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## IMPORTANT MEETINGS 2020

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



# MATTHEW WARE BECOMES AN EAGLE SCOUT



## NATIONAL EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

To become an **Eagle Scout**, the highest achievement in the Boy Scouts of America, one must earn at least 21 merit badges and demonstrate an attitude based upon the Scout Oath of law, service, and leadership. Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank, and we are proud to report that the scout our club sponsored, **Matthew Ware**, is one of them. Always one to go above and beyond the call of duty, Matthew earned 32 merit badges. He raised \$3,000 enabling him to complete the construction of a brand new sports ticket booth at Concord High School that replaces the one burned down in 2020 by arsonists. He was honored on Sunday, August 22, at the Concord Salvation Army Church Hall, at a special ceremony and reception.

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**“The 9<sup>th</sup> zoom meeting will now come to order.”**



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: *Bill Selb***

*“Did you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror and say to yourself, ‘I don't think this is accurate.’”*

**THE FOUR-WAY TEST:**

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



**GUESTS**



**HERBERT MUYINGA**  
P.A.G  
Rotary Club of Muyenga, Uganda



**DEB LUYIIMA**  
Int'l Services



**PETER MWANJA**  
Kampala Rotary



**SHARON WOOD**  
New Day For Children  
Executive Director



**HAYS ENGLEHART**  
Lamorinda Rotary  
Past President

# TODAY'S SPEAKER

## SHARON WOOD



**Program Chair Miles Bell** introduced us to, **Sharon Wood**, the Executive Director of New Day for Children. This is a nationally recognized charity that provides support and assistance to American girls and boys who are recovering from the despair of sex trafficking which is a \$66 billion a year industry with the USA being the number one consumer.

Since 2009, New Day for Children has helped parents of commercially sex trafficked girls and boys, and provides them a safe and secure living environment until they are healthy and prepared to resume their family life. The children are enrolled in fully accredited schools with their curriculum adapted to their individual academic level and life goals. New Day tailors services to Individual needs and understands that solutions must outweigh challenges. Each child has their own unique story, and the support they receive is tailored to their individual needs. To ensure success and hope, New Day works alongside collaborating organizations and serves girls and boys from a wide variety of backgrounds and life experiences. The average life expectancy of these children is seven years. The average age of girls in sex trafficking is 12 to 14 years, and for boys it is 8 to 9.

Milestones are celebrated when children in the program reach academic achievement, graduates from high school, accepted to college, securing jobs, and mastering life skill development programs. New Day for Children provides:

- Safe haven housing
- Long term care
- Access to education
- Medical and mental long term health care
- Legal fees
- Equine therapy—a method using horses as a means to provide emotional growth as horses provide an excellent way for troubled youth to react when they are otherwise therapy resistant.

There is no government funding for this program. To make a donation, call Sharon at 916 572-9679 or email her: [sharonw@newdayforchildren.com](mailto:sharonw@newdayforchildren.com)

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

**Sharon Wood** has been married to Phil Wood for 42 years and together they have three grown children. Prior to coming on board as executive director of New Day for Children, Sharon was a professional violinist and had a teaching studio as well. She learned about the world of trafficking children for sex when she discovered that a 12 year girl in her Sunday school class was being sold for sex in the Concord/Pleasant Hill area, and it had started when she was 10 just years old. Sharon was able to find New Day for Children for this girl and has been involved ever since. Phil and Sharon volunteered for two years, and then she served on the board of directors before stepping up as executive director in the spring of 2018. She is also a Rotarian with the Pleasant Hill Rotary.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GRANT PRESENTATION

**Hays Englehart**, Past President of the Lamorinda Rotary, presented us with the check for \$13,080 that our Rotary club, under the Presidency of **Vicki Sexton** and her team, applied for and won. This will enable them to purchase new equipment for the Clayton Community Park playground.



## C2C

**President-elect Mary Kemnitz** reported that the C2C Team met Wednesday and reviewed the marketing package they are working on. She also said that they received \$2,000 from Copart and the cars keep on coming.



**Director Larry Hatchings** reminded us that the **Orinda Car Show** will take place on September 11 from 10 am to 3 pm. He hopes everyone attends and will help man the booth. Larry encouraged **Erna Grasz**, today's speaker, to partner with the C2C Partnership telling her it was an easy and lucrative method to earn money for their organization. Guess what? Erna has already submitted an application to become a C2C partner.

## EAGLE SCOUT HONORED: *Mathew Ware*



**Mathew Ware** has been a scout for most of his entire life starting with the Cub Scouts. His mom told us that he was always working on a scout project and earning badge after badge, yet he was a straight A student who never, in his entire school career, ever missed one day of school. He had perfect attendance from K through 12 and graduated with a 4.2 GPA. He was active in all sports for which he won many, many awards, and was elected Homecoming Prince in his junior year—a true Renaissance dude.

When Mathew learned that the Concord High sports ticket booth burned down, he immediately went into action. He decided he would rebuild it and immediately went to work fundraising. He approached our club, the Concord/Diablo Rotary, friends, family and local merchants for monetary donations and supplies. It didn't take him long to raise \$3,000 and get merchants to commit to supplies. Construction began in February 2020 and was completed in September.

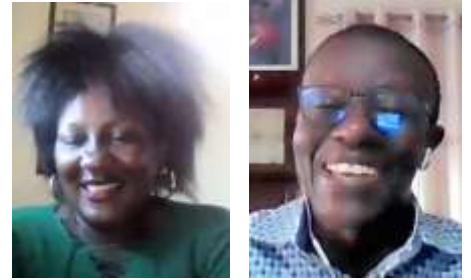
Mathew completed his freshman year from UC San Diego where he is majoring in probability and statistics. He said, *"Thanks to all my friends, family and leaders for all the donations and time you gave me, and for which I will reminisce about the rest of my life."*



# UGANDA: Pediatric Clinic Weekly Update

Herbert and Deb said that work keeps going on and results are visible. Here are the photos they submitted this week.

