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IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

6/8/21 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
8/12/21 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
Zoom

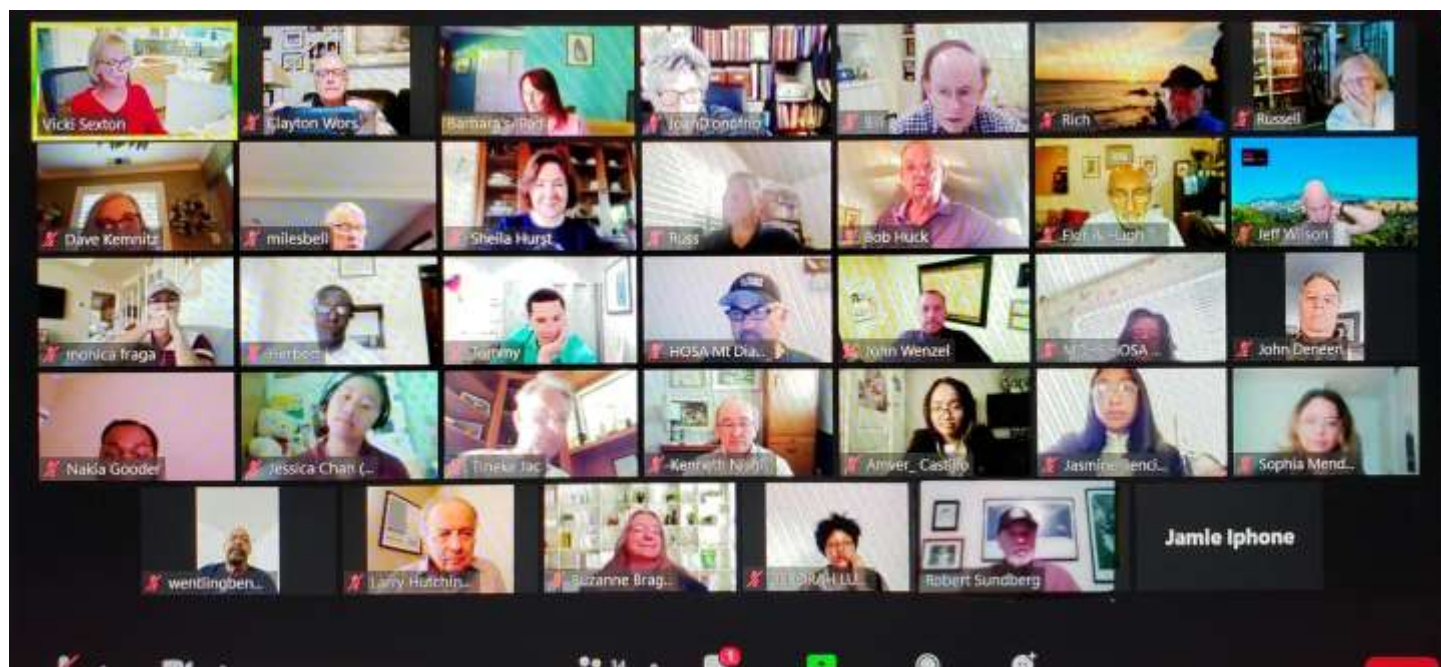


CONSTRUCTION BEGINS



The construction of the Nsawo Clinic building has begun. Deb and Herbert, our Rotary colleagues in Uganda, are keeping us up to date on the progression of the clinic construction. They have already made thousands of bricks and won't stop till they make as many as 25,000.

“The meeting will now come to order.”



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Jeff Wilson

*“Mother's hold their children's hands for a short while,
but hold their hearts forever.”*

In honor of Mother's Day

GUESTS



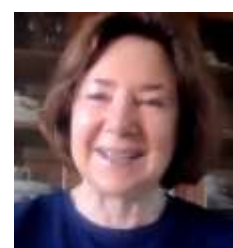
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Redding West Rotary
Int'l Service Chair

A ROTARY MINUTE

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

Rotary Peace Fellowships



Most of the minutes of "The History of Rotary in (about) 40 Minutes" over the last year (and some) have come to you by way of the

Rotary Global History Fellowship, RGHF.org which was established in 2000. And as we near the end of our "historic" journey it seems fitting to present a little quiz on some of the things we learned since we started. Just shout it out if you know the answer (only one answer per customer).



