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IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

9/14/21 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
9/13/21 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
Zoom



WE GOT OUR GRANT



LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Immediate Past President Vicki Sexton announced that the Grant proposal she submitted for updating and replacing the playground equipment at the Clayton Community Park was approved. A check in the amount of \$13,079 will be presented at a club meeting by our **District Governor Kathy Suvia**. A \$6,500 check from the Charitable Fund and the monies pledged by three other clubs will also be added to the grant fund.

“The 7th zoom meeting will now come to order.”



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: *Mary Kemnitz*

*“The best things in life are free.
And it is important never to lose sight of that.
So look around you.
Whenever you see friendship, loyalty, laughter, and love,
that is your treasure.”*

THE FOUR-WAY TEST: *Deb Luyiima*

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



GUESTS



HERBERT MUYINGA
Past DG
Rotary Club of Muyenga, Uganda



DEB LUYIIMA
International Services



CONRAD BREECE
Lamorinda Rotary
Past President

TODAY'S SPEAKER

CONRAD BREECE

Program Chair Miles Bell introduced us to the 2020-2021 President of the Lamorinda Rotary, **Conrad Breece**, who spoke to us about the projects he fostered under his leadership. Like all Rotary Clubs throughout the world, fundraising during COVID-19 was indeed a challenge. Among the many projects they established or contributed to, here is a small sample:



CARS 2ND CHANCE-FOOD BANK OF CONTRA COSTA AND SOLANO COUNTIES: In partnership with the Clayton Valley/Concord Rotary, they pledged to donate \$100,000 of sale proceeds from cars donated to the Food Bank. To date \$68,000 has been donated and they are working on the last \$32,000

PUTNAM CLUBHOUSE is a mental health facility in Concord where they arranged for the donation of a passenger van and donated \$4,000 for a portable electronic whiteboard.

FAMILY HARVEST FARM that helps youth who are aging out of the foster care program learn how to become successful organic farmers. Currently there are 10 apprentices employed.



INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS includes the **GUATEMALA CONCRETE FLOORS PROJECT** intended to replace dirt floors with concrete floors in 50 homes in Tecpan, Guatemala.

THE HOPE INITIATIVE COVID-19 NEWSLETTER that a member of their club translates from English into Spanish and Portuguese thereby sharing COVID related information for Spanish speaking countries who do not have access to the same scientific information we have here in the US.

YOUTH AND SENIOR PROJECTS awards nursing scholarships and supports STEM conferences. They deliver oximeters to care facilities in Lafayette, Orinda, Moraga and Walnut Creek; donated \$1,000 to Lamorinda Village to cover the cost of annual memberships; and shared the annual cost of a scholarship for a student attending school in Kabul, Afghanistan

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Conrad D. Breece is the Immediate Past President of Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club. He practiced Real Estate Law in San Francisco from 1973-2017, most recently with Clark Hill LLP. He, and his wife Joan, have lived in Lafayette since 1984. Their daughter, Kirsten Erbse, is a graduate of Campolindo High School, Boston University, and Wheelock University, where she received her Master's in Special Education. They are proud grandparents of 6 ½ year old Maddie Erbse.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

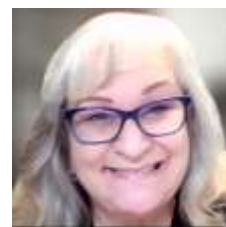
ORINDA CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Director Larry Hatchings reminded us that the Orinda Car Show will take place on September 11 from 10 am to 3 pm. This is the 17th Orinda Classic Car Show and is a fun filled event displaying automotive classics of all models and years. The Orinda Classic Car Show was begun in 2005 by a local Orinda resident as a way to bring together the local classic car community and to raise money for charities including the "Seniors Around Town" transportation program and the Educational Foundation of Orinda. We hope everyone attends and will help manning the booth.



C2C

President-elect Mary Kemnitz told us that **President Monica Fraga** joined the C2C meeting this week. She also reported that they received \$3,300 for a boat. Yes, a boat. A few more may be coming in, but they will most likely be sent off to Copart.



DIXIE FIRE REQUEST

Our **District Governor Kathy Suvia** emailed us suggestion as to how we can help the victims of the Dixie Fire that has ravaged over 500,000 acres. The members of the Interact Club at Fall River High School in far Eastern Shasta County created a local effort to collect personal items and gift cards to deliver to the students impacted by the fire. She suggested we get on the GoFundMe site and make donations, or send gift cards to the Interact Club of Fall River High School, 44215 Walnut Street, McArthur CA 96056 or bring your cards to Monica, and she will see to it that they are sent en masse to the students.



