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5/11/21 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
6/14/21 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
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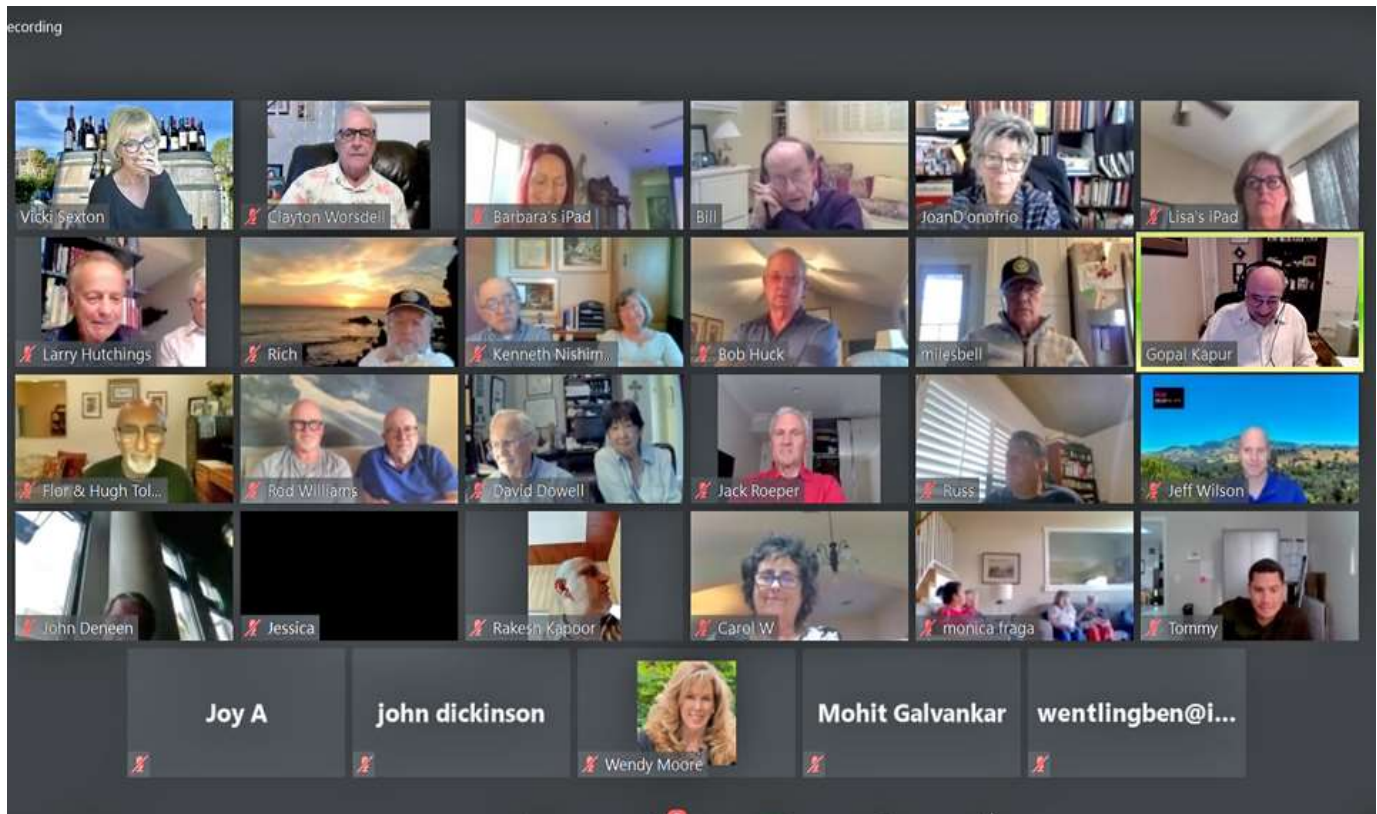


AND THE WINNER IS. . .



Actually, there were two winners in the Wine Barrel Raffle. The first prize winner of 69 bottles of fine wine is Tommy Wolf's friend **Rebecca Chase** and the winner of the second prize, consisting of 18 bottles and four wine glasses, is Larry Hutchings's neighbor at Rossmoor **Craig Olson**. Approximately \$6,200 was generated from the sale of raffle tickets, all of which will be donated to the refurbishing and replacement of aged playground equipment in Clayton Park. Thanks to all who participated and to the diligent work of the Wine Raffle Team.

“The meeting will now come to order.”



THOUGHT FOR THE NIGHT: John Wenzel

*“When you talk, you are only repeating what you
already know.*

*But if you listen,
you may learn something new.”*

— Dalai Lama

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Gopal Kapur

Program Chair Miles Bell introduced **Gopal Kapur**, a member of the Rotary Club of Roseville, who spoke to us about a scholarship he and his wife started in India.

