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## IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

2/9/21 Board Meeting 7 AM  
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2/8/21 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM  
Zoom



## MEET OUR 2021-2022 DISTRICT GOVERNOR



**Kathy Suvia** served as President of the Rotary Club of Mt. Shasta, was Assistant Governor, a District Trainer, and Chief of Staff prior to being selected as 5160's District Governor for 2021-22. The highlight of her Rotary adventures, she said, was a trip to Nigeria with 30 other Rotarians in 2016. *"Being able to immunize babies reconfirmed my dedication to Rotary's efforts in eradicating polio."*

Kathy earned her BA in Human Resource Management, and in her mid-50s she received her MBA in Nonprofit Management and Leadership. Her experience in the workforce and community economic development includes direct services to single moms entering the workforce, retraining dislocated timber workers, and managing such programs across Northern California. Highlights of her career are participating on the California Economic Revitalization Team for rural timber counties, being a founding member of a women's micro-enterprise organization, and developing the Leadership Siskiyou program.

She was born and lived the first few years of her life in Scotland before immigrating to Northern California with her family and holds dual citizenships in the US and the UK. She and her husband Bill, also a Rotarian, have two sons, live in Anderson, CA, and enjoy Alpine skiing, biking, and hiking around the many trails and lakes in the area.

**“Will the meeting please come to order.”**



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Bill Selb**

***“Old age ain’t for sissies.”* —Betty Davis**

this slogan first appeared in the Readers Digest 1968, but is attributed to Betty Davis who had it emblazoned on a pillow.

## **TODAY’S GUESTS**



**DEB LUYIMA**

International Services  
Rotary Club of Muyenga Uganda



**LOIS NELSON**



**JOAN RYAN**

City Planner  
Concord Planning Dept.



**SUZY LIM**

, American Cancer Society  
Discovery Store

# A ROTARY MINUTE

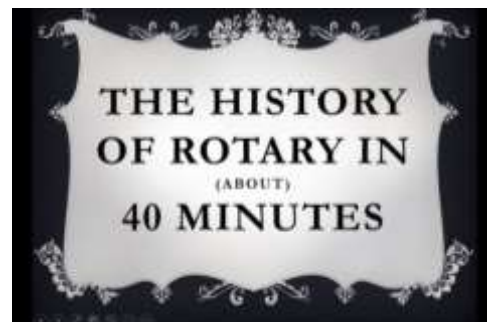
Clayton Worsdell Brings You  
The History of Rotary in 40 Minutes—One Minute at a Time

## Rotary and the United Nations

Rotary's relationship with the United Nations dates back to 1945 when some 49 Rotarians served as delegates at the United Nations Charter Conference.

Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status possible with the United Nations as a non-governmental organization.

The purpose is to Promote  
Peacebuilding around the world.  
(Audio file of Paul Harris speaking  
about the United Nations would not  
open)



The Rotarian magazine ran essays by authors, politicians, and other well-known figures that encouraged discussion on the topic of peace. Rotary published collections of these essays as "A World to Live In" (1942) and "Peace is a Process" (1944). Recognizing that the end of the war didn't eliminate the need to discuss these topics, Rotary continued the series with "Peace Demands Action" in 1947.

**The United Nations**

Rotary was present at the start of the United Nations in 1945. Rotary International was one of 42 organizations invited to serve as consultants to the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco, California, USA (commonly called the UN charter conference). Additionally, many Rotary members and honorary members from around the world attended the conference as members of and consultants to their nations' delegations.

Rotary and the United Nations remain committed to creating lasting change that enhances international relationships, improves lives and communities, and creates a more peaceful world.

Today, Rotary International holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN's Economic and Social Council (UNESCO). The Rotary Representative Network, established in 1991, maintains and furthers this relationship with several UN bodies, programs, commissions, and agencies.

**PEACE Is a Process**  
Forty founding points for thinking about the problems taking shape as war and peace merge—problems which will be inseparable because new forces are changing our lives and carry on efforts in organized groups called nations.

"Peace is a Process," a 1944 compilation of articles from The Rotarian magazine, focused on the new opportunities for international cooperation that would appear when the war ended. In "Setting the Pattern for Peace," historian and diplomat James Shovel explained the differences between the failed League of Nations and the approach taken to form the United Nations.

Thank you. This has been the History of Rotary in (about) 40 Minutes.



