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IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

7/13/21 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
8/12/21 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
Zoom



2021 – 2022 A NEW TERM BEGINS



PRESIDENT MONICA FRAGA



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“Monica’s first meeting will now come to order.”



Governor Suvia did the honors for President Monica and rang the bell for her.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY: *Jeff Wilson*

“Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.”

--Adlai Stevenson

My first quote is in honor of the upcoming Fourth of July holiday. I chose it not only for the Fourth of July holiday, but if you change that first word, Patriotism, to Philanthropy, it applies to us in Rotary, too. This led me to thinking about what my goals for my participation in this chapter will be for this coming term. One of my goals is to bring two new members into our chapter which led me to my second quote:

“Let philanthropy spread. Let care for others be contagious. Infect as many people as possible.”

--Jeff Wilson

Jeff said, “Imagine all the good we can do as a chapter if we increased our membership by 200% just by each member bringing in two new members. I hope you all have a great holiday weekend.”

FOUR WAY TEST: *Bob Huck*

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

TODAY'S SPEAKER

HONOR THE PAST, ACT FOR THE FUTURE



Program Chair Miles Bell introduced us to our new 5160 **District Governor, Kathy Suvia**, who told us that she is honored, excited, and truly inspired by all of us as we begin this new year of Rotary in District 5160. She reminded us that *"Rotary's tomorrow depends on what we do today."* Her journey, on becoming our District Governor, has been filled with numerous wonderful experiences and reminds her of this quote by Sir Clem Renouf, *"Rotary takes ordinary men and women and gives them extraordinary opportunities to do more with their lives than they ever dreamed possible."*

This past year gave Rotarians throughout our District many opportunities to step up in ways we could not have imagined. We collected food for local food banks, made masks for essential workers, assisted in COVID vaccine events, and learned how to hold virtual meetings thanks to a program called zoom. The Governor said, *"I doubt that any of us imagined the extraordinary opportunities in which we found ourselves serving last year. While we gave up handshakes and hugs, we didn't give up our core values. We will have questions and decisions to make as our Rotary Clubs creates a new normal this year—hybrid meetings, for example. Let's take this opportunity to create Rotary Clubs that meet the needs of each community, but most importantly, let's support the members and the relationships we hold dear."*

The Governor also outlined the three goals she has set for this term:

- 1) Increase membership from 1.2 million to 1.3 million
- 2) Increase the percentage of member contributions to the Rotary Foundation
- 3) Re-engage all inactive club members

The Governor reminded us to be sure and register for the October District Conference that will take place at Squaw Creek. kathys@Rotary5160.org 530 859-1422.

ABOUT THE NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR

As a serial planner, Kathy Suvia draws from her career in various aspects of organizational development in all she does, especially Rotary. Her experience in workforce and community economic development includes everything from direct services to single moms entering the workforce to developing a program to retrain dislocated timber workers to creating a county-wide anti-human trafficking collaborative. She has been a leader in the formation of collaborative leadership efforts across Northern California.

Since retiring, Kathy has continued to serve as a consultant on a variety of non-profit boards and organizations. A lifelong learner, she earned an MBA in Nonprofit Management and Leadership while in her mid-50's. Kathy served as President of the Rotary Club of Mt. Shasta, Camp Venture Counselor, Assistant Governor, District Trainer and Chief of Staff prior to being selected as 5160's District Governor for 2021-22.

Kathy holds dual citizenship in the US and UK. She and Bill, a retired highway construction inspector, have been married 44 years. Bill is a member of the Rotary Club of Anderson. They enjoy cooking, skiing, hiking and traveling together.



ANNOUNCEMENTS: PromoDemo

ALOHA



The Past President's Council met and confirmed that Cafe Oasis and Catering (Michael Parham) will be the caterers for the Promo Demo event. The theme they proposed is a Hawaiian Luau.

WHO: The Clayton Valley Concord Sunrise Rotarians and their guests.

WHAT: Mahalo - Recognizing the CVCS Rotary accomplishments 2020-2021 as we transition into the 2001-2022 Rotary year. Plus, we will be remembering the Rotarians we lost this last year.

