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Zoom



PEOPLE OF ACTION-- AND THANKS

As many of us sit down to enjoy a turkey dinner with friends and family we, as Rotarians, should reflect and give thanks for the opportunity we have to serve and avail ourselves of the many causes that have made a huge impact in our local and international communities. We should be thankful that the eradication of Polio in the world is almost completed, that we support literacy, provide medical equipment and facilities, invest in young people, and have the opportunity to meet each week, hear a speaker, network, and enjoy the fellowship of each other. We truly have many riches to share with each other, so take a moment during Thanksgiving to enjoy the contributions that Rotarians are making throughout the world. Most of all we must continue to embrace our motto "**Service Above Self**" each and every day. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: DAVID BEHRING

The Blackhawk Museum: It's Not Just Cars

David Behring, President of the Wheelchair Foundation since 2003, talked to us about the Blackhawk Museum that was founded in 1988 by Ken Behring and Don Williams. The museum is best known for its significant collection of classic, rare, and one-of-a-kind automobiles, but the museum has significantly expanded into five unique galleries: The Classic Car Collection of course, The Spirit of the Old West, Into China, Art of Africa, and World of Nature. It is a one-of-a-kind and educational experience for all ages that truly encompasses "many worlds in one museum." David talked about the galleries that housed the old west, China, and the art of Africa.



The Wheelchair Foundation is a non-profit organization that seeks to deliver a wheelchair to every child, teen and adult who needs one, but cannot afford to buy one. To date the organization has provided over 1,160,000 wheelchairs to people in 156 countries. Prior to that, he was President of the Blackhawk Museum, a Smithsonian Institution affiliate that is one of the most spectacular classic car museums in the world. He spearheaded "The Spirit of the Old West" Gallery. From 1993-1997 David was President of the Seattle Seahawks and was a member of the NFL Finance Committee. He was in the homebuilding and land development professions in the East Bay before that period.

David has been active in Rotary for over 22 years serving as President of his club as well as an

Assistant District Governor, a member of the Exchange Club and serves on the Boards of Leadership San Ramon Valley and the Danville Chamber of Commerce.



A graduate of Princeton's history department, he has always loved history and served for 6 years on the Boards of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History and the National History Day. David has been active with WWII veterans and is an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley. He has also served as President and Vice President of the All-Wars Memorial Foundation. David has traveled extensively around the world and especially enjoys visiting military and historical sites.

He has lived in Danville since 1980, is married to May and has a 28-year-old married daughter living in Texas, a three-month-old grandson, and a 24-year-old son working in North Carolina.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROTARIANS AT WORK

35th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CLUB

So far 44 people have signed up for our club's 35th Anniversary celebration that will be held at our new facility on December 1st and will be an evening meeting starting at 6 PM. The District Governor, 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—all for only \$25 per person.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

HOME TEAM: Co-chair **Clayton Worsdell** reported that the Home Team was on the job last week installing a homeowner's mirrors that were taken down three years ago so she could paint her house. As you can see, no job is too big for **Vicki Sexton** shown here installing the mirrors for Bonita, the homeowner, who is now a truly happy camper.



BELL RINGING: If you want to help with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing at the Clayton Safeway on December 3rd please sign up by November 22nd. Thanks to those who volunteered to ring the bells this season and help the families in our neighborhood. So far **Clayton Worsdell, Vicki Sexton, Bob Huck, Don Ouimet, and Barbara** have signed on. **CHOOSE YOUR SHIFT AND CALL CLAYTON AT 925-207-2509. Please respond by November 22.** The 12 PM—2 PM shift is now full. The 2 PM—4 PM and the 4 PM—6 PM shifts are still available.



FOOD BANK FUNDRAISER: *Time to Pass the Hat*



Bob Hooy reminds us that It's time to help feed the hungry in our community by giving to the Food Bank. For more than 30 years, our Club has given generously to the Food Bank in the holiday season. This year the need is probably greater than ever. The unhoused are a painful reminder of the enormous need. They are but the tip of the iceberg.