In 2007, Gopal Kapur and his wife Darlene started a program of educational support for bright students from families with income of less than \$125 per month that included five orphan students. The scholarship program includes school fees, books, stationary, uniforms, and incidental expenses. If, after high school graduation, students qualify for college/university admission, the scholarship program covers them to college graduation.



Gopal told us that at the start of the program, the sponsored children did not even know how to turn on a computer. They had never visited museums, libraries, or other learning centers. Today they have a student who is a CPA whose Delhi based company sent her for advanced training to Poland and Switzerland. There are four students with undergraduate technology degrees, one with a Masters in Computer Analysis, and six who have earned undergraduate accounting degrees.

In 1998 Gopal and Darlene got involved in the support of the Girls' Orphanage in Patiala, Punjab, India. They visit Patiala every winter for about two months and actively work on helping to improve the education, health, and nutrition of 35 to 40 girls. It was a long struggle to get things put on the right track, but now, as the girls graduate from high school, most are going to college or into computer training.

While Gopal and Darlene started their program in 2008, by 2011 the Roseville Rotary devoted full ongoing support to the program. In fact, today they decided to become our newest partners in Cars 2nd Chance. If you want to contribute to their scholarship programs, contact them at gkapur@familyg3.org

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Gopal Kapur consults, writes, and educates on management excellence. He has authored three college-level textbooks and lectured at Harvard University, The Brookings Institution, University of California Berkeley and Davis, The Commonwealth Club, and many Rotary clubs. He was awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award by the President of India and was featured in the Rotarian magazine May 2009 and September 2019. He is the founder of "FamilyGreenSurvival, Inc." a not-for-profit, whose mission is to deliver a program of nutrition, education, and "EndLocalHunger."

From his interest in creative cooking, Gopal has developed KAPUR Cuisine™ that produces healthy and delectable Ayurvedic*, Italian, Indian, Chinese, Mexican, Moroccan, and Roman dishes in 15 minutes of cooking time—GUARANTEED.

*Ayurvedic medicine is one of the world's oldest medical systems and remains one of India's traditional health care systems. Ayurvedic treatment combines products (mainly derived from plants, but may also include animal, metal, and mineral), diet, exercise, and lifestyle. What the Science Says About the Effectiveness of Ayurvedic Medicine.

THE POWER OF ROTARY: *From our President*



Thank you for coming out tonight to see if you have won the drawing for our wine barrel. By buying all 250 tickets you are not only getting a chance to own some really fine wines, but you have helped us help the children of Clayton by paying \$6,250.00 toward our goal of renovating the community playground in conjunction with the City of Clayton. This program, buying new playground equipment, is what Rotary is all about: serving our community and serving internationally.

That's exactly what the Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise Rotary Club of Rotary International, has been doing for 34 years. Here are just a few examples of how we put Service above Self:

- For 10 years we sorted and packed food for the Food Bank.
- For over 20 years, until Covid got in the way, we put on the Clayton 4th of July pancake breakfast. We give scholarships to high school students here and in our Rotary Sister club in San Felipe, Baja, Mexico.
- 15-years ago, we helped the people of San Felipe by donating a mammography machine and then helped set up a cancer clinic and support it with annual donations.
- We make repairs in the homes of seniors.
- We contribute to the student arts foundation run by our member Joan D'Onofrio that conducts arts competitions in our schools and now has expanded to schools in Mexico, Uganda and the Philippines.
- We obtained a grant to build batting cages at the Junior Optimist Baseball fields in Concord.
- For 20 years we gave dictionaries to every third grader in the area public schools.
- Ten years ago, we partnered with Rotary Clubs in Uganda to adopt a village of 2,500 residents to improve their economic conditions, attack malaria, build wells and sanitation facilities in the schools, and support a maternity clinic. And just this week construction started on a pediatric wing being paid entirely by one of our club members with equipment being paid for by our club's charitable fund.
- The pandemic hasn't slowed us down. Donations to our Cars2ndchance program has enabled us to contribute over \$68,000 to the Food Bank, with club members generously giving at least \$7,000 more.
- We continue the fight led by RI and the WHO to end polio throughout the world.

We try to live by Rotary's motto: Service Above Self. And when anyone asks that typical question: What is Rotary? Tell them that Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Alone none of us could do what we can achieve together.

