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2/8/22 Board Meeting 7 AM  
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4/13/22 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM  
Zoom



## PASTOR HOPKINS PLEADS “Put Down Your Guns”

Gun violence nationwide, but particularly in Oakland, was the subject of today's presentation by the **Reverend Dr. James Hopkins**. Believing that the call of each church is to seek the peace of the community they are in, Pastor Jim has long been involved in the efforts to reduce gun violence in Oakland and was one of the first Oakland pastors to advocate for the adoption and implementation of the Ceasefire strategy that is a community-based, research-guided violence prevention program that City of Oakland adopted in 2012.



The philosophy resulted in significantly reduced rates of homicide in cities across the USA. For several years it worked successfully in Oakland until Covid-19 pandemic reduced the ability of workers and volunteers to keep the program active. And he is still committed to the cause.

Reverend Hopkins has been Senior Minister of Oakland's Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church since 1989. He is currently the Co-Chair of the Faith in Action East Bay Board of Directors, the President of Lakeshore Avenue Business Improvement District, a board member of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty and a founding pastor of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.

## TODAY'S **THOUGHT**: *Bill Selb*

One day a father and his rich family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose to show him how poor people can be. They spent a day and a night at the farm of a very poor family. When they got back from their trip the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"Very good, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people can be?" asked the father.

"Yeah"

"And what did you learn?"

The son answered, "I saw that we have a dog at home and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden, but they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lamps in the garden ... they have the stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard, they have a whole horizon. When the little boy was finished his father was speechless. His son added "Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are!"

Isn't it true that it all depends on the way you look at things?

**If you have love, friends, family, health, good humor, positive attitude towards life – you've got everything.**



## Four-Way **TEST**: *Bob Sundberg*

Of all the things we think, say and do:

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 **GUESTS**



**DEB LUYIIMA**

Rotary Club of Uganda



**HERB MUYINGA**



**TINA SWEENEY**

San Felipe Rotary



**LOIS NELSON**

# TODAY'S NEWS

## MEETING SCHEDULE

**President Monica** reported that all Thursday meetings will continue to be on zoom for the month of February. At the end of the month, a decision as to how to continue the meetings—in-person or on zoom—will be reviewed.

## WINE BARREL RAFFLE

**President Monica** reported that the drawing will take place on March 17 at 6:00 pm in the Centre Concord ballroom. Members are asked to donate two bottles of wine or contribute \$40. **Vicki Sexton** will be ringing your doorbell to pick up your wine donations, or \$40, and give you your raffle tickets. You can keep in touch with this program by reading **Bill Selb's** newsletter that he is and will be emailing to all of you.



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**President Monica** and **President-elect Mary Kemnitz** met last week to set up a Membership Committee. It is vital that the committee team get settled so they can begin the DACdb University classes available on zoom meetings.



## THE RACE

**Jeff Wilson** and Vicki Sexton continue to meet with the city of Concord to get the details settled for the fundraising race.

## C2C

**Larry Hutchings** reported on the C2C Wednesday meeting with the Lamorinda Club where they reviewed marketing ideas. One thing for sure is they need at least two members to help out in these endeavors. They are also going to reach out to district Governors to get them to help bring more clubs on board. They will also be setting up a booth at PETS to target larger clubs.

Feast your eyes on the newest C2C donation—a beautiful Golf Cart donated by someone from Rossmoor.



## UGANDA UPDATE

**Deborah Luyiima** and **Herbert Musinga** reported that they are in the planning stages of a March ceremony to commemorate the grand opening of the Pediatric Clinic that we all shared in the building of, literally, from the ground up. It was architecturally a very great design, and it should be noted, that there is love in every single brick built by the hands of our very own residents. It is hoped that our fellow Clayton Valley/Concord Rotary members will be on hand for the ceremony,



## SAN FELIPE



**Tina Sweeney** told us that the big "Steak in the Park" fundraiser event they are planning on March 19 is canceled because they could not get permits for it. So they changed the date to March 24 but the venue has not yet been decided. It will be held from 1 to 4 pm and there will be no take outs. If you plan to attend, let Tina know and she will help find you a place to stay.

**Torsten Jacobsen** reported that 43,000 visits were made to the cancer clinic for both diagnostic tests and patient education.