MILESTONES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Bob and Karen Sundberg who are celebrating 20 years of marriage bliss. Congratulations.



Carrie Kroeger has been a Rotarian for the past 10 years. She is celebrating her birthday on Saturday, August 14.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

UGANDA: **Pediatric Clinic Update**

Herbert and Deb sent these photos to keep us up to date on the clinic's progress. Everyone is working around the clock.

As of July 22



As of August 9

Take a Look at the work going on inside.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

MEET OUR NEW MEMBER: *Susan 'Susie' Lim*

Vicki met Susie at the Discovery Store where they both work as volunteers. A simple invitation from Vicki piqued Susie's curiosity so she attend one of our zoom meetings. Apparently we were all well behaved and presented a good example of what Rotary is all about because, after attending about seven zoom meetings and the in-person Community Park BBQ, Susie liked what she saw and decided to find out what Rotary is all about.

Susan Lim was born and raised in Berkeley, attended El Cerrito High, graduated from UC Santa Barbara, has two sisters, two daughters, and two grandchildren. She told us that she had no idea how much she liked numbers until she helped prepare payroll for her late husband's business. Hmmm, she thought, "I can do this" and went on to assume all the bookkeeping duties of their new auto parts store, The Parts House, which they opened in Oakland. She loves everything from folk to classical music, enjoys knitting, crocheting, and puzzles but could actually spend an entire day just reading. Although she always had a love/hate relationship with golf, she's getting back into it.

What impressed Susie when she joined our meetings was the good works we do and decided that she wanted to be a part of it. Say no more, Susie, we welcome you to join in the projects we are pursuing with a lot of fun thrown in.



WE MOVED

That's right. **Johnny Morgan** has relocated his computer shop from Clayton Road to 4425 Treat Boulevard. Stop by and congratulate him. Better yet, get your computers serviced or buy a new one, then go next door and enjoy a great Italian dinner at Pasta Primavera.



OUT WITH THE OLD



IN WITH THE NEW

HAPPY BUCKS

COMPILED BY BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER



Vicki Sexton gave a happy five bucks for her road trip with gal pal Susie. They took their road trip up to Oregon and lo and behold there was no smoke. On their last day, however, they did encounter smoke. She was a little grumpy though because she had to have a biopsy for something on the back of her neck.



Susie Lim, our newest member, also gave five happy bucks for her road trip with Vicki. She even went whale watching that was the highlight of the trip. She also commented on how much Vicki loves to walk.



Larry Hutchings had a grumpy five bucks because while he was trying to see the Perseus meteor shower, the only thing he saw were 3 meteors in three hours. He was a little disappointed.



Rich Lueck had a happy five bucks because he is going to be a great-grandpa for the fourth time. The little bundle is due in January on the 29th, which just happens to be Rich's birthday also.



Bob Hooy gave a happy five bucks. Bob was happy that the river fire ended and didn't reach their cabin. He also had a great time and thought the demo party was just grand. He also thought that Steve Weir's Carnac was in really rare form.

THE NEW RAFFLE



SPIN THE WHEEL. WHERE IT LANDS NOBODY KNOWS.

Spin the wheel and watch your name go by. The first winner in this new selection process, created by **President-elect Mary Kemnitz**, stopped on **Bill Selb's** name. Guess what he selected as his prize? Yup, he chose red wine.

Remember, you gotta
be in it to win it.

THE GALLERY



From the lens of Clayton Worsdell.

“ALWAYS LEAVE ‘EM LAUGHING”

Compiled and Edited by Bill Selb



HOME GROWN



Tomato was grown by Barbara Reifschneider who also took the photo

DEBATING CHILDREN

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small.

The little girl insisted that it was possible because after all Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not possibly swallow a human, its throat was just too small.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven, I will ask Jonah."

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you can ask him."

CAUSES OF ARTHRITIS

A drunken man who smelled like booze sat down on a bench next to a priest. The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half-empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading.

After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, "Say Father, what causes arthritis?"

The priest replies, "My Son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes and lack of a bath."

The drunk muttered in response, "Well, I'll be damned," then returned to his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?"

The drunk answered, "I don't have it, Father, but I was just reading here in the paper that the Pope does."

. . . That's all folks.