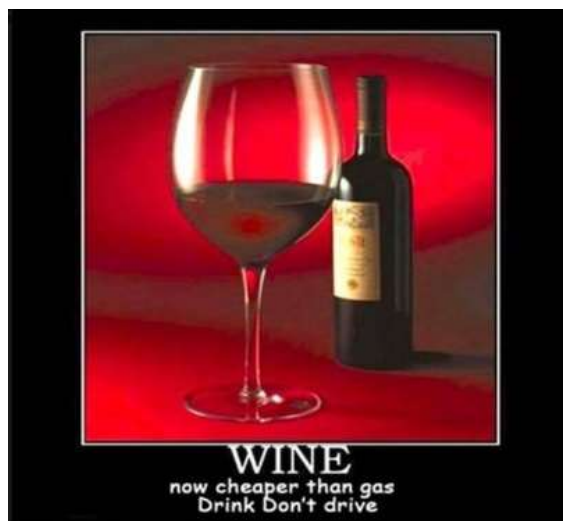
WINE BARREL RAFFEL

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RAISING NEWSLETTER #12

Wine Draw Event: Final Edition



IT STARTED WITH AN EMAIL FROM VICKI DATED 6/17/2020.

"FRED WAS TELLING ME ABOUT A WINE BARREL THING THAT JOHN WOLF DID. DO YOU REMEMBER IT? EVEN IF IT ONLY RAISED \$500 IT WOULD GET US OUT THERE. IF EVERY MEMBER CONTRIBUTED A BOTTLE OF AT LEAST \$25 THAT WOULD BE A BOTTLE OF GREAT WINE. ONLINE WE COULD PUT IT OUT TO THE ENTIRE DISTRICT AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.. IT WAS JUST A THOUGHT."

WELL, IT WORKED OUT FABULOUSLY. OUR GRAND PRIZE HAD 69 BOTTLES OF 90+ POINT WINES. (WE EVEN HAD A SECOND PRIZE OF POSSIBLY *NOT QUITE RIGHT FOR PRIME TIME WINES*). WITHOUT EVEN PROMOTING ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR TO OTHER CLUBS WE MANAGED TO SELL ALL 250 TICKETS AT \$25 EACH. AFTER EXPENSES WE WILL NET OVER \$6,000 TO CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY PARK IN CLAYTON.

THE SUCCESSFUL WINNERS WERE:
REBECCA CHASE ... SOLD BY TOMMY WOLFE
CRAIG OLSEN ... SOLD BY LARRY HUTCHINGS

UPON HEARING OF HER WIN, REBECCA RESPONDED: *"I HAD BOUGHT TWO TICKETS, KNOWING THAT THE BENEFICIARIES WOULD ULTIMATELY BE CHILDREN. I HAVE WORKED WITH CHILDREN ALL MY LIFE, SO THAT WAS AN IMPACTFUL FUND-RAISING GOAL."*

WHAT AN EVENT. LET'S GIVE OURSELVES A BOW. AND HOLDERS OF THE OTHER 248 TICKETS COULD BE HEARD SAYING, "WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARS 2ND CHANCE



Larry Hutchings reminded us that Cash 4 Clunkers was the brainchild of **Mary** and **Dave Kemnitz** who founded it 13 years ago. Somewhere along the way, as we literally raised millions, we changed the name to Cars 2nd Chance and went into partnership with other Rotaries and nonprofit organizations and split the profits with them.

Isn't it fantastic that our speaker, Gopal Kaput, founder of "Family Green Survival" signed on as a new partner?

SAN FELIPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Rich Lueck reminds us that it is that time again. The 2021-2024 Scholarship matching needs your participation. You can get a copy of the form you need to fill out from Rich Lueck who will email it to you. We're hoping members can do their part by April 30th so the matching money check can be there before the deadline. Last year 16 Rotarians stepped up so we, as a club, sponsored 32 San Felipe students. Students who do not have internet in their homes can go to DIF for their zoom classes or to do their homework. There is also a printer for their use. Students are to bring their own computer but



the Rotary Club of San Felipe gave two computers to DIF for students that come with no computer. Those students will receive computers if needed. Due to a generous donation from one sponsor and additional donations from individuals in San Felipe we've been able to give out 42 computers and 15 more are waiting to be distributed. We are lucky to have a local computer guru who installed the Spanish version of Office and made sure all computers were working correctly. Here are the *Rotarians who have stepped up so far:*

**Lois Nelson
Bob Huck & Aleta
Mary Kemnitz
Irene Davids-Blair & Max
Richard Lueck & Pam**

**Steve Weir & John Hemm
Torsten & Tineke Jacobsen
Vicki Sexton
Frank Westphall
Hugh Toloui**

There is still time for more of you to sign up and experience the power of Rotary.

IT WAS A TOUGH JOB, BUT SOMEBODY HAD TO DO IT



Lifting that Russian pot is not as easy as it looks. So thanks, **President Vicki**, for all your work on the Wine Raffle Team. Thanks, also, to **Monica Fraga**, but most of all thanks to **Bill Selb** who put in just as much work on this project—if not more—as he does on the Pancake Breakfast. To all the members who sold tickets and those who bought them, thanks to them as well.

**“ALWAYS LEAVE ‘EM LAUGHING”
... WILL BE BACK NEXT WEEK...**



. . . That's all folks.