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IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

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



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS RECEIVE THEIR PINS



PHF+4

JEFF RONDINI



PHF+2

BOB HOOY



PHF+1

BOB HUCK

“The meeting will now come to order.”



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Barbara Reifschneider

*“Health does not always come from medicine.
Most of the time it comes from peace of mind, peace in the heart,
peace of the soul,
and it comes from laughter and love.”*

— Herman Melville

TODAY'S GUESTS



HERBERT MUYINGA



DEB LUYIIMA



JOHN DENEEN



JORGE WESTERHEIDE



LISA BORBA

A ROTARY MINUTE

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

FAMOUS ROTARIANS

Throughout the history of Rotary there have been many, many Rotarians who we remember for accomplishments that we consider being “historic.” For example:

- **Sir Winston Churchill** Rotary Club of London, England
- **Colonel Harland Sanders** Rotary Club of Jeffersonville, ID
- **Pope Francis** Rotary Club of Buenos Aires, Argentina
- **Charles Lindberg** Rotary Club of Edinburgh, Scotland
- **Neil Armstrong** Rotary Club of Wapakoneta, OH
- **John F. Kennedy** Rotary Club of Hyannis, MA
- **Thomas A. Edison** Rotary Club of Orange, NJ
- **Walt Disney** Rotary Club of Palm Springs, CA
- **Sam Walton** Rotary Club of Bentonville, AR
- **Dr. Sylvia Whitlock** Rotary Club of Duarte, CA
- **Jennifer Jones** Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada
- **Orville Wright** Rotary Club of Dayton, OH
- **George W. Bush** Rotary Club of Washington, D. C.



Today we acknowledge three more historic Rotarians who are members of the **CVCS Rotary Club**:



Barbara Reifschneider, our first elected female president 2009-2010.

Irene Davids-Blair, our first elected African - American president 2014-2015

Julia Dawson-Aguilar, our first elected president to preside over the new format of Zoom Meetings due to Covid.



This has been the 34th minute of the History of Rotary in (about) 40 Minutes.

LET'S GET THINGS STARTED

TODAY'S SPEAKER Lisa Borba

Today's speaker is Lisa Borba, President of the Contra Costa County Water District, states that their mission is to strategically provide a reliable supply of high quality water at the lowest cost possible, in an environmentally responsible manner. And Lisa reassured us that they are doing exactly that.

She went on to tell us that the Contra Costa Water District is responsible for operating six dams and levees. Unless you live near one of these facilities, you might not have given them much thought. However, these facilities are paramount to the delivery of a reliable supply of high-quality drinking water to your home or business.

Safety is the highest priority at the Water District and includes their commitment to structurally sound and secure dams and levees. In fact, the safety of these facilities is so important, they have a Dam Safety Program as well as 24-hour monitoring. The staff is available every hour of every day to monitor, inspect, and respond to any incident. From pumping Delta water to long term storage, these dams and levees ensure that they can serve you day in and day out. None of their levees or dams blocks the natural flow of a river.

Each of these facilities was built to the highest seismic standards of its time. Annual inspections by state and federal regulatory agencies confirm that the dams are well-maintained and safe for continual use. This was proven in 2019, when the Los Vaqueros Dam stood up to an earthquake centered within the watershed with no damage. Additionally, security measures are in place to protect the facilities, including intrusion alarms. The goals of the District are to:

- >Promote safety and health in our workplace and business
- >Manage water resources to ensure a sustainable supply and to protect water.
- >Deliver superior customer service as a foundational priority.
- >Protect customer financial interests through ongoing stewardship of District resources.
- >Invest in assets, technology and efficiencies to cost-effectively provide reliable services.
- >Pursue organizational excellence through diversity, inclusivity, leadership and professionalism.
- >Foster partnerships through leadership and collaboration at the regional, state, national level.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

LISA M. BORBA AICP was appointed to the Contra Costa Water District's Board of Directors in April 2010 where she continues to represent Division 1, which includes the cities and communities of Concord, Pacheco, Clyde, Bay Point and parts of Pittsburg. She served as Board President since 2016, and is a resident of Concord. She is a professional land planner certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners and currently employed by a private land development company. Lisa started her planning career in 1990 after earning a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Her professional experience includes working with many public agencies and uses this experience "on both sides of the table" to help focus her top priorities at CCWD: Over the years, she has volunteered her time with the Holbrook Heights Community Association HOA, the Wheelchair Foundation, and the Baldwin Park Canine Contingent. She volunteers her time towards her son's AYSO soccer, CYO Basketball, Track, the Bishop Estates Swim Team, and the St. Agnes Parish community. She is a member of the American Planning Association, the American Institute of Certified Planners, and is a board member of the East Bay Leadership Council.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MILESTONES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bill Kinsey and **Torsten Jacobsen** are a year older. Bill is our Public Relations Chair who celebrated his birthday on the 4th while Torsten's birthday is on the 5th.