WHEN: Saturday July 31st 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

WHERE: Tineke & Torsten Jacobsen's 777 Northgate Rd. Walnut Creek.

The Caterer will be serving the food—no Self-Service buffet. Water will be available, but it will be a BYOB event for your other refreshments. There will be a community ice chest. Also, BYOC (bring your own chair(s))--**if you have them.**

RSVP IS A MUST: Email Rich.Lueck@gmail.com before Thursday, July 22th to confirm how many from your Rotary family and guest(s) will be attending. Also let us know, if you are not attending. We need this information so we can give a head count to the Caterer. Also, if you are bringing your own chairs, let us know that too. If you have a folding table(s) but need us to pick them up, let us know via email to Rich Rich.Lueck@gmail.com. (No Card Tables as they are unstable on the lawn)

**The cost for this event is \$35 per person. You can pay online under monthly meeting fee or send a check to
Rotary Club of Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise
PO Box 4
Clayton CA 94517**

CARS 2ND CHANCE

Larry Hutchings and reported that he presented a check to our partners at the Rossmore Rotary. They were thrilled. He also reported that they received a check for \$11,000 from Copart. So far they have donated \$70,000 to the Food Bank. Only \$30,000 left to donate and they will have fulfilled our \$100,000 pledge.

Mary Kemnitz reported that the 2007 Ducati Monster S2R 1000 that was donated and should sell for around \$6,500 is on display at D&H Auto. 'Pistol' didn't have time to tell us more as she and 'Rambo' are off to the track.



Who needs helmets?

Not these fearsome warriors: Mary 'Pistol' Kemnitz and Joan 'Rambo' D'Onofrio.

MILESTONES

Length of Service: 34 Years Each

DON OUIMET and **BILL SELB** both joined our Rotary Club way back in July 1, 1987—that's 34 years ago



... and here they are when they first joined Rotary:

Don was President of Ouimet Brothers, Concord Funeral Chapel and an Credit/Accountant with Sherwin Williams Paint Company. Don is a Paul Harris Fellow and was the 1991 Rotarian of the Year.

Bill, fondly known as Mr. Pancake, was Budget Analyst/Accounting, American Standard; Accounting Analyst/Manger, Kaiser Aluminum; Accounting Manager, Coastcom. He is a Realtor for Better Homes & Garden Realty, a Paul Harris Fellow, Club President in 1999-2000, and was the 1990 Rotarian of the Year.

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY FLAG



District Governor, Kathy Suvia, showed us the Paul Harris flag—or insignia—that will be presented to **President Monica Fraga** as she becomes a Paul Harris Society Member. The flag, shown here, is worn along with any Paul Harris Fellow pin of a Rotary Foundation donor.



UGANDA: Windows have been ordered



Uganda Pediatric Clinic

Deb and Herbert said they are waiting for the windows to arrive, so we will not have any photos today. Here is where we stand as of June 23.

HAPPY BUCKS

COMPILED BY BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER



Jeff Wilson gave a happy five bucks. Jeff is looking forward to spending six days in Mexico. He will celebrate the Fourth of July here at home and then celebrate again when he is in Mexico.

Bill Selb gave a happy 10 bucks because he's happy to be getting out again and also about all of the fun and excitement he had on his vacation. He and his lovely wife Emily went to Monterey and spent two days in Sonoma where they had a nice time together in some very nice accommodations. One slight problem was that housekeeping was not what he was used to. He figure it is most likely due to lack of labor..



Larry Hutchings gave a happy five bucks. He was happy about his upcoming road trip with Dennis as they drive down to LA for the Fourth of July celebration. Larry was also happy about the pride celebrations held at Rossmoor.



Tommy Wolf had a happy buck. Tommy and Vanessa decorated the whole office for the Fourth of July. They also decorated themselves, Tommy brought out his blond wig from when he was the auctioneer at one of our fundraising events at Oakhurst.

