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35TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CLUB

. Larry Hutchings served as the MC of the event, Bill Selb told our story, Rich Lueck created an historical slide show, President Mary Kemnitz told heartfelt stories, John Hemm created the table centerpieces, and the Clayton Valley High School's Woman's Ensemble singers entertained us with Xmas songs. Who are the stars at this party you ask? We are the stars.

GREATPARTY

ROTARIANS AT WORK AND PLAY

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU: *And the Celebration Began*



PARTY **SPEAKERS**

Bill Selb Takes Us on a Trip Down Memory Lane



GOOD EVENING. I'VE BEEN ASKED TO SHARE A HISTORY OF HOW THIS CLUB GOT STARTED AND, BRIEFLY, HOW WE PROGRESSED. I SUPPOSE THAT I WAS ASKED BECAUSE, IN A SENSE, I AM THE LAST MAN STANDING. LET ME EXPLAIN THAT. A FEW WEEKS AGO, DON OUMET HANDED ME A SHEET OF PAPER. THE HEADING WAS CHARTER MEMBERS. ON IT WERE 27 NