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Zoom



# 63 YEARS OF SERVICE



## LENGTH OF SERVICE

Talk about loyalty and dedication to Rotary, here are three outstanding examples of members who have served us well for a very long time: **Torsten Jacobsen**, 18 years; Past President and current Sergeant-At-Arms **Bob Sundberg**, 19 years; and **Steve Weir**, 26 years,

## TODAY'S **THOUGHT**: *Miles Bell*



"When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President.  
I'm beginning to believe it."

— **Clarence Darrow**

"Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day. Never miss  
a good chance to shut up."

— **Will Rogers courtesy of Torsten Jacobsen**

## FOUR-WAY **TEST**



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 **GUEST SPEAKER**



**SUSAN PRICCO**  
**CoCo Taxpayers Association**

# TODAY'S **SPEAKER**

## **PROMOTE GOOD GOVERNMENT AT AFFORDABLE COST**

**Program Chair Miles Bell** introduced today's speaker, **Susan Pricco**, who spoke to us today about the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association (CoCo Tax) which is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to fight for "good government at affordable cost."

Founded in 1937, CoCo Tax leads the way in providing fiscal oversight of local government. Susan said: *"We actively resist unwarranted taxes and fees, discriminatory regulations, ill-advised public expenditures and government secrecy, inefficiency and waste."*



Susan's presentation was rather nostalgic as it brought back memories of the late **John Wolfe** who spent 11 years as the Executive Vice-President of the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association. Here are a few items Susan discussed that CoCo Tax handles:

- Animal services saw the Pinole shelter closed so only Martinez remains open
- Home prices continue to rise
- Bridge tolls will increase to \$7
- Walnut Creek taxes will increase by ½% bringing their tax fee up to 9.25%
- School district pensions

Susan encouraged us to get involved and consider volunteering at CoCo Tax: [info@cocotax.org](mailto:info@cocotax.org)

## **ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

**Susan Pricco** is a retired courtroom clerk for Contra Costa Superior Court, serving the County for over 35 years. She has been President of Contra Costa Taxpayers Association for two years and has testified on pending legislation. She actively campaigned on local ballot measures on behalf of the association for over 10 years. Her term as President ended September 1, 2021 when she moved out of the county. She is still a member of the Board and intends to remain an advocate. She lives in the Vineyard section of Sacramento.

# TODAY'S NEWS

## ROTARIANS FOR 2022-2023 TERM ANNOUNCED



The Nominating Committee has selected the following Rotarians for the 2022-2023 positions. The vote will be held next week, January 13, at the club meeting on zoom. Nominations may be made from the floor.

Director of Club Services	Barbara Reifschneider
Rotary Foundation	Susie Lim
Membership Services	Jeff Wilson
President-Elect	Bob Sundberg

## MILESTONES: *Happy Birthday*

**Bob Hooy** (6<sup>th</sup>), **Bob Sundberg** (7<sup>th</sup>), and **Barbara Reifschneider** (10<sup>th</sup>) are celebrating their birthdays.



## FOUNDATION DAY & PROJECT FAIR: *Get Involved*

**President Monica** reported that you can now register for the District's Foundation Day event that will be held Saturday, January 29, 2022, at Pioneer High School in Woodland, however, due to Covid, the project may be virtual. It is mandatory to attend this event if our club plans to apply for 2022-23 grants. **District Foundation Chair Jon Dwyer** and **District Governor-elect Suzanne Bragdon** urges everyone to attend. So far **Mary Kemnitz, Susie Lim**, and **Monica Fraga** have signed up. It is not too late to register.



# THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED

## Monument Crisis Center

**President Monica** announced that the Monument Crisis Center's Holiday Box project was a huge success. To date, \$3,135 was collected to purchase the boxes and contents.



## *Thank You Everyone*

Thanks to all who made the Holiday Food Box for the Monument Crisis Center a marvelous success:

### ***MONETARY DONATIONS RECEIVED***

Torsten Jacobsen, Rich Lueck, Irene Davids-Blare, Bob Huck, John Hemm, Steve Weir, Mary Kemnitz, Monica Fraga, Mikes Auto Body, Cinlexico Foundation, Barbara Reifschneider, Lois Nelson, Bob Hooy, Clayton Worsdell, Bill Selb, and Vicki Sexton,

### ***FOOD SHOPPING & PACKAGING***

Mary Kemnitz, Monica Fraga, Barbara Reifschneider, Susie Lim, Bob Sundberg, Molly Avilez, Clayton Worsdell, Torsten Jacobsen, Eric Rehn, Larry Hutchings, and Ken Nishimori.

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS: Pass the Hat

**Bob Hooy** extends his thanks to all who contributed \$3,750 to his annual matching funds project for the Food Bank. The Charitable Fund also donated \$4,170. To date, \$7,920 has been raised for the Food Bank from our club.

**Hugh Toloui** clearly lived up to the "good neighbor policy" and took up a monetary collection for the Food Bank from the citizens in his neighborhood. Way to go, Hugh.