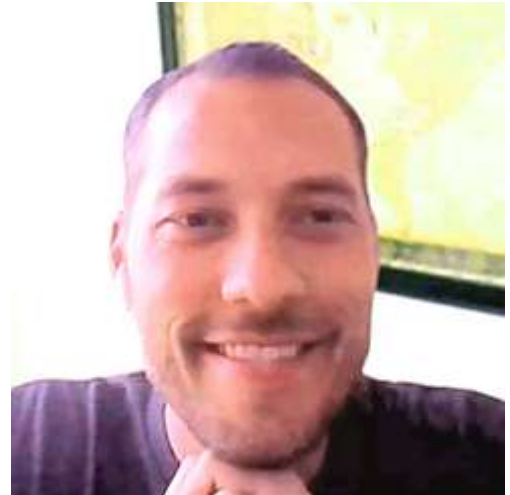
Our president **Monica Fraga** had a happy five bucks. Monica was able to experience a brush with hurricane Enrique that generated the biggest waves she has ever seen, with lots of lightning included.



THE RAFFLE: Oops, almost forgot



Monica Fraga did the honors today as—a first time President—and picked **John Wenzel**—a first time winner. John picked red wine as his prize.



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



“ALWAYS LEAVE ‘EM LAUGHING”

Compiled & Edited by Bill Selb



THE BIG LIE

There was this preacher who was an avid golfer. Every chance he could get, he could be found on the golf course swinging away. It was an obsession. One Sunday was a picture perfect day for golfing. The sun was out, no clouds in the sky, and the temperature was just right.

The preacher was in a quandary as to what to do, and shortly, the urge to play golf overcame him. He called an assistant to tell him that he was sick and could not do church, packed the car up, and drove three hours to a golf course where no one would recognize him. Happily, he began to play the course.

An angel up above was watching the preacher and was quite perturbed. He went to God and said, “Look at the preacher. He should be punished for what he is doing.”

God nodded in agreement. The preacher teed up on the first hole. He swung at the ball, and it sailed effortlessly through the air and landed right in the cup three hundred and fifty yards away. It was a picture- perfect hole-in-one. He was amazed and excited.

The angel was a little shocked. He turned to God and said, “Begging Your pardon, but I thought you were going to punish him?”

God smiled. “Think about it — who can he tell?”

THE TALKATIVE PASSENGER

For two solid hours, the lady sitting next to a man on an airplane had told him about her grandchildren. She had even produced a plastic-foldout photo album of all nine of the children.

She finally realized that she had dominated the entire conversation on her grandchildren.

“Oh, I’ve done all the talking, and I’m so sorry. I know you certainly have something to say. Please, tell me... what do you think of my grandchildren?”

THE DINNER PARTY

A wife and her husband were having a dinner party for all the major status figures in Rome, Italy. The wife was very excited about this and wanted everything to be perfect. At the very last minute, she realized that she didn’t have any snails for this dinner party, so she asked her husband to run down to the beach with the bucket to gather some snails. Very grudgingly he agreed.

He took the bucket, walked out the door, down the steps, and out to the beach. As he was collecting the snails, he noticed a beautiful woman walking alongside the water just a little further down the beach. He kept thinking to himself “Wouldn’t it be great if she would even just come down and talk to me.” He went back to gathering the snails.

All of a sudden he looked up, and the beautiful woman was standing right over him. They got to talking, and she invited him back to her place. They were at her apartment a ways down the beach, and they started messing around. It got so hot and heavy, that he was exhausted afterwards and passed out there.

At seven o’clock the next morning he woke up and exclaimed, “Oh, no, my wife’s dinner party!” He gathered all his clothes, put them on really quickly, grabbed his bucket, and ran out the door.

He ran down the beach all the way to his apartment. He ran up the stairs of his apartment. He was in such a hurry that when he got to the top of the stairs, he dropped the bucket of snails.

There were snails all down the stairs. The door opened just then, with a very angry wife standing in the doorway wondering where he’s been all this time.

He looked at the snails on the steps, then he looked at her, then back at the snails and said, “Come on guys, we’re almost there!”



. . . That's all folks.