LENGTH OF SERVICE

Miles Bell is an 11 year member. He is our Program Chair and owner of BPA Promotional Advertising. **Hugh Toloui** is 16 years a member and he and his wife are donating the Pediatric Clinic to the citizens of the Nsawo community.

SAN FELIPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2021-2022

It's 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. To ask Rich to send you the application, email him at: rich.lueck@gmail.com

Students that 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.

CARS 2ND CHANCE: An Update

Mary Kemnitz went and checked out that Rolls Royce she mentioned a few weeks ago and guess what she found? When she lifted up the hood she found a bunch of rats living peacefully as they made the Rolls their truly upscale home. Copart will be summoned for sure.



FUNDRAISER FOR RP HOPE: Rich Lueck

Rich Lueck tell us that "This story is about my granddaughter **Caty Elam** and a foundation they are starting <https://www.rphope.org/> to do research for a cure for Retinitis Pigmentosa. We founded RP Hope to be a place the public can visit and to find information about #RetinitisPigmentosa, a rare genetic disease that leads to blindness. Read more about who we are at [rphope.org](https://www.rphope.org/).



This is the first fundraiser for RP Hope. Participants can walk, run or cycle. Start after 7:00 AM, finish before 7:00 PM. Distance doesn't matter. The person biking, walking, or running to the creative destination "wins."

The USA Link: <https://www.rphope.org/event-details/spring-fundraiser-us>

Join them on **Saturday, April 24** (7:00 AM – 7:00 PM PDT) for the first RP Hope fundraiser. They will hit the road and the trails to raise awareness for the program. There's no set distance or time, but rather... it's the most creative destination that wins. Contact Rich for more information and how to join the walk virtually: rich.lueck@gmail.com. If you want to just make a donation, send a check to:

RP Hope
Attn: Meg Elam
23252 Eagle Ridge
Mission Viejo CA 92692

THE POLIO PLUS SOCIETY



The circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus cases: 2020: 1,087, 2021: 36. We are doing much better than last year. We are not there yet. Wild and circulating vaccine-derived polio continues to inflict children with polio. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) - You often hear complaints about our not getting credit for the job we do in polio eradication, sometimes blaming the media, sometimes our partners, and even ourselves. That's why I want to share the attached photo with you from the BMGF website. The caption reads: "Children crossing the border from Pakistan to Afghanistan receive oral polio vaccine through a program implemented by Rotary International". As a matter of fact, their website has a lot of great detailed information about our battle against polio.

World Polio Day is October 24. It was established by Rotary International over a decade ago to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis. Participants will receive a list of over 30 different ideas to raise awareness, generate donations and have fun.

And did you know that Children crossing the border from Pakistan to Afghanistan receive oral polio vaccine through a program implemented by Rotary International. Thank you, Bill and Melinda for the shout out.

UGANDA CHILDREN'S CLINIC: Deb & Herbert

Deb was thrilled to tell us that construction of the new Children's Clinic will begin sometime next week. She also showed us a complete set of architectural drawings and plans that are the final and correct version. She stressed that the floor plans show how big the facility is.





HAPPY/GRUMPY BUCKS

Compiled by Director Barbara Reifschneider



Richard Lueck had a happy buck. Richard was happy and proud of his daughter and granddaughter for starting a fundraiser for RP Hope. The letter R stands for retinitis and the P stands for pigmentosa. Richard's granddaughter was diagnosed with this disease, so be sure to check out the link that he will be sending to everyone.



Jorge Westerheide had a happy buck because he was happy to see everyone today; it's been a long time. Jorge is also happy about receiving the newsletter. He was also happy that he and his lovely wife Linda were able to get a tour of the Cancer Center given by Birthday Boy Torsten.



Torsten Jacobsen gave 10 happy bucks because he was overjoyed that Linda and Jorge were able to visit the compound in San Felipe.



Tommy Wolf gave two happy bucks; he was happy to have two days on Lake Oroville in the new pontoon boat with all of the grandkids and family.



Ken Nishimori gave 5 happy bucks for a wonderful weekend with his family and the Easter bunny. They had their first family sit down dinner in over a year.



Vicki Sexton gave three happy bucks because her three grandkids are back into playing ball again. So she is back watching and cheering them on. She didn't realize how much she missed it but she did.

THE RAFFLE



Monica Fraga did the honors today and pulled **Vicki Sexton's** name. At last a winner who did not chose a bottle of wine. No, but she didn't chose any of the jewels either. She picked the olive oil and vinegar set.



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

ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING ...



