \$20. What a great deal! However, registration fees will be \$40 from February 24 to March 31 and will go up to \$49 on April 1.

PLEASANT HILL ROTARY: Virtual Celebration

Jeff Clark, President of the Pleasant Hill Rotary Club invites us to join their club's St. Patrick's Day Gala Celebration **March 20-25**. This event will be different. No catered dinner, no live auction, no costume contest, but a new way to have a fun and safe way to carry on their popular St. Patrick's celebration for the 21st year by sitting in the comfort of our homes and using our phone or computer to participate while still supporting our community.

All proceeds will benefit Meals on Wheels Diablo Region, the Monument Crisis Center, and the Pleasant Hill Rotary Foundation's grants program. The virtual celebration will include Exciting Super Silent and Silent Auction prizes, Fund-a-Need, and Instant Wine Cellar and Booze Bazaar

Starting today, until the close of the auction on March 25, you can donate to one of the organizations, buy chances for the Wine Cellar and Booze Bazaar, or purchase a sponsorship. The auction starts on March 20 and is open to everyone! Bidding can be done with a cell phone, tablet or computer. You can also preview the auction items now by selecting the "Be a Bidder" tab and "Register to Bid." Contact Jeff at 925 212-5637 for more information.



HAPPY/GRUMPY BUCKS

Compiled by Director Barbara Reifschneider



Bob Sundberg had two happy bucks. The first one was for being able to purchase his new vehicle online with **Russ Anderson**. Apparently that's the way you do it these days. He also had a second happy buck for the NASA landing on Mars.



Rich Lueck gave a happy buck because he was happy about getting his second Covid shot and had no soreness. **Larry Hutchings** gave one happy buck as he was also happy about getting his second Covid shot with no soreness. **Clayton Worsdell** was also happy and gave a buck because he got his second Covid shot and again he had no side effects either. **Ken Nishimori** got his first short on Sunday at CVS. Rich said: "When I returned to my car after the 2nd Pfizer shot Wednesday, the first song playing on the radio was a tribute to Buddy Holly. The Day the Music Died was playing, and the first music line I heard was "this will be the day that I die...." a bit of a reflective moment, for sure.



Mary Kemnitz had a happy back because she was also happy about **Russ Anderson** being able to help her with her lease which was up on her vehicle. She also had a grumpy buck because she made the mistake of bringing Dave with her and now he wants a new vehicle.



Our president, **Vicki Sexton**, gave a happy buck. Her grandson asked her for a Valentine's Day date. First they went for a three mile hike, and then they went to Safeway where he bought her flowers. How sweet is that? Next he took her to Panda Express for lunch. What a sweet grandson.



Monica Fraga had two grumpy bucks. Actually they were sad bucks about her father-in-law who is now in hospice. She also had a bad pinch in her neck which was messing up everything. So she went to the doctor and he gave her a bunch of pills that knocked her out for hours. She even said she felt high.



John Wenzel gave two bucks because he was happy about going to an adventure mountain with his kids to go sledding. He said It was a lot of work walking up and down those hills with kids that you also had to carry the whole way. He was also happy about the game stop lawsuit.

THE GALLERY



Bo Morse from our Australia Rotary sent us this incredible photo of the Golden Gate bridge under construction.

How cool is this.



The Perseverance Landing on Mars today 2-28-2021.
Sent in by Clayton Worsdell.

... And this from Rich Lueck



Spring has sprung, the grass has rize, I wonder where the birdies is.

ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING ...

**Remember when you wished the weekend
would last forever?
Happy now??!!!**

THE WAILING WALL

A journalist assigned to the Jerusalem bureau takes an apartment overlooking the Wailing Wall. Every day when she looks out, she sees an old Jewish man praying vigorously. One morning she goes down and introduces herself to the old man.

She asks, "You come every day to the wall. How long have you done that and what are you praying for?"

The old man replies, "I have come here to pray every day for 25 years. In the morning I pray for world peace and then for the brotherhood of man. I go home have a cup of tea and I come back and pray for the eradication of illness and disease from the earth."

The journalist is amazed. "How does it make you feel to come here every day for 25 years and pray for these things?" she asks.

The old man looks at her sadly. "It's like I'm talking to a wall."

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

An elementary school class goes on a field trip to the police station.

At the station, officer points to the 10 MOST WANTED list and tell the children that these are the most dangerous and wanted fugitives in the USA.

Little Johnny looks at the wall of mugshots, points to a particularly scary looking individual and asks, "He is the MOST WANTED in the USA?!"

The officer replies, "Yes!"

Little Boy asks "Well, why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"

HELPFUL NEPHEW

Mr. Jones is driving past the state mental hospital when his left rear tire suffers a flat. While he is changing the tire, another car goes by, running over the hub cap in which he was keeping the lug nuts. The nuts are all knocked into a nearby storm drain.

He is at a loss for what to do and is about to go call a cab when he hears a shout from behind the hospital fence, where one of the inmates has been watching the whole thing.

“Hey, pal! Why don’t you just take one lug nut off each of the other three wheels and use them to replace the missing ones? That’ll hold your tires on until you can get to a garage or something.”

Mr. Jones is startled by the patient’s seeming rationality, but realizes the plan will work, and installs the spare tire without incident. Before he leaves, he calls back to the patient. “You know, that was pretty sharp thinking. Why do they have you in there?”

The patient smiles and says, “I’m in here because I’m crazy, not because I’m stupid.”



. . . That's all folks.