Number 1 – The first president of "Rotary." Who was (BLANK)?
(Answer: Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer)

Number 2 - Arch Klumph. Who was he (BLANK)?
(Answer: Past RI President from Cleveland, credited with starting the Rotary Foundation.)



Number 3 – Paul Harris said in one of his books: "If I was the architect, then (BLANK) was the builder." Who did Paul speak about and what function did this man have in Rotary?
(Answer: Ches Perry, Rotary's first secretary).

Go to RGHF.org today and become an active participant in the History of Rotary.

This has been the 38th minute of the History of Rotary in (about) 40 Minutes.

Quiz

1. The First President of "Rotary." Who was...?

1. Paul Harris?
2. Chesley Perry?
3. Harry Ruggles?
4. Silvester Schiele?

2. Arch Klumph. Who was a...?

1. Manufacturer who donated shoes to victims of polio?
2. (the) First District Governor from the original district?
3. (is) a present RI Director?
4. Past RI President from Cleveland, credited with starting the Rotary Foundation.

TODAY'S SPEAKER



BATTALION CHIEF JAMIE BOWRON

Program Chair Miles Bell introduced us to 30-year firefighting veteran **Jamie Bowron** who has served for 19 years on the Oakland fire department. He is currently the Battalion Chief who spoke extemporaneously to us about his experience as a fire fighter and stressed the following:

- New clear zone around your structures is now 100 feet instead of the old suggestion of 30 feet
- Keep roof line and gutters clear of fallen leaves, etc. One ember could get in the gutter or on the roof and start your house on fire
- Cal Fire is getting up to date on flying helicopters with night vision so they can continue to dump fire retardant during the cooler and more moist part of the night to help control fires
- Flying airplanes at night isn't in the works yet, still too dangerous
- 2015 Summer fires became the new normal
- Cal Fire used to do more VIP burns
- Got away from prescribed burns due to air quality
- Now thinking is that controlled burns are better than uncontrolled burns
- Cal Fire has increased their staff and are training the National Guard
- Fire season is now all year
- Dry lightning strikes like we had last year here is unusual, more common in the Northern most part of California (Trinity County)
- Due to fire tornados - if you're told to evacuate DO IT IMMEDIATELY

The Oakland Fire Department was initially started in the 1860s as a volunteer fire department and was officially formed on March 13, 1869 when its first fire station was built. In 1908 the department bought their first motorized fire engine and in the 1920s, the department became one of the first in the nation to hire African American firefighters. The Fire Department provides fire protection and emergency medical services to the city of Oakland, and is responsible for 78 square miles for a population of 440,981 and have 25 stations and 24 engines.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

President's Report

President Vicki reported that she has reinstated our Club membership in the Concord Chamber of Commerce.

She also announced that we will have an in-person meeting either on May 27 or June 3. It will be a barbeque to be held at the Clayton Community Park at noon. We're mixing business with pleasure. Details to follow.

And how about this: why not manage a booth at one of the many Farmer's Markets in various locations? This is already in the planning stages.



MEMBERSHIP & FUNDRAISING



Director Tommy Wolf and his membership committee are set up to investigate and support ideas as to how to increase membership. He and President Vicki have tons of ideas, and your suggestions are welcome. A new brochure needs to be produced, so **Secretary Joan D'Onofrio** and **Mary Kemnitz** will be putting their heads together to create it. Again, your suggestions and ideas are welcome.

Bill Selb, our very successful Wine Raffle project Chair, is looking for ideas for more fundraising projects this summer and next year. Get in touch with Bill with your ideas and let's keep the momentum going. Here's one: let's raffle off 100 bottles of wine and have the drawing at the Pancake Breakfast.

CARS 2ND CHANCE

Director Larry Hutchings and **Mary Kemnitz** reported that C2C sales for April and May were outstanding. The Rolls brought in \$6 K and the Lexus brought in \$16K all of which will be split with Lamorinda. Mary is especially happy that they are seeing repeat customers. For example, the gentlemen who donated the Lexus bought a Chevy Tahoe from them last year. Keep in mind that processing all those cars is a lot of work, so please lend a hand. C2C has become a small business and help is needed.



CHARITABLE FUND UPDATE

Director Larry Hutchings, as President of the Charitable Fund, reported that at their Board meeting this week they approved \$4,600 for the San Felipe scholarship fund. Twenty three members signed up and paid. Meals on Wheels will receive \$500 and \$500 will be demoted to the Davis Sunrise Club for their solar project in Kenya. Another \$1,000 will be donated to the Walnut Creek Rotary's district grant for the White Pony Express project and noted that our club is working on a grant for the playground equipment for the Clayton Community Park.



