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## IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

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

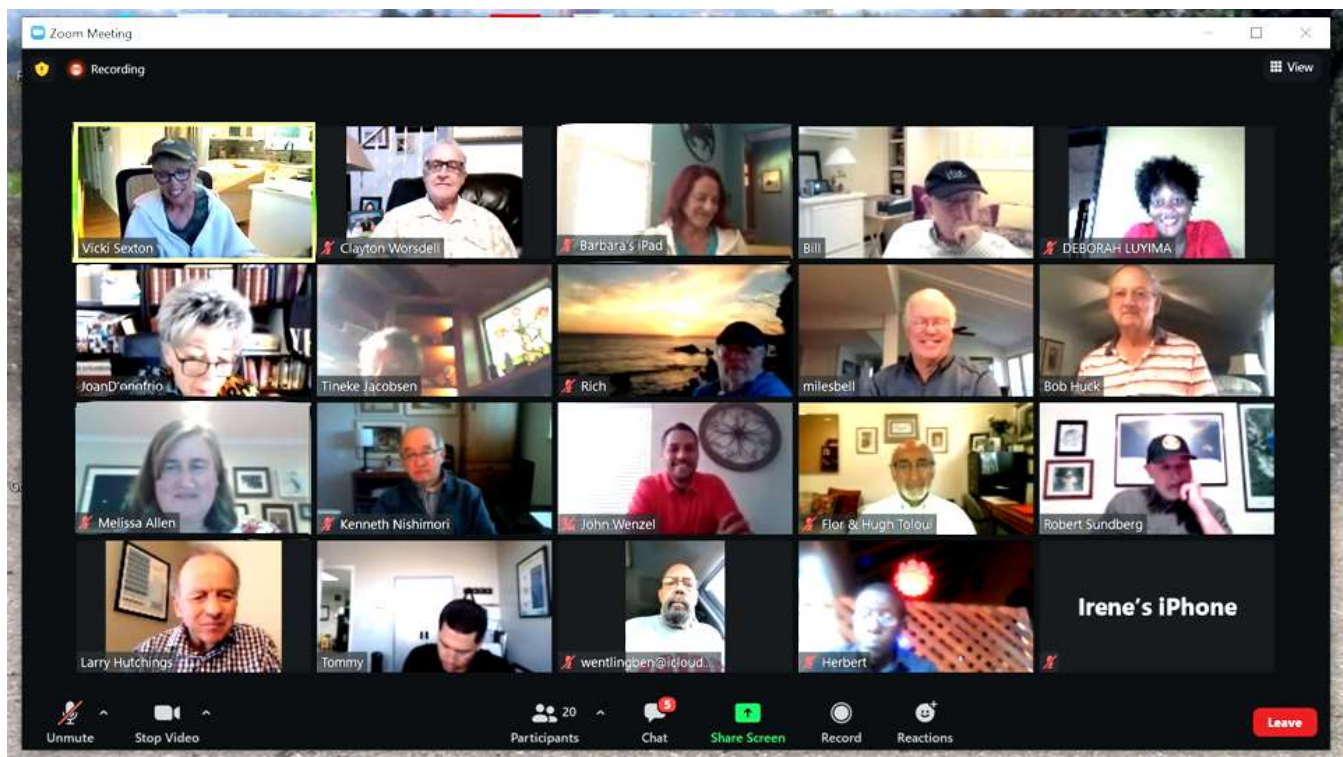


# A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER



**Director Tommy Wolf** sold the winning Wine Raffle ticket to **Rebecca Chase**. He said she was super surprised and grateful and told him that her husband painstakingly labeled and organized all 69 bottles. Rebecca said "they had their first bottle that was "expired" in a sense that it was past the perfect date, but it was amazingly delicious."

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



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Vicki & Barbara**

*“Everyone is entitled to his own opinion,  
but not his own facts.”*

--Senator Daniel P. Moynihan 1983

*“Somewhere someone else is happy with less than you.”*

**GUESTS**



**DEB AND HERBERT**  
Rotary Club of Muyenga, Uganda



**JOHN DENEEN**

# A ROTARY MINUTE

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

## World Immunization Week



*As you recall, In History Week 31, I told you about how Rotary launched the Polio Plus campaign in 1985 and adopted the goal of immunizing all the world's children against polio. Well, we all know that as of 2014, India goes 3 full years without a*