**As of August 23**



**THE START OF APPLYING THE SLATE TO THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING**



**PREPARING WASTE WATER MANHOLE**



**THE FLOWER BEDS**



**TILING WORK COMPLETE**

# HAPPY BUCKS

COMPILED BY BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER



**RICHARD LUECK** gave a happy \$100 to the New Day for Children program and for celebrating his 17 year anniversary of being a kidney donor to his wife Pam.



**VICKI SEXTON** also had a happy 50 bucks for the New Day for Children program. Remember when we donated time and money to help Matthew Ware rebuild the ticket booth at Concord high? Well she, Joan, and Clayton attended Matthews's promotion to Eagle Scout ceremony.



**JOHN WENZEL** is 30 bucks happy because when he went to meet his son's first grade teacher, it turned out to be the first grade teacher he had about 30 years ago. John also donated \$100 to the New Day for Children program.



**MONICA FRAGA** gave a grumpy five bucks because she is grumpy about the situation with Richie's surgery; apparently he has a total tear of his ACL. She was especially grumpy that Kaiser has canceled all elective surgery until October because of Covid.



**MARY KEMNITZ**, our president-elect, gave a grumpy 10 bucks today. Apparently her grandson has refused to get a Covid vaccination. She even offered him \$500, and he still said no. Go figure.



**BILL SELB** had a happy 50 bucks today because he is delighted to have a new business partner, named Katie, who shares his business and client service values. They just made a couple of families very happy by selling their homes quickly and well over asking price.



**LARRY HUTCHINGS** had a happy five bucks today. He is happy about being able to write a check for \$6,000 to the Lamorinda endowment fund and \$6,000 for our Rotary fund.



# GOINGS ON

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Surprise! That's right, Tommy, the party will be at your house Friday, September 10, 2021 at 6 pm. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own treats and drinks. His new home address is:

3691 CHESTNUT AVE, CONCORD

## HOME TEAM: *Save the date*

**Hays Englehart**, founder of the **Home Team** program, reported that it will start up again on September 25. Details to follow.



## LET US ENTERTAIN & AND FEED YOU



**Todos Santos Plaza on Thursdays is the place to be.** Music & Market is a Concord tradition enjoyed by thousands of people each summer who come from all over the East Bay to experience live music by local bands and pick up farm-fresh produce at the farmers' market.

The Music & Market series runs every Thursday until September 30 at Todos Santos Plaza. The market

opens at 4 p.m., and concerts begin at 6:30. Local health officials recommend wearing a face-covering outdoors especially for those who are unvaccinated.

## VOTE: *September 14, in person or by mail*

**The County is making voting easy.** The easiest and fastest way to vote in this election is to cast the ballot you just received and drop it in any mailbox or into one of the official ballot boxes located throughout the County. If voting in-person, and to find out where to vote visit the [Contra Costa County Elections website](#).



## CONCORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Listen to Vicki.** She makes sure every member of our Rotary club receives the scheduled list of all business events being held throughout the county weekly and emails them to all of us. Thanks to Vicki we are all members of the Concord Chamber of Commerce.





# THE RAFFLE



**SPIN THE WHEEL. WHERE IT LANDS NOBODY KNOWS.**

Spin the wheel and watch your name go by. The winner this week is **BOB HUCK**.  
He chose-- what else—red wine.

Remember, you gotta  
be in it to win it—and  
at the meeting.

# THE GALLERY



Clayton Worsdell's friend **Sebastian** wants us to know that August 26 is **National Dog Day** and that his furry friends have been with us for at least 14,000 years. Thank goodness for that because what would we do without man's best friend? National Dog Day was first established in 2004 and is intended to promote awareness about adopting these animals who are currently in rescue centers.

# **"ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING"**

## **MY NEW SOCIAL DISTANCING SHOES HAVE ARRIVED**



**I got myself a seniors' GPS.  
Not only does it tell me  
how to get to my  
destination,  
it tells me why I wanted to  
go there.**

**IF YOU CAN'T LOOK BACK  
AT YOUR YOUNGER SELF  
AND REALIZE THAT YOU  
WERE AN IDIOT, YOU ARE  
PROBABLY STILL AN IDIOT.**



## PLACE YOUR BETS

A blonde and a redhead are watching the late news. The redhead bets the blonde \$50 that the man in the lead story, who is on the ledge of a 40-story building, will jump.

"I'll take that bet," the blonde replied.

A few minutes later, the newscaster breaks in to report that the man had, indeed, jumped from the building. The redhead, feeling sudden guilt for having bet on such a tragic incident, turns to the blonde and tells her that she doesn't need to pay the \$50.

"No, a bet's a bet," the blonde replies. "I owe you \$50." The redhead, feeling even more guilty, replies, "No, you don't understand. I saw the six o'clock news, so I knew how it was going to turn out."

"That's OK," the blonde replies, "I saw it earlier too, but I didn't think he would jump again."

## BIOLOGY LESSON

A teacher was giving a lesson about the circulation of blood. He said, "Now who can help me solve this mystery. As you know, if I stood on my head, the blood would run into it and I would turn red in the face."

"Yes, sir," the kids chorused.

"So why is it," asked the teacher, "that when I am standing upright, the blood doesn't run into my feet and make them turn red, like my head?"

The kids were silent for a moment, when a voice from the back called out, "I know, probably because your feet aren't empty!"

*. . . That's all folks.*