# LET'S GET THINGS STARTED

## TODAY'S SPEAKER: Joan Ryan

Today's speaker is **Joan Ryan**, the Community Reuse Area Planner for the City of Concord, currently coordinating project teams on the preparation of the Concord Reuse Project Specific Plan for the Concord Naval Weapons Station. She is an experienced Community Planner with a range of backgrounds in both transit-oriented planning and housing, and has a demonstrated history of working as a project manager for a wide variety of projects, that includes plans and programs for local government. She is skilled in Land Use, Planning Policy, Entitlement Processing, Comprehensive Planning, Redevelopment, Project Implementation and Urban Design.



The Community and Economic Development Department's Planning Division implements and administers the policy direction of the City Council and the needs of the community with regard to the City's built environment, including its development and growth. The Planning Division provides the public with information about property regulations and is responsible for developing long-range planning policies and plans, evaluating development projects, implementing housing programs, and assisting with the Concord Reuse Project. She spoke about some of the current projects under construction and those that have been approved:

### Under Construction

Renaissance Phase II  
Enclave  
Villa del Vista  
Concord Industrial Center

### Approved

Hampton Inn Hotel  
the Grant  
RCD Affordable Housing  
Concord Village  
Argent Housing

She ended her presentation with an update of the Concord Naval Weapons Station now referred to as the Concord Reuse Project. For more information, [joan.ryan@cityofconcord.org](mailto:joan.ryan@cityofconcord.org)

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

**Joan Ryan** attended Indiana University, received her BA in Urban Planning from Arizona State University, and her AICP Certification from the American Planning Association. She has managed advanced planning projects including the City's Housing Element Update and the Downtown Specific Plan, as well as the City's Solid Waste franchise. She also managed the city's first-time home buyer, rehabilitation, home owner assistance loans, and processed local residential and commercial projects that assisted developers through the City's development pipeline.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**President Vicki** called the meeting to order promptly at 7 AM. She offered this T-shirt to anyone who wants it. It is the shirt the members who worked on Adopt-a-Block. Don't speak up all at once.



## CARS 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 stops in every two weeks, and this time she told them that she has 14 cars on the drawing board.

**Larry Hutchings** reported that a check from Cars 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance in the amount of \$17,193.34 was sent to the Food Bank as our continuing contribution to help them continue their mission to feed the hungry throughout our county. That makes a total of \$67,193.34 contributed. This joint-project of the Rotary Clubs of Lamorinda Sunrise and our Club continues our fundraising efforts through the car donation program, and, hopefully, make it to our goal of a \$100,000 donation.



## MEET THE 2021 – 2022 NEW ROTARY LOGO



This will be **President-Elect Monica Fraga's** logo that will be used throughout her 2021/22 Club service.

# ANNUAL FOUNDATION DAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER



Our District's Annual Foundation Day event is only weeks away. Plan to attend to learn more about one of our powerful tools: The Rotary Foundation. Find out how to maximize Rotary grant funds to support your community. And so much more! Hear about the current status of our Polio eradication efforts, and about District 5160's involvement in the Rotary Peace Scholar program. At least one person from any District 5160 Club planning to submit a District or Global Grant Application for the 2021–22 Rotary Year. This session will be especially helpful to members preparing a grant application and/or managing the grant. 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.

**Register NOW** for District 5160's ROTARY FOUNDATION DAY is Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Jon@Rotary5160.org)

## ROTARY FOUNDATION

**Director Ken Nishimori** reported that February 20<sup>th</sup> is Rotary Foundation Day and we will celebrate enthusiastically. He also reported that **Russ Anderson** is a Paul Harris +6 and received his pin that had 1 ruby in it. Russ told us that his mom is a member of the Concord Rotary, his dad the Walnut Creek Rotary, and his sister is with the Danville Rotary. **John Wenzel** finally got his flag and is a Paul Harris +3.



Our Club currently has 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**.



## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS: Can You Find Your Name?

CVCS Rotary Club - Paul Harris Fellows

Name		PHF	PHF+1	PHF+2	PHF+3	PHF+4	PHF+5	PHF+6	PHF+7	PHF+8	Major Donor	
Nelson	Fred										X	
Murray	Owen										X	
Davids-Blair	Irene										X	
Nishimori	Ken										X	
Lueck	Richard									X		
Weir	Stephen									X		
Worsdell	Clayton									X		
Hutchings	Larry								X			
Jacobsen	Torsten								X			
Sundberg	Robert								X			
Anderson	Russell							X				
Ouimet	Don							X				
Kemnitz	Mary Ann						X					
Selb	Bill					X						
Fraga	Monica				X							
Rondini	Jeff				X							
Sexton	Vicki			X								
Wenzel	John			X								
Hooy	Bob		X									
Rehn	Eric		X									
Westphall	Frank		X									
Wolf	Tommy		X									
Bell	Miles	X										
D'Onofrio	Joan	X										
Huck	Robert	X										
Kroeger	Carrie	X										
Reifschneider	Barbara	X										
Sobilo	Ewa	X										
Truesdell	Lisa	X										
Wentling	Ben	X										
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- as of 01/26/2021

**Rotary Foundation Director Ken Nishimori** created this great chart that clearly shows the status of the Paul Harris contributors.



