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12/8/22 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
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Zoom



PEOPLE OF ACTION

November 11th is **National Veterans Day** and **President Mary Kemnitz** called a special shout out to the Veterans at our meeting and asked them to stand and take a bow. We applauded **Clayton Worsdell**, **Torsten Jacobsen**, **Ken Nishimori**, and **Don Ouimet** for their service to our country. **Bo Morse**, from the Australia Rotary, sent us this photograph of six United States Marines raising the U.S. flag atop Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima in the final stages of the Pacific War.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: DR. STEVEN LACK

Paul Harris Just Wanted to Have Fun

For today's speaker, Past District Governor, **Dr. Steven Lack**, life is an Adventure and Rotary is an Adventure in Service. He talked to us about the real story of Paul Harris and the history of Rotary, and how he went from a rascal to a scholar and founded one of the biggest membership and service organizations in the world.

It was a very interesting presentation with lots of fun information along the way. We all know the story and history of Paul Harris and Rotary, so now let's learn more about Dr. Lack.

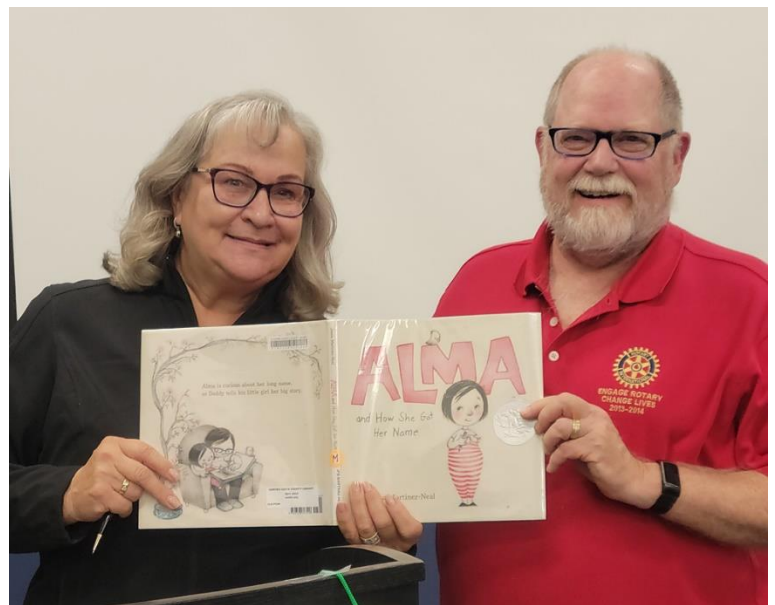
ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Steven Lack is the District 5160 Vice Governor for 2022-23, was the 2013-2014 District Governor for Rotary International, and serves District 5160 as its Vocational Service Chair. He serves as Vice Chair of Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide (BREW) Fellowship, that he founded in 2013 and has over 1400 members around 53 countries and 241 of the 534 Districts around the globe. BREW's Facebook page has over 2100 members.

Dr Lack holds a PhD in Public Administration from Golden Gate University, an MPA/BS in Public Administration from the University of Southern California and is a Certified Fraud Examiner. He retired from the OIG in 2010 but continues to provide consulting services in the area of health care fraud detection and prevention. From 1982 until 2010, Dr. Lack investigated allegations of Medicare fraud for DHHS Office of Inspector General. He was a Special Agent and a Supervisory Special Agent for 26 years and was the case agent on what is still the largest criminal and civil Medicare Fraud cases prosecuted in the Northern and Eastern Districts of California, with monies recovered in his last 5 years with OIG exceeding \$800 million.

Among the honors he has received include being named the Special Agent of the Year by the Western Regional Inspector General's Council and the OIG Outstanding Employee of the Year. He was awarded the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency for Excellence in Investigations and authored publications that included "When the Candles Cost More than the Cake: Recommendations for Nursing Home Financing in the 21st Century."

Dr. Lack signed the book that will go to the Clayton Library.



TODAY'S SECOND SPEAKER: *Mohammad Khanzada*

Our second speaker was **Mohammad Ramin Khanzada**, founder of WISE (Women Integrity for Society Empowerment Organization), is a visionary leader with 13-years of work experience in the non-profit industry that includes national and international institutions.