## MILESTONES



This is **Rich Lueck's** last year in the 70s column as he celebrates his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday (1/26). He has been a member for 27 years and has seen it all. He is currently co-chairing the Community services directorship with Clayton, served as President in 2001-2002, and was the 2017 Rotarian of the year.

**Frank Westphall** reaches 18 years of service and shared the 2017 Rotarian of the Year honor with Rich.



# HAPPY/GRUMPY **BUCKS**



**VICKI SEXTON** had a happy five bucks this morning. Vicki had a really nice three-day birthday party with her daughters and family. They threw her a pizza party. After all of that celebrating she went out with John and then they all gathered and celebrated some more at the Oakland Zoo



where they saw the light show and then it was off on a birthday hike.



**MONICA FRAGA** gave a happy five bucks this morning, because she and Mary met for lunch at a brewery in Concord that they didn't think would work out too well, but alas it did.

**LARRY HUTCHINGS** gave a grumpy buck this morning. Apparently his three-year-old cat had a medical emergency, and \$700 later his cat does not seem to be doing very well. And it doesn't end there as he will still have to pay more vet's bills.



**MARY KEMNITZ** had a happy 10 bucks this morning. It seems someone from Rossmoor donated a most unusual item to C2C. A golf cart,



**TORSTEN JACOBSEN** gave five bucks that could have been grumpy but turned out to be happy. His cat tale was one that saved him a ton of money. He took his cat to the vet to see what had to be done for the infection it suddenly developed. Turned out it was going to cost \$600 for the treatment. So Torsten took the cat home and cured it for a mere \$30.

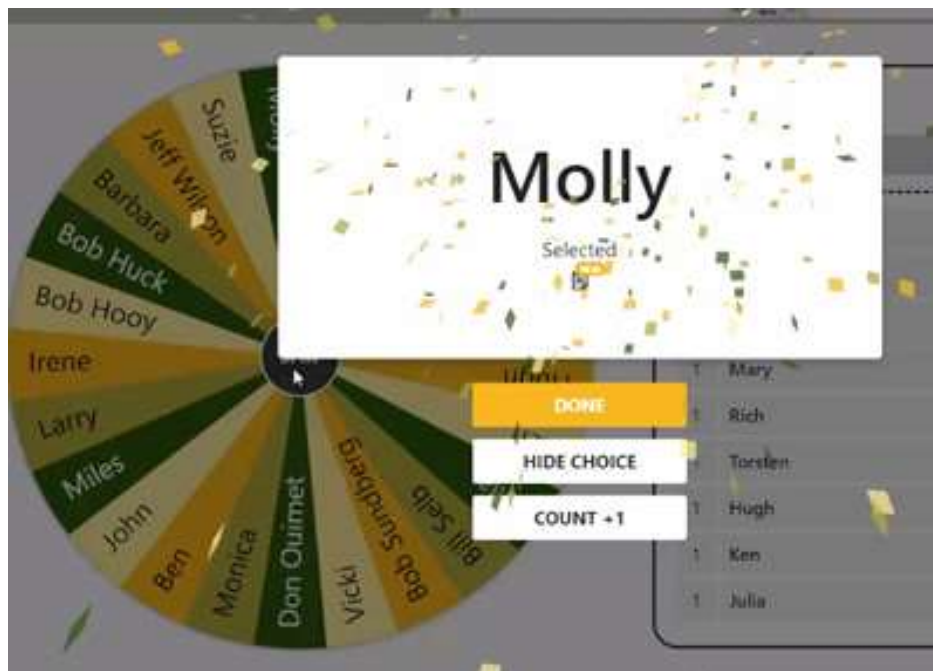
# TODAY'S **RAFFLE**



## **AND THE WINNER IS...**

President Elect **Mary Kemnitz** spun the wheel and it landed on **Molly Avilez's** name. To claim her prize—a bottle of wine—all Molly had to do was answer the quiz Mary prepared. What was the question? Name the photo that appeared on the first page of our Club's newsletter. With a few clues from

our faithful members, Molly answered that it was a photo taken by Clayton Worsdell of the first full moon of 2022.



## **NEW RULE**

From now on, if your name is picked, you will have to answer a question to claim the prize. Study hard, everyone.

# THE **GALLERY**



Barbara Reifschneider took this photo of what the first full moon of 2022, captured by Clayton Worsdell, looks like now.