## 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 may be joining the project as well, but they will do the My Hero theme. The Arts & Culture Commission of Contra Costa County is interested in the success of this project.

**Jean Rodelas**, of the Rotary Club of Metro San Pedro (RCMSP), in the Philippines, wants us to know that they are excited to launch the Art Project with our club this month of February, just in time with Rotary's Anniversary.. Their club has discussed this in our two previous meetings and will email us further details.

## INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS: San Felipe



**Torsten Jacobsen** reported that the San Felipe attained regional county status. District will extend roughly from 50 miles north of San Felipe to at least 100 miles south and halfway across the Baja Peninsula. This is an area rich in all sorts of minerals such as gold, sulfur, lithium, and aluminum just to name a few. There will also be the expansion of airport facilities, adding runways, and an air medivac service.. Torsten said, *"At least that is what I understood from the Monday presentation, but I am sure Tina and Mike can correct some of this or add more."*

## A REALLY GREAT IDEA: Donate to Winter Nights



**Judy Stillman**, Executive Director of Winter Nights, has a great idea. If you are one of the ones who received a stimulus check and feel you don't really need the money, please consider donating to Winter Nights Family Shelter. This idea came from a gentleman who called to say just that. He didn't need the money and would be sending us a check. Since then, we have heard of several others who have donated all or part of the money. We are in our fourth month of housing homeless families with eight different host sites. We have been keeping families safe and well, along with our staff. Many volunteers have brought food for the families, and here's how your donation can help.

- Provide staff 24/7 for sheltering in place.
- Transportation in our van, and Clipper Cards for BART and bus
- Computers for students and staff
- Crafts for all ages
- Sanitizing materials for host sites, plus laundry for families and WN linens
- First and last month rent for families moving into housing.

To make a donation, please mail a check to Winter Nights, 404 Gregory Lane #7, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Or you can go to our website [www.cccwinternights.org](http://www.cccwinternights.org) and make a donation with your credit card.



# HAPPY/GRUMPY BUCKS

Compiled by Director Barbara Reifschneider



**Torsten Jacobsen** had a happy buck because the San Felipe area is now attaining regional county status rather than being under Ensenada/Mexicali Control and will receive potentially greater governmental support.



**Clayton Worsdell** also had a happy back because he was happy about the new airport in Sam Felipe that will include another runway instead of one.



**Larry Hutchings** had a happy buck because he was happy about sending a check to the Food Bank for \$17,193.34. Our goal is \$\$100,000.



**Vicki Sexton** had happy bucks for spending all day Sunday delivering the T-shirts and medals that the race participants ordered.



# THE RAFFLE



**President Vicki** filled in for Monica and pulled **Torsten's** name but the prize is going to **Tineke**. Torsten chose the red wine for her.

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 of a most unusual flower. Night-blooming cereus is the common name referring to a large number of flowering ceroid cacti that bloom at night. The flowers are short lived, and some of these species, such as the *Selenicereus Grandiflorus*, bloom only once a year, for a single night. Bob said, *"This cactus was given to me by Steve Weir, who grows them as a hobby."*



This is a picture of the night blooming cactus bud and . . .



. . . this is the photos of the bud opening into a bloom on that one night.



Awesome

# ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING ...

## CUTTING DOWN TREES

An idiot heard that a fortune could be made by working as a lumberjack in Canada. So, off he goes. After some weeks, he arrives at a lumberjack-camp and asks the foreman for a job.

The foreman says, "Okay sonny, but you'll have to do a test first. If you can chop down 100 trees tomorrow you're hired."

So, next day, the idiot gets his chainsaw and happily saws away all day. However, when trees are counted the idiot only has 98.

"Oh well," says the foreman, "You'll get another chance tomorrow."

So, next day, It was the same story, 99 trees.

"I don't believe this," says the foreman, "A big strong fella like yourself should be able to cut down 200 trees in a day. You know what? You get one more chance, and I'll join you to show you the trick of it".

So, next day, the idiot and the foreman go into the forest. Upon arrival at a nice open spot the foreman takes out the chainsaw and starts the engine to which the idiot says, "What the...? Where's the noise coming from?"



Moses' first and last day as a lifeguard.

*. . . That's all folks.*