## ***SAN FELIPE: Steak in the Park***



**Tina Sweeney** reports that the wonderful and colorful "Steak in the Park" event is scheduled for March 15th. This is a perfect time to come down to San Felipe especially weather-wise. It is a festival that takes place in the City Park for the purpose of raising funds for the Cancer Center project. There will be a lot of colorful Mexican traditional dancing, music, great food, and an auction put on by the partner club to raise funds for the mutual club project: the Caminata Cancer Center. An outdoor event with sea breezes and folks very attune to taking all health precautions. Life is not supposed to be a dress rehearsal, so buckle up, saddle up and ride! **Torsten Jacobsen** said: "This is a

*chance to meet all our great partners there and take advantage of them by staying with them and "eating them out of house and home" while they smile and pretend that they really like that. Remember: "hospitality is making people feel at home, when you wish they actually were."*

## ***SAN FELIPE: Cancer Walk***

The Cancer Walk scheduled for Feb. 19th could still happen, but at this time it is still tentative due to the, current panoramic panic pandemic situation.

## ***THE FOUR STAGES OF INDIAN LIFE***

**Torsten Jacobsen** tells us that In 2020 (pre-covid) Rotary experienced 18% growth worldwide (total membership 1,053,087 members) with 570 new clubs in India accounted for about 20% of this growth with 102 new clubs (or about 20%). India's growth can be in part attributed to what is referred to as The Four Stages of Indian Life:



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| STAGE 1 | Study and grow                       |
| STAGE 2 | Work and build relationships         |
| STAGE 3 | Support family and others and donate |
| STAGE 4 | Give it ALL away before death        |

This attitude explains the size of some Rotary projects. For example, one project visited was a school and university for all Castes with on campus living for over 2000 students and 140 teachers established and maintained by over 800 Rotary donations over 30 years. Another club had established a 3 story facility for around the clock total care for 400 widows, orphaned kids and mentally disabled. The 40+ participants on the International Ride for Rotary through personal and club contributions will establish water lines and Grundfos pumps to bring in clean water from several kilometers away.

# HAPPY/GRUMPY **BUCKS**



**BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER** gave a buck because she is happy that the holidays are over.

**VICKI SEXTON** had a Grumpy 10 bucks today, but it actually was more of a sad 10 bucks. A fellow Rotarian and personal friend of Vicki's has sadly passed. His name was Don Huntington.

**MOLLY AVILEZ** gave a happy and sad 10 bucks today. She and a friend went to the cabin this weekend and saw a lot of snow damage that included a big tree hanging on a powerline. On the Happy side, she was able to attend her two best friend's engagement that sealed the deal on New Year's Eve.



**BILL SELB** gave a grumpy 20 bucks. Bill noticed that he had lost one of his hearing aids. So off he went to Costco and found out that they were covered under warranty and they were going to be replaced for free.



**TORSTEN JACOBSEN** gave a happy buck as he managed to get his friend new hearing aid for only \$300. The last hearing aid cost the friend \$7,000.



**MONICA FRAGA** gave a happy 10 bucks. She was happy and grateful that she was able to take a cruise with her dad. Luckily no one came down with Covid. On the last day of their trip her dad mentioned to her that he had lost his hearing aid. Since a lot of venues were closed because of Covid, a replacement had to wait, but they were fortunate to be able to spend the time together.



**MARY ANN KEMNITZ** gave a happy 10 bucks and gave a shout out to Clayton and to Rich because they both sent potential buyers to C2C. Rich's car donation will require some work, but leave it to D&H the work will get done.



**BOB SUNDBERG** gave a happy 20 bucks. Bob said that December was a crazy month in his business and so is January, but that's a good thing. On December 28 he became a granddad again—and here is baby Liam Reese Sundberg with this brother Noah. Could this be Bob's ninth grandchild?



# THE RAFFLE



## AND THE WINNER IS...

The spinning wheel refused to present itself, so President Elect **Mary Ann Kemnitz** held a Rotary quiz. First question was: what is the name of the Rotary International president. Well, many members knew it, but no one could pronounce it, so Mary had another question ready. It was: who is the District 5160 governor. Monica knew the answer, but **Joan D'Onofro** yelled it out first. Maybe Joan will make a nice salad using her Olive Oil prize and invite Monica to join her for a delicious salad.





# THE **GALLERY**

“We’re watching you, Clayton.”



Photo by: Clayton Worsdell



# LAST **LAUGH**



## TALKING DOG

A guy spots a sign outside a house that reads "Talking Dog for Sale." Intrigued, he walks in.

"So what have you done with your life?" he asks the dog.

"I've led a very full life," says the dog. "I lived in the Alps rescuing avalanche victims. Then I served my country in Iraq. And now I spend my days reading to the residents of a retirement home."

The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the dog's owner, "Why on earth would you want to get rid of an incredible dog like that?"

The owner says, "Because he's a liar! He never did any of that!"

## TRUER WORDS WERE NEVER SPOKEN

Young Son: Is it true Dad, I heard in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?

Dad: That happens in every country, son.

## JUST IMAGINE

If it weren't for marriage, men would go through life thinking they had no faults at all.

## A QUIET DRIVE

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position.

As they passed a barnyard full of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically: "Relatives of yours?"

"Yep," the wife replied, "they're my in-laws."

## PLAY ON WORDS

Don't worry about old age. It doesn't last.

I got a job at the bakery because I kneaded dough.

Venison for dinner, again? Oh, deer.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

Velcro—what a rip off.

All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen, and the police have nothing to go on.

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