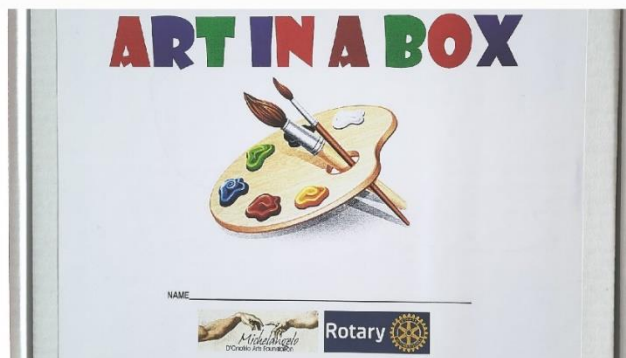
The Food Bank is a great steward of, and squeezes the most of, your gift. Each dollar given turns into two meals, and 96 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to support food programs. Last year, our Rotary family and our Club gave an astounding \$7,720. Using the Food Bank's formula, our contributions collectively turned into 15,440 meals for needy children, adults, and families in our community.

I would like to give at least as much as we gave last year. It is doable. As we did last year, your donations will be matched up to \$2,000 by our Charitable Fund. My law firm will match additional gifts up to \$1,000. Please give generously. I would hate to have matching funds go unused. In Rotary, we combine as a community of people of goodwill to make meaningful differences in the lives of those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Your gifts to the Food Bank will be used to feed the hungry in our county and in neighboring communities. Please give what you can. I know that you will because our Club of proud Rotarians always answers the call.

To give, please send me your checks payable to the "Food Bank" or checks payable to our Charitable Fund with a notation that the gift is for the Food Bank. I would appreciate a heads-up via email so that I can keep an eye out for your donation check. This year, I ask that all the donations be sent to my office at:

Robert J. Hooy, Esq.
Hooy & Hooy, PLC
3125 Clayton Road, Second Floor
Concord, CA 94519

UNSHELTERED STUDENTS: *Discovering Future Artists*



Joan D'Onofrio reported that 40 boxes packed with art supplies were picked up by the student and community services department reps. The team, comprised of **Lois Nelson, Carol Worsdell, Flor Toloui, Clayton Worsdell,** and **Joan** will begin filling another 40 boxes with art supplies to be given to 5th through 8th grade 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. Send any amount to:



Michelangelo Arts Foundation-**or**- Rotary
3731 Merridan Dr. PO Box 4
Concord CA 94518 Clayton CA 94517

MONUMENT CRISIS CENTER FUNDRAISER

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:

Irene Davids-Blair \$100
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



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE: *Party Time, Again*



Club services Chair Barbara Reifschneider will host the next Friday Night Live party on December 9th at 5:30 PM. You all know the potluck drill so get out the ugly sweaters and let's have fun.

RAFFLE WINNER: *...and the winner is...Irene Davids-Blair*

She told her two truths and one lie, but no way could she fool us. We all knew she only had one child. Irene chose the Peet's coffee gift card.



SAN FELIPE: *Youth Education Program*



Saturday, November 12th the Rotary Club of San Felipe distributed 190 cinch bags shown here with **Mike and Tina Sweeney** filled with much needed school supplies for the students in the Youth Education Program. They also surprised the students with a "goodie bag" containing treats since they could not hold their usual social. Students were very appreciative.



Rotarian Mayra Sanchez & Student Noelia Cortez



Jerry Calley, Mark Schlueter & Student Genesis Ortiz



Mike & Student Emily Echeverria Ahumada



Jerry & Student Noelia Tarra Cortez



Jerry Calley, Mike, Mark Schlueter of Placer County Rotary & Student Marla Pineda Rubin

Musical Instruments

Remember, they are also collecting musical instruments that must be new or in working order if they are old. Time to clean out your garages and see what instruments you can find. Who knows what else you will find.

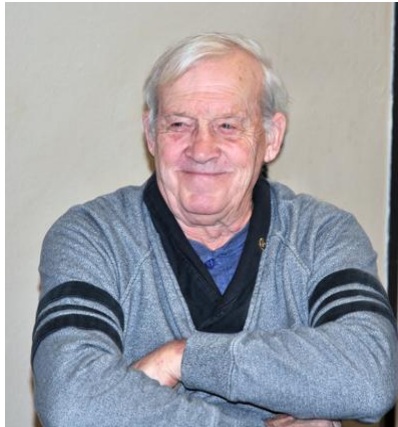
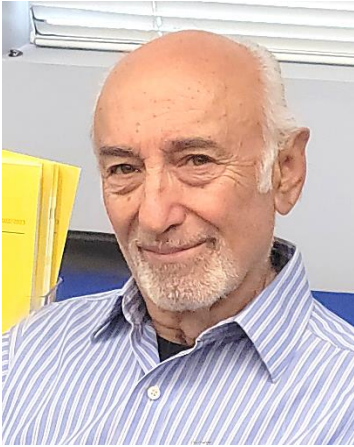
UKRANE PRESENTATION: *Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Concord*

Russ Anderson hosted the Concord Rotary program for visiting Ukrainian physicians at Lehmer's. **Larry Hutchings, Dennis Clark, Irene Davids-Blair, and Torsten Jacobsen** attended the presentations by five hospital directors/doctors who described the conditions in their hospitals with as many as 300 soldiers at a time inundating their facilities.