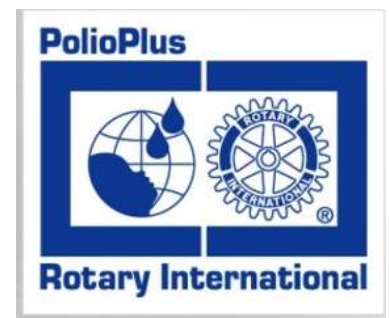
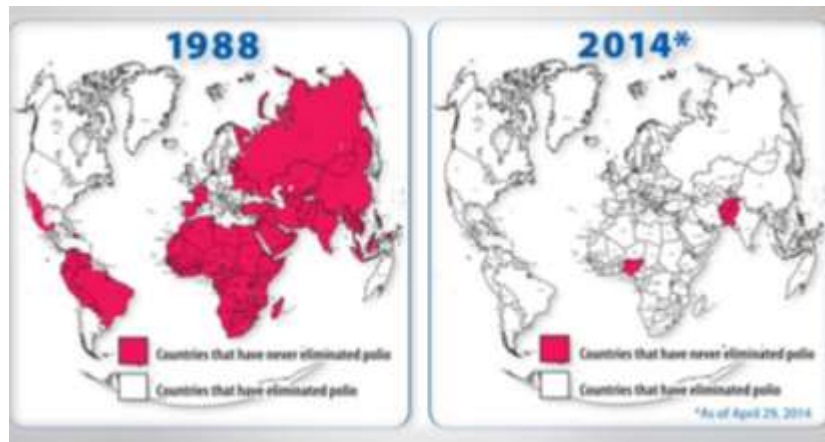
*new case caused by the wild*

poliovirus, and the World Health Organization certifies the South-East Asia region polio-free. Polio cases are down over 99% since 1988. In 2019 Nigeria goes 3 full years without a new case caused by the wild poliovirus. 2020 The World Health Organization certifies the African region wild polio-free. Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have announced a joint commitment of up to \$450 million in support of global efforts to eradicate polio.

**World Immunization Week** is celebrated every year in the last week of April, which is the 24<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> this year 2021. Using the theme **'Vaccines bring us closer'** World Immunization Week 2021 will urge greater engagement around immunization globally to promote the importance of vaccination in bringing people together, and improving the health and wellbeing of everyone, everywhere throughout life. It aims to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease. Immunization saves millions of lives every year and is widely recognized as one of the world's most successful health interventions. **Vaccines have brought us closer and will bring us closer again.**

For over 200 years, vaccines have protected us against diseases that threaten lives and prohibit our development. With their help, we can progress without the burden of diseases like smallpox and polio, which cost humanity hundreds of millions of lives. Though mass vaccination has provided an off-ramp from the pandemic for some countries, India is a stark reminder that, for many others, a long road lies ahead. The world is on track to record more COVID-19 deaths this year than it did in 2020. The risks of allowing current outbreaks to ravage places such as India aren't limited to those countries alone. Emerging

variants and further delays to more equitable vaccine distribution stand to affect everyone, including vaccinated populations. **India's problem is the world's problem.** We can realize how important vaccinations are when we see what can happen to a country due to the lack of immunization.



**This has been the 36<sup>th</sup> minute of the History of Rotary in (about) 40 minutes.**



# CLUB ASSEMBLY



## BY-LAWS

The Board updated, corrected, added new information to the By-Laws, and approved it. Now it's the entire membership's turn. Every member received a copy and was encouraged to read, review, and add their comments or suggestions. None were forthcoming, so **Rich Lueck** moved that the By-Laws be accepted. **Director Larry Hutchings** seconded. The By-Laws were approved as written.

## CLAYTON COMMUNITY PARK GRANT

**President Vicki** and **SAA Bob Sundberg** continue to meet with the City of Clayton as they work on the grant to seek funding for updating the playground equipment. It was suggested that one of our Thursday meetings take place in-person at the park at noon and have a barbeque—weather permitting, of course.

## MEMBERSHIP

**Director Tommy Wolf** reported that there are two people considering membership and he asked for suggestions to develop a path for joining. Copious suggestions and ideas emerged from the group:

- Renew Concord Chamber of Commerce membership
- Set up booths at community functions and expos
- View RI membership video that features suggestions
- Schedule Jorg Westerheide to speak about his ideas
- Set up booths at Art & Wine festivals and Farmers' Markets
- Find out why our members don't attend
- Set up a membership fees scholarship fund
- Advertise on buses and the media in general
- Develop a marketing plan and hire a marketing firm
- Follow John Deneen's 10 principles of educational sciences outlined



## CARS 2<sup>ND</sup> CHANCE



**Director Larry Hutchings** and **Mary Kemnitz** reported that 191 cars were processed with the Lamorinda Rotary that we have been in partnership with for one year. Twenty-nine cars were sold last month and 25 are with Copart. They are in the process of selling a car that should generate \$16,000 of which \$4,000 will make it into our Charitable Fund. They reported that Orinda is holding a 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and invited our club to participate. As a result, we will join in the



parade and provide a float that will display one of the donated cars. Mary said a booth will also be set up where the C2C team will display materials about the program and advertise our Rotary Club. **Public Relations Chair Bill Kinsey** will be asked to prepare marketing pieces.

