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4/13/21 Board Meeting 7 AM  
Zoom  
4/12/21 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM  
Zoom



## STUDENTS FULFILLING THE NEED OF FUTURE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS



On behalf of the Charitable Fund, **Dr. Tommy Wolf** presents **Dr. David Pintado**, the Mt. Diablo HOSO advisor, a \$400 donation to the HOSO program. HOSA is a student organization Endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and Health Science Education Division that provides professional healthcare and skill development for students from middle school to post-graduate. For future and current healthcare professionals in many different niches, this serves as excellent preparation and offers extensive networking opportunities toward the ultimate goal of assisting and motivating students to become qualified future healthcare providers. As our current situation with Covid highlights, our need for healthcare professionals is vital for our survival. Good Luck, students.

**“The meeting will now come to order.”**



## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Rich Lueck**

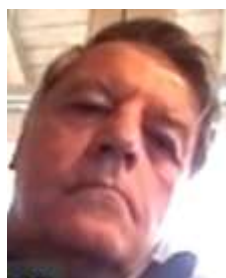
“Logic will get you from A to B.  
Imagination will take you everywhere.”

—Albert Einstein.

## **TODAY'S GUESTS**



**JULIE MUKIIBI      DEB LUYIIMA**  
Julie is Deb's sister



**JOHN DENEEN**



**SUSAN GROSSMAN**



**REBECCA  
NAMATOVU**

# A ROTARY MINUTE

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

## WOMAN IN ROTARY Part 2



So, the question before the US Supreme Court, the “Rehnquist Court,” in 1987, in the case of Rotary International v. the Rotary Club of Duarte, CA was very simply this: “Did a law which required California Rotary Clubs to admit women members violate Rotary International's First Amendment rights of association?” On May 4, 1987 the Supreme Court ruled in a 7-to-0 decision that **it did not**.



Some Rotarians were not happy with the decision. And the Lions and Kiwanians were bracing for the inevitable. As a result, Silvia Whitlock was named the first woman president of the Rotary Club of Duarte. CVCS Rotary Club is located 30 miles east of San Francisco and has approximately 40 members. It was chartered on May 14, 1987.



In Jan 2001 in the CVCS Rotary Club, Bob Roman, who was a charter member, also was the club president for 2000-2001. Bob was known and outspokenly adamant against women in Rotary. However, he invited **Barbara Reifschneider** to attend one of the breakfast meetings in Oakhurst C.C. The rest is history; she attended the meeting and liked what Rotary does for the community and around

the world. Bob Roman became her sponsor. Barbara became a member on Feb 15, 2001 and became the first woman president of the Clayton Valley ~ Concord Sunrise Rotary Club in July for the year of 2009-2010. Thank you for all your years of Service above Self Barbara.



By June 1990 the number of women Rotarians skyrocketed to over 20,000. The number of women members worldwide reached 195,000 in July 2010 (appx. 16%) & surpassed 220,000 in July 2020 (appx. 23%) The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise was chartered on May 28, 1987 became the first Rotary Club after the Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members.

**Thank you. This has been the 33rd minute of the History of Rotary in (about) 40 Minutes.**



# LET'S GET THINGS STARTED

**TODAY'S SPEAKERS Rebecca Namatovu & Michael Barrington**

## POVERTY ERADICATION

The first speaker this morning is **Rebecca Namatovu** who talked to us about the Street Business School (SBS) which is a leader in global training. They are on a mission to end extreme poverty by empowering women to become entrepreneurs, and teaching other organizations how to implement their business training. This is a world-class and world-changing model that will help one million people lift themselves from poverty by 2027.

SBS uses proven methods to give them the knowledge and tools they need to succeed. In only six months, they take that knowledge and tools to create a business of their own. As fearless businesswomen, they build their enterprises, meet their daily needs, and raise capable and confident children who will break the cycle of generational poverty, but most of all, it builds confidence, transformation, and is most effective in entrepreneurial training. Some of a few of the businesses they establish involve food, hair, cleaning, and clothing.



## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

**Rebecca Namatovu** is a post-doctoral researcher at the department of Strategy and Innovation at the Copenhagen Business School a [public university](#) situated in [Copenhagen, Denmark](#) and is considered one of the most prestigious business schools in Western Europe and the world. She is BOD member of Street Business School, a non-profit on a mission to end extreme poverty by empowering women as entrepreneurs. Formerly, a senior lecturer at Makerere University Business School in Uganda, Rebecca has served on the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) Board. Her research interests lie at the intersection of entrepreneurship and development studies. She has conducted extensive research on female entrepreneurship and firm growth in resource-constrained environments. Her research informs her pursuit for responding to global challenges like poverty, inequality and sustainability. She is currently living in Copenhagen, Denmark.