Ramin Khanzada has an MBA from Kazakh American Free University, a Bachelor's Degree in the Art of Political Science, and a leadership diploma from the Institute of Leadership Development (ILD). Mr. Khanzada's expertise and work experience are rooted in:

- Gender Equality & Women Empowerment
- Human Rights
- Economic Development
- Good Governance, Policy Advocacy, and Peace Building
- Project Management

Mr. Khanzada has also worked as a member of Rotary Club in Herat, Afghanistan, and is currently living in California. To contact Mr. Khanzada, please send an email to. Ramin@wise.org.af



Mohammad also signed a book that will be donated to the Clayton Library.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROTARIANS AT WORK

35th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CLUB

President Mary announced that our club's 35th Anniversary will be held at our new facility on December 1st and will be an evening meeting starting at 6 PM. The District Governor and the incoming District Governor and their husbands will be attending. **Larry Hutchings** will be the MC of the event, **Bill Selb** will do a "tell our story" of how the club began, and **John Hemm** has offered to do centerpieces for the tables. Signup sheet is at the meetings. The fee is \$25 per person.

TREASURER'S REPORT

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT Vicki Reports that she met with Dana Ayers who assured her that the equipment is on order and will be installed during the first quarter of 2023.

XMAS DECORATIONS Vicki also told volunteers are needed to HELP put up the Downtown Decorations. CBCA said They have only had a few sign ups and without enough volunteers they will not be able to decorate downtown and will have to cancel this year's annual tree lighting. If you are available, can only come out for a few hours, have family, neighbors or friends that can help, please sign up on the CBCA website or contact holidays@claytoncbca.org, by November 16th

ANNUAL XMAS FOOD BOX DRIVE

Secretary Monica Fraga said Fundraising is doing better this year than last year, so we are going to prepare 175 boxes and fill them with food and gift cards. Here are the donations that have come in so far:

Clayton Worsdell \$100
Steve Weir and John Hemm \$500.00
First Presbyterian Church Concord \$1,000
Rich Lueck \$100.00
Lehmer's \$500.00
Parm Deli \$100.00
Vicki Sexton \$100.00
Mike's Auto Body \$1000.00
Calexico \$1500.00
Charitable Fund \$2500

Bob Hooy wants us to know that he will be donating his usual funds to the Food Bank

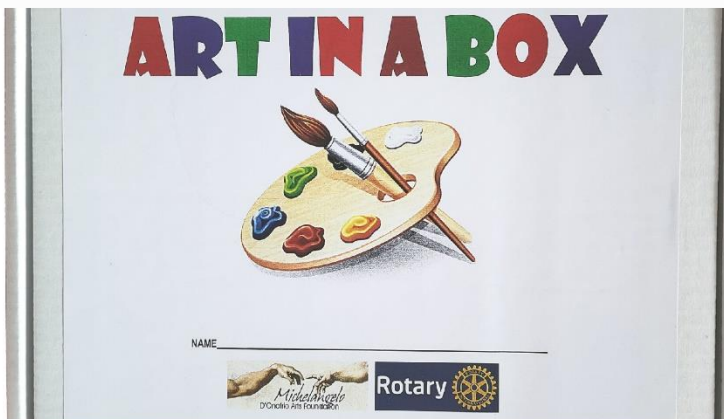


SAN FELIPE: *Musical Instrument Donations Needed*



Tina Sweeney hopes you will donate musical instruments to their club. They don't need to be new or even working. They will fix them. So now is the time to clean out your garages and see what instruments you--or even your kids who have left home--left behind. Who knows what else you will find. Let us know and we will tell Tina.

ART IN A BOX: *The Team*



Here it is everyone, the final version of the Art in a Box program. Clayton redid the cover design and last week the Team comprised of Lois Nelson, Carol Worsdell, Flor Toloui, Clayton Worsdell, and Joan D'Onofrio filled 40 boxes with art supplies to be given to homeless children throughout the Mt. Diablo Unified School District. They are accepting donations of at least \$25 as that is the cost to fill one box. See anyone on the team for more information or to donate.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY: *Bill Selb*

A little rebellion now and then is a
good thing
and is as necessary in the political world
as storms in the physical.