REMEMBER RENEE RUSHWORTH?

Renee, who still handles the Charitable Fund books all the way from Arizona, checked in with us and told us that Bill got a job working at a place called FM Industries. He's back in manufacturing and is enjoying it. She is plugging away doing bookkeeping. She comes back to California once a month for work and to see her kids and grandkids. She said she truly misses her family and friends. It's a slower lifestyle than she is used to and takes getting used to. *"Empty nesting is hard,"* she said and sends big hugs to all. You can tell everyone this and sends big hugs to all.



SAN FELIPE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Rich Lueck is still working on 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.



BACKPACK PROJECT

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, they are going to add Chrome Books to their donation list. Besides backpacks, 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.



NEWS FROM UGANDA AND THE NSAWO CLINIC



Herb Muyinga reported that the medals finally arrived and the foundation of the pediatric clinic has begun as the photos show. While they started digging the foundation, they are still making bricks. Remember they need 25,000 bricks.



Deb Luyiima missed our last meeting as she was out of town making preparations for a Family Planning and reproductive Health Seminar to be held on May 21. She also keeps us up to date by sending these photos and wants us to know that everybody is working on the construction.



THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER COUNTING THE BRICKS



THIS MORNING'S ZOOM GUESTS

Dr. David Pintado, who heads up the Mt. Diablo HOSA program, attended this morning's meeting to thank us for our Club's continuous support for their program and to introduce us to the future CERT trained health care professional of America and beyond.



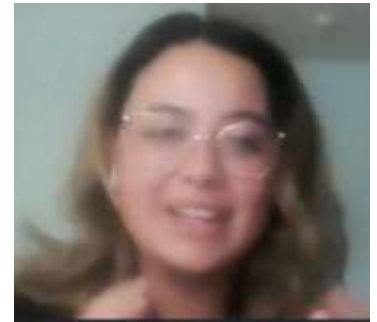
JESSICA CHAN



AMVERCASTILLO



JASMINE BENCHITO



SOPHIA MENDOZA



HAPPY/GRUMPY BUCKS

Compiled by Barbara Reifschneider



Director Tommy Wolf was very happy today. He is donating \$100 bucks towards his Paul Harris fund. On top of that, today is the New Health Chiropractic Center's eight year anniversary and they are hanging decorations and will be celebrating.

Jeff Wilson had a happy ten bucks because he's having a great week with four new listings.



Our GREAT **President Vicki Sexton** had a happy buck for a great Mother's Day that she spent with her kids and then took a long hike. Ever wonder how Vicki accomplishes so much? Notice the person in the photo. She has an assistant.



President-elect Monica Fraga had a happy five bucks, two bucks for a Happy Mother's Day in Mexico and three happy bucks for her husband not having to continue managing their condo any more. Instead they hired a management company to do the honors.



Torsten Jacobsen gave \$11.47 happy bucks for the great time he had on Mother's Day in the Bay watching all the crazy things golfers do. When told he couldn't contribute that amount, he upped it to \$11.99 and threw in the extra penny as shown in this photo.



THE GALLERY



FROM RICH LUECK'S KOI POND



FROM THE LATE FRED NELSON'S GARDEN



CLAYTON WORSDELL TOOK THIS PHOTO OF THE BIRD OF PARADISE THAT GROWS IN HIS OWN YARD.



FROM BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER'S GARDEN, IS
THIS ROSE THAT TURNS SILVER AS IT AGES, AND
IS CALLED THE SILVER ROSE.

RAFFLE

President-elect Monica Fraga did the honors today and picked **Mary Kemnitz** as the winner. Mary picked the red wine as her prize and President Vicki will deliver it.



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

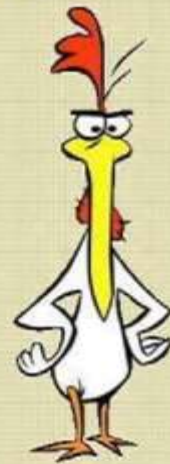


“ALWAYS LEAVE ‘EM LAUGHING”

Compiled & Edited by Bill Selb



I wonder why we
are so so obsessed
with trying
to find
intelligent
life on
other planets,
when we can't
even find
intelligent life here?



**SOME PEOPLE
WON'T ADMIT THEIR
FAULTS. I WOULD,
IF I HAD ANY.**



. . . That's all folks.