CELEBRATIONS: *Best Wishes to All*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: HUGH TOLOUI, FRANK WESTPHALL, JEFF WILSON



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: BOB & ALETA HUCK



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1970

..... AND 52 YEARS LATER

CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR LENGTH OF SERVICE

ERIC REHN 10 years BOB HOOY 24 years LARRY HUTCHINGS 31 years

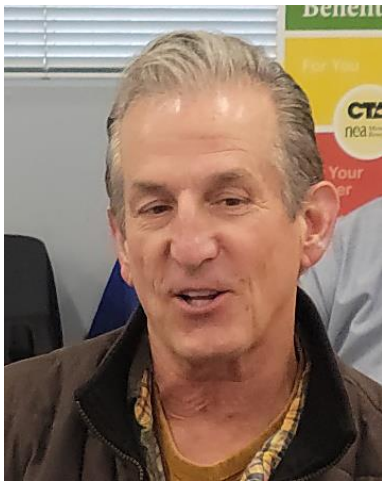


HAPPYBUCKS



IRENE DAVIDS-BLAIR gave a happy 10 bucks for the conference down in Monterey. A great time was had by all. She was even happier because this was the first time she was able to vote as a citizen of the USA. Go Irene.

VICKI SEXTON gave a happy buck today. Apparently Vicki's granddaughter is a big fan of Irene. When Vicki and Irene get together, Irene sends a whole batch of lollipops for Vicki's granddaughter, who promises to share them with her brothers.



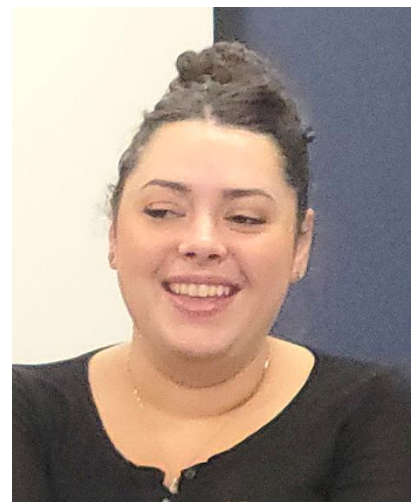
ERIC REHN had a happy buck today. Apparently Eric had just watched a documentary on the Congo. Very interesting stuff about monkeys.

CLAYTON WORSDELL had a sad buck today. He announced that Carol was diagnosed with breast cancer. She starts her chemo on December 5. The doctor said they caught it when it was very small and so he believes she will make a complete recovery. Be the warrior we know you are, Carol.



LARRY HUTCHINGS had a happy buck for the pending legislation for the marriage equality act that is in the process of being voted on with the intention of becoming law.

MOLLY AVILEZ had a Happy nine bucks today. Molly went to a wedding and there were six people who got into a car crash on the way up, it seemed they were all OK. The wedding was beautiful, but the weather outside was 9°



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.

THE GALLERY



NYC Central Park

What Barbara sees from her front window.



FUNSTUFF

I'm not sure what is more frightening, the car accident, grandma still in the car, or Grandpa's pants...



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Taking a dog named Shark to the beach is not a good idea



BEST FRIEND

A knight went off to fight in the Holy Crusades but before leaving he made his wife wear a chastity belt. After tightly securing it to her, he handed the key to his best friend with the instruction: "If I do not return within seven years, unlock my wife and set her free to lead a normal life."

The knight then rode off on the first leg of his journey to the Holy Land, but he had only traveled barely an hour when he was suddenly aware of the sound of pounding hooves behind him. He turned to see that it was his best friend.

"What is the problem?" asked the knight.

His best friend replied: "You gave me the wrong key."

A CLOSE SHAVE

A man enters a barber shop for a shave. While the barber is foaming him up, he mentions the problems he has getting a close shave around the cheeks.

"I have just the thing," says the barber taking a small wooden ball from a nearby drawer." Just place this between your cheek and gum."

The client places the ball in his mouth and the barber proceeds with the closest shave the man has ever experienced. After a few strokes the client asks in garbled speech." And what if I swallow it?"

"No problem," says the barber." Just bring it back tomorrow like everyone else does."

...that's all folks