# THE ETHEOPIA ORPHANAGE



Today's second speaker, **Michael Barrington**, talked to us about the "Help A Life Foundation." He told us that in 2012, the Rotary Club of Concord teamed up with the Foundation to support its orphanage in Debre Marcos, Ethiopia. It serves teenage girls who are orphans, all of whom had been sexually abused. The program supports up to sixty girls a year, by providing for all of their basic needs, putting them through middle and high school, and providing individual tutoring six days a week. It was supported through a series of Global Grants from the Rotary Foundation. The goal is to provide a safe place, educate the young women, and help them gain entrance to university so that eventually they would become agents of change in their own communities. So far, 98% of all girls have been accepted into institutions of higher learning and last year the first

group of girls graduated from university. The orphanage "Project Blue" continues today as a sustainable program supported by a Rotary funded poultry farming project operated by the girls, and an 'adopt a student' campaign. A generous donor is currently raising funds to build a custom designed center in Debre Marcos that, hopefully, will be completed next year. However, our assistance is still needed.

Here are the stories of Sofia Simachew and Sewonet Getachew:

**Sofia Simachew:** *"I am a very happy person because of the tremendous change that the Help A Life Foundation made possible in my life. I had a very harsh life before I was accepted to Project Blue. Both of my parents had died and left me in charge of living on my own with only neighbors overseeing me. I have just graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering (Thermal Stream) from the University of Gondar in Ethiopia where I am the first woman who graduated with the highest honors at the Institute of Technology with a GPA of 3.94. I originally wanted to become a Doctor but switched my focus to Engineering after I found I was good at Math and Science along with enjoying the challenges of Engineering. I was questioned by many people along the way who told me Mechanical Engineering was too difficult of a career for a woman and the chances of failure were very high which also inspired me to make sure I succeeded. I was awarded a laptop and mobile phone along with quite a few recognition awards over the course of my five years at the University and now have been granted the assistant lecturer (BSC) position at the University of Gondar."*

**Sewonet Getachew** is 23 years old. She has just graduated from the University of Gondar, Ethiopia, with a GPA of 3.65 with a degree in Economics. Sewonet came into the orphanage in Debre Marcos six years ago as an orphan, and like most of the girls was probably sexually abused. In addition, she has polio and only has full use of one leg. Michael Barrington shared that "Sewonet came 'home' to our center in Debre Markos after graduating a couple of weeks ago, with a major eye issue. She was taken to the local general hospital and it was diagnosed as cancer and needed immediate treatment but she was told the hospital could not do anything for her. (Not an unusual occurrence in that part of the world.) She will need treatment at a private hospital in Addis Ababa and it will cost about \$3,000 US even though there is no hospital in Ethiopia that specializes in cancer treatment. We just learned that we will be able to get her into the hospital in Addis with the help of several powerful Rotarians in the city and she'll see a specialist. Meanwhile, we are trying to raise funds for the surgery and beyond. "

Checks can be made out to [Help A Life Foundation](#) which operates the orphanage and is a Nonprofit 501 c 3 registered in California and also in Ethiopia. Michael Barrington will pick up checks. Or you send your donation to: Michael Barrington project: 5401 Lynbrook Place Concord CA 94521. Make checks payable to: Help A Life Foundation

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CARS 2<sup>ND</sup> CHANCE: An Update



**Larry Hutchings** reported that two \$4,000 checks were deposited in our Club's treasury as well as the Lamorinda Rotary. Best of all, the Oakley Rotary Club has joined our C2C partner's program, and they even have two cars ready to be processed and sold.

## MILESTONE: Congrats Hugh Toloui

**Hugh Toloui** celebrates his 15<sup>th</sup> year as a Rotarian who dedicated his time as a volunteer at the Food Bank. But his generosity doesn't end there. Last February Hugh and Flor visited Uganda's medical clinic and witnessed the need for a pediatric care facility. So he and Flor decided to commit to building a pediatric building at the clinic it's very exciting news for everyone in Nsawo village and our Club is proud of this endeavor in general and Hugh in particular.



## “ALL ABOARD” Still time to Sign Up

**District Governor Mark Roberts** wants us to know that: 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. So hurry and sign up now for the **Spring District Conference, April 30 - Sunday May 2.**



## WORLDWIDE ART PROJECT

**Joan D'Onofrio** and **Tineke Jacobsen** are happy to report that 11 medals and 20 lapel pins have been shipped to the club in the Philippines just in time for their art awards ceremony. Thirty three students participate and 11 won. Tineke is working on getting an art project in Peru and Joan's next challenge is in Fiji.

## FROM UGANDA: Deb Luyiima & Herbert Muyinga Reporting



**Deb** and **Herbert** thanked the **Torsten Jacobsen** family for their donation of \$1,000 to be applied to the Reproductive Health campaign in our Nsawo Village. Herbert gave us an update on the Covid vaccine situation in their country. It seems the Ugandan population has finally awakened to the need to get vaccinated. They feel it is due to the fact that the President of Uganda had finally decided to take the jab..