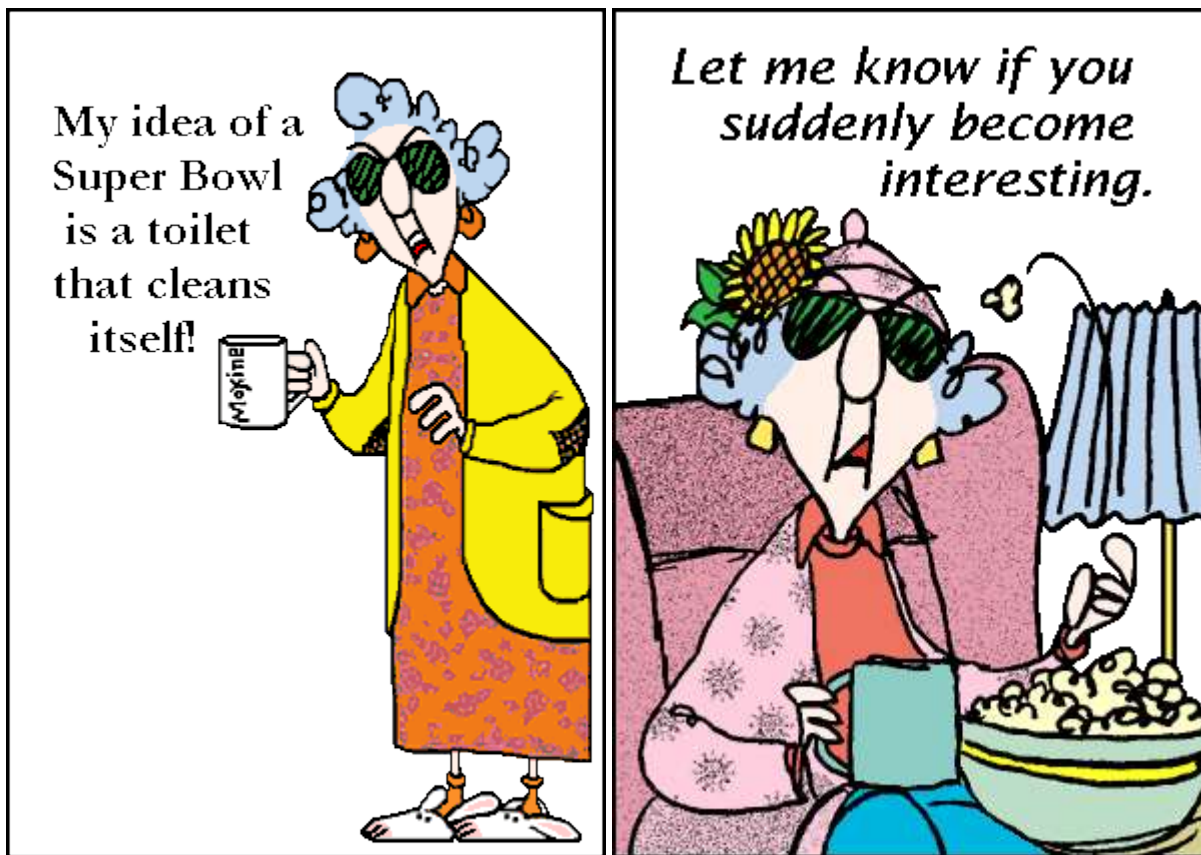
THE CREATION OF MAXINE

John Wagner, Hallmark artist since 1970, says Maxine was inspired by his mother, his maiden aunts and his grandmother, the woman who bought him art lessons when 'fill in the pumpkins' was about the extent of his art classes at St. John's Catholic School in Leonia, N.J.

John remembers doodling as a preschooler and says both his grandmother and his mother encouraged his artistic interests. He eventually attended the Vesper George School of Art in Boston and landed at Hallmark as part of a new artists group. But it was the birth of the humorous Shoebox Greetings (a tiny little division of Hallmark) in 1986 that added a new dimension to John's professional life. The Shoebox way of seeing the world unleashed his talents and he created Maxine.

Why the name 'Maxine'? 'People at Shoebox started referring to the character as 'John

Wagner's old lady,' and I knew that would get me into trouble with my wife,' John says. The Shoebox team had a contest among themselves to name the character and three of the approximately 30 entries suggested 'Maxine.' John says the name is perfect. John, who says he's humbled by such acceptance of Maxine, admits he's proud of her.



Now you know the story of how Maxine came to be.

INNER PEACE

I am passing this on to you because it definitely works and we could all use a little more calmness in our lives.

By following simple advice heard on the Dr. Phil show, you too can find inner peace.

Dr.. Phil proclaimed, "The way to achieve inner peace is to finish all the things you have started and have never finished."

So, I looked around my house to see all the things I started and hadn't finished, and before leaving the house this morning, I finished off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Bailey's Irish Cream, a package of Oreos, the remainder of my old Prozac prescription, the rest of the cheesecake, some Doritos, a box of chocolates and the rest of my half-gallon of Blue Bell Original Vanilla Bean ice-cream.

You have no idea how freaking good I feel right now.

. . . That's all folks.