# LAST **LAUGH**

## **A TRUE STORY**

ON JULY 20, 1969, AS COMMANDER OF THE APOLLO 11 LUNAR MODULE, NEIL ARMSTRONG WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO SET FOOT ON THE MOON. HIS FIRST WORDS AFTER STEPPING ON THE MOON, "THAT'S ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN, ONE GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND," WERE TELEVISED TO EARTH AND HEARD BY MILLIONS. BUT, JUST BEFORE HE RE-ENTERED THE LANDER, HE MADE THE ENIGMATIC REMARK "GOOD LUCK, MR. GORSKY."

MANY PEOPLE AT NASA THOUGHT IT WAS A CASUAL REMARK CONCERNING SOME RIVAL SOVIET COSMONAUT. HOWEVER, UPON CHECKING, THERE WAS NO GORSKY IN EITHER THE RUSSIAN OR AMERICAN SPACE PROGRAMS. OVER THE YEARS, MANY PEOPLE QUESTIONED ARMSTRONG AS TO WHAT THE 'GOOD LUCK, MR. GORSKY' STATEMENT MEANT, BUT ARMSTRONG ALWAYS JUST SMILED.

ON JULY 5, 1995, IN TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA, WHILE ANSWERING QUESTIONS FOLLOWING A SPEECH, A REPORTER BROUGHT UP THE 26 YEAR-OLD QUESTION ABOUT MR. GORSKY AND ASKED, "WHO IS MR. GORSKY?" THIS TIME HE FINALLY RESPONDED BECAUSE HIS MR. GORSKY HAD JUST DIED, SO NEIL ARMSTRONG FELT HE COULD NOW ANSWER THE QUESTION. HERE IS THE ANSWER TO "WHO WAS MR. GORSKY?"

IN 1938, WHEN HE WAS A KID IN A SMALL MID-WESTERN TOWN, HE WAS PLAYING BASEBALL WITH A FRIEND IN THE BACKYARD. HIS FRIEND HIT THE BALL, WHICH LANDED IN HIS NEIGHBOR'S YARD BY THEIR BEDROOM WINDOW. HIS NEIGHBORS WERE MR. AND MRS. GORSKY. AS HE LEANED DOWN TO PICK UP THE BALL, YOUNG ARMSTRONG HEARD MRS. GORSKY SHOUTING AT MR. GORSKY, "SEX! YOU WANT SEX? YOU'LL GET SEX WHEN THE KID NEXT DOOR WALKS ON THE MOON!"

NEIL ARMSTRONG'S FAMILY CONFIRMED THAT THIS IS A TRUE STORY

## **PASSWORD PROBLEM**

A new, blonde employee calls the Help Desk to complain that there's something wrong with her password.

"The problem is that whenever I type the password, it just shows stars," she says.

"Those asterisks are to protect you," the Help Desk technician explains, "so if someone were standing behind you, they wouldn't be able to read your password."

"Yeah," she says, "but they show up even when there is no one standing behind me."

## YOUNG SALESMAN

The kids filed back into class Monday morning. They were very excited. Their weekend assignment was to sell something, then give a talk on productive salesmanship.

Little Sally led off: "I sold girl scout cookies and I made \$30," she said proudly, "My sales approach was to appeal to the customer's civil spirit and I credit that approach for my obvious success."

"Very good," said the teacher.

Little Jenny was next: "I sold magazines," she said, "I made \$45 and I explained to everyone that magazines would keep them up on current events."

"Very good, Jenny," said the teacher.

Eventually, it was Little Johnny's turn. The teacher held her breath...

Little Johnny walked to the front of the classroom and dumped a box full of cash on the teacher's desk. "\$2,467" he said. "\$2,467!" cried the teacher, "What in the world were you selling?" "Toothbrushes," said Little Johnny.

"Toothbrushes!" echoed the teacher, "How could you possibly sell enough tooth brushes to make that much money?"

"I found the busiest corner in town," said Little Johnny, "I set up a Chip and Dip stand and gave everybody who walked by a free sample. They all said the same thing, 'Hey, this tastes like dog poop!' Then I would say, 'It is dog poop. Wanna buy a toothbrush?'"

"I used the government approach of giving you something crappy for free, and then making you pay to get the taste out of your mouth."

*...That's all, folks.*