Herbert said, *"There are however some sections of society who are still hesitant to go for it because it's the AstraZeneca brand which many countries around the world have given negative publicity to. Deb and I have remained hesitant to picking that jab as we monitor the reported after- effects of those courageous ones who have gone for it."*

## GET YOUR COVID VACCINE SHOTS

Thanks to an increase in supply of COVID-19 vaccines, Contra Costa County today is extending vaccine eligibility to all residents ages 16 and older. The move comes as the county has begun receiving additional vaccine from the federal government for its federally-qualified health centers. This federal allocation is in addition to the vaccine the county gets from the state each week.

To date, more than 336,000 county residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, including 96% of those ages 75 and older. The county will further expand eligibility to others when vaccine supply increases more. Contact: CCHS Media Line, 925-608-5463 or Eligible residents may request a vaccine appointment through the county by filling out an online form or by calling 833-829-2626.





# HAPPY/GRUMPY BUCKS

Compiled by Director Barbara Reifschneider



**Bob Sundberg** had a happy buck because he just got his second Covid vaccination so, he is good to go.

**Barbara Reifschneider** gave a happy buck because she was able to get in on the deal of the century. Bob Sundberg got a new truck so guess who bought his old truck? Yup, me and Mark.

**Tommy Wolf** was wildly happy about being able to sell 40 Wine Barrel tickets, woo hoo!

**Joan D'Onofrio** gave a five dollar happy buck because she is really happy about being able to get her second Covid shot on Friday.

**Monica Fraga** gave a happy five bucks because she also got her first shot last Friday.

**Jeff Wilson** gave a happy buck for the sale of another one of his listings.

**Miles Bell** gave a happy buck, because he was as happy as can be that he got the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and he's getting away with just one shot.

**Hugh Toloui** commented on the fact that he was surprised at how many people are so happy to get shots.



# THE RAFFLE



**Monica Fraga** is back from Mexico did the honors today. She pulled **Bill Selb's** name. He chose a bottle of—what else-- red wine and none of the jewels in the treasure chest. Doesn't anyone want those jewels?



Don't forget, you have to attend a meeting to be eligible for this drawing.

# ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING ...

## STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED

A gentleman sat down at the bar and noticed a beautiful blond sitting next to him. He lacked the nerve to talk with her when suddenly she sneezed and her glass eye went flying out of its socket towards him. Reflexively, he reached out, grabbed it out of the air, and handed it back to her.

"Oh my, I am so sorry," the woman said as she popped her eye back in place. "Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you."

They enjoyed a wonderful dinner together and afterwards they went to the theater followed by drinks. They talked, laughed, she shared her deepest dreams, and he shared his. She listened to him with interest.

After paying for everything, she asked him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast. They had a wonderful, wonderful time. The next morning she cooked a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy was amazed. Everything had been so incredible.

"You know," he said, "you are the perfect woman. Are you this nice to every guy you meet?"

"No," she replied, "you just happened to catch my eye."

## RECRUITING EXAM

During an oral exam, a police recruit was asked what he would do if his job required him to arrest his own mother.

His response was, "Call for backup."

## THE PERFECT PICK-UP

An old man in his mid-eighties enters and upscale cocktail lounge and finds a seat next to a good looking younger, rather hip woman in her mid-seventies.

Trying to remember his best pick-up lines he says: "So tell me, do I come here often?"

## **A VISIT TO THE ZOO**

Little Johnny wanted to go to the zoo and pestered his parents for days. Finally his mother talked his reluctant father into taking him.

“So how was it?” his mother asked when they returned home.

“Great,” Little Johnny replied.

“Did you and your father have a good time?” asked his mother.

“Yeah, Daddy especially liked it,” exclaimed Little Johnny excitedly, especially when one of the animals came home at 30 to 1.”

## **WHAT IS EASTER?**

Three not very bright guys died on Easter Sunday and went to Heaven. St. Peter greeted them at the Pearly Gates and told them that in order to enter Heaven each one had to answer a question correctly. If they gave the wrong answer, they would end up in Hell.

St. Peter turned to the first guy and asked: “What is Easter?”

The first guy replied “That’s when kids get dressed up in costumes and go door to door collecting Trick or Treat.” “No,” said St. Peter. “That’s Halloween. You’re going down to Hell.”

St. Peter turned to the second guy and asked “What is Easter?”

The second guy answered “That’s when the fat man in the red suit comes down the chimney and leaves gifts for everybody.” “No,” said St. Peter. “That’s Christmas. You go down to Hell.”

St. Peter turned to the third guy and asked, in a very exasperated tone of voice, “What is Easter?”

The third guy says, “That’s when Jesus rises out of his grave.”... “And???” said St. Peter.

“And, if he sees his shadow there’s another six weeks of winter!”



*. . . That's all folks.*