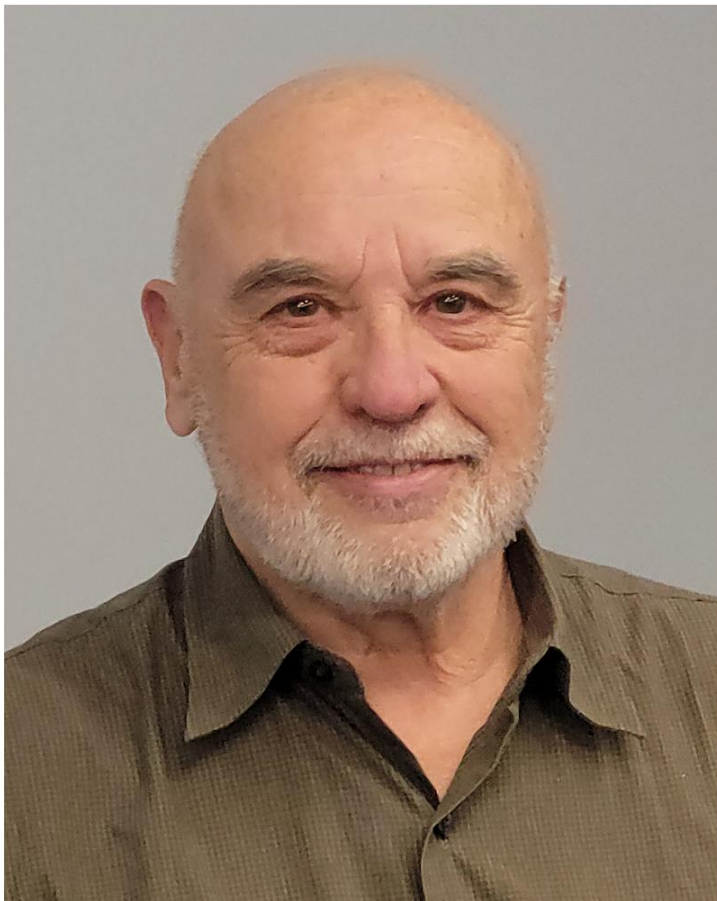
Thomas Jefferson



BELL RINGING: *Yup, It's Time of Year Again*

If you want to help with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Safeway on December 3rd please sign up at the next meeting.

PROFESSIONAL COFFEE AT LAST: *Thanks Bob Sundberg*



Truly Bob, we thank you very much.

HAPPYBUCKS



BILL SELB is a real happy-go-lucky guy today. He is happy this morning and gave one dollar to the club. Finally, he said we can hear each other. He said he was very happy to whoever it was that decided to have our Rotary meeting at the old Red Cross building.

MARY KEMNITZ had a sad five bucks today. Apparently she's having some dental work done, and we all know what that's like. It'll be so much better after the whole thing is over.



TORSTEN JACOBSEN said "but wait till she gets the bill." He has a friend who had \$11,000 of dental work done here and found out that it would only have cost \$1,500 in Mexico.



PEOPLE OF ACTION STORY: *Our Story Our Way*

We are **People of Action** and have a story to tell. As we all know, Rotary is the world's premier international humanitarian service organization and should be promoted as such. When people are aware of the outstanding humanitarian accomplishments of Rotary clubs and districts, they respect the organization for its contributions to the community and become more interested in becoming a part of it.

Every Rotary club is being asked to tell us their story. Our **District Governor Suzanne Bragdon** is encouraging us to gather our thoughts by speaking from your Heart and tell us about great things that you have done in Rotary, about projects you have worked on so you can inspire others and make them want to join Rotary and get involved.

Don't keep your story a secret. It is up to you to help spread the Rotary Story.



Once you've created your People of Action story, use it to promote Rotary in your community and be sure to email sue@goldsen.com to have your items included in the District newsletter and web site. Or send it to our newsletter editor joandonofrio@aol.com.

THEGALLERY.



From the lens of Rich Lueck

FUNSTUFF



SELLING A PORSCHE

A 17-year-old boy who works part-time at Pizza Hut drives up his parent's driveway in a Porsche. Naturally, his parents know that there's no way he earned enough with his after-school job to buy such a car. "Where did you get that car?" his mom and dad screamed in shock.

"I bought it today," replied the teen calmly

"With what money young man?" his mom demands. "We know how much a Porsche costs and you cannot afford it!"

"Well, it's used and I got a good deal" says the boy, "This one cost me 20 dollars."

"Who on earth would sell a car like that for 20 dollars?!"

"The woman up the street," the boy replies. "I don't know her name—she just moved in. She ordered a pizza and when I delivered it to her, she asked me if I wanted to buy a Porsche for 20 dollars."

The boy's dad and mom hurry over to their new neighbor's house, ready to demand an explanation. Curiously, their new neighbor is calmly planting flowers in her front yard.

"I'm the father of the kid you just sold a sports car to for \$20," the dad says. "I need an explanation from you!"

"Well," the woman says, not looking up from her garden. "This morning I got a phone call from my husband. I thought he was on a business trip in Florida, but it seems he has run off to Hawaii with his secretary and doesn't intend to come back."

"What on earth does that have to do with selling our son a Porsche for \$20?" The boy's mom asks, utterly perplexed. The new neighbor smiles very big and pauses for a minute. "Well, my husband asked me to sell his new Porsche and send him the money. So, I did."

CLOSING SERMON

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon. With great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

With even greater emphasis, his arms in the air, he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

And then finally, with a raised voice he finished, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." He sat down and reverend silence filled the church.

O'Malley, the song leader who dozed off during the sermon, stood up very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365: "Shall We Gather at the River."

...that's all folks