# SAN FELIPE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

**Rich Lueck** reported on the status of the 2021-2024 Scholarship matching program and club participation. Last year 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. 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. Here are results so far:



	2018/19	2019/20	Per Student	2020/21	Per Student	2021/22	Per Student
			\$200		\$200	Paid	\$200
Clayton Worsdell / Carol	1	1	\$200	1	\$200	2	\$400
Mary Kemnitz / Dave	1	1	\$200	1	\$200	1	\$200
Ewa Sobilo / Rick	0	0	\$0	1	\$200	0	\$0
Frank Westphall / Barbara	0	0	\$0	1	\$200	1	\$200
Lois Nelson	1	1	\$200	1	\$200	1	\$200
Hugh Toloui / Flor	1	2	\$400	3	\$600	4	\$800
Irene Davids-Blair / Max	1	1	\$200	1	\$200	1	\$200
Ken Nishimori / Phyllis	1	1	\$200	1	\$200	1	\$200
Larry Hutchings/ Dennis	0	0	\$0	1	\$200	0	\$0
Monica Fraga / Matt	0	1	\$200	1	\$200	0	\$0
Richard Lueck /Pam	1	1	\$200	1	\$200	2	\$400
Russell Anderson / Annette	1	1	\$200	1	\$200	1	\$200
Steve Weir / John	1	1	\$200	1	\$200	1	\$200
Torsten Jacobsen /Tienke	1	1	\$200	1	\$200	3	\$600
Vicky Sexton	0	0	\$0	1	\$200	1	\$200
Bob Huck / Aleta	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	1	\$200
Miles Bell	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	1	\$200
Jorg/Linda Puhr-Westerheide	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	1	\$200
April 28, 2021					Collected to date	\$4,000	

# UGANDA NSAWO CLINIC



**Deb Luyiima** and **Herb Muyinga** are happy to report that of the 25,000 bricks that will be needed to build the Clinic, 5,000 have been hand made this past week. Larry reminded us that the brick making machine they used was given to them many years ago from the funds generated at the second global grant. Here are some photos of the work in progress:



# BACKPACK PROJECT

**Rich Lueck** reported that every August, **Cynthia Altamirano**, of the Community Fellow at the Family Justice Center in Concord, coordinates a Back to School Drive where the Concord Community Fellows give away hundreds of backpacks filled with school supplies, thanks to the generous donations of the Cornerstone Fellowship, community residents, and organizations such as Rotary. This project was intended to address the disparity in the school supplies carried by rich and poor kids in the community.



She fills up backpacks with school supplies for kids and teenagers at the start of the school year. The next backpacking event will take place August 1st and 2nd at the Cornerstone Fellowship Walnut Creek at 535 Walnut Ave, WC. Due to the Covid-19 lockdown, she said they are going to add Chrome Books to their donation list. Besides backpacks, backpacks, and backpacks, and all sorts of supplies, they also need every size and shape WiFi Extenders, Masks, Hand sanitizer, Headphones/earbuds, and Jump/thumb drive. For a complete list, contact Rich.

**IMPORTANT:** No red or blue backpacks, binders, and folders. They are gang affiliated colors and even non-affiliated children can be harmed.



# RAFFLE

**President Vicki** did the honors again today and, lo and behold, she picked **Hugh Toloui** as the winner. Finally, another new member was picked. So he has a chance now to pick his prize, and, miracle of miracles, he turned down wine and olive oil and selected the T-shirt. Way to go, Hugh.



Remember,  
you have to be  
in it to win it—  
the meeting  
that is.

# “ALWAYS LEAVE ‘EM LAUGHING”

Compiled & Edited by Bill Selb







## WET PAINT

A blonde teenager, wanting to earn some extra money for the summer, decided to hire herself out as a "handy-woman." She started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighborhood. She went to the front door of the first house, and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do.

"Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint my porch," he said, "How much will you charge me?"

Delighted, the girl quickly responded, "How about \$50?"

The man agreed and told her that the paint brushes and everything she would need was in the garage.

The man's wife, hearing the conversation said to her husband, "Does she realize that our porch goes ALL the way around the house?"

He responded, "That's a bit cynical, isn't it?"

The wife replied, "You're right. I guess I'm starting to believe all those dumb blonde jokes we've been getting by email lately."

Later that day, the blonde teenager came to the door to collect her money.

"You're finished already?" the startled husband asked.

"Yes, she replied, and I even had paint left over, so I gave it two coats."

Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the \$50.00 and handed it to her along with a \$10.00 tip.

"And, by the way," the teenager added, "it's not a Porch, it's a Lexus."

*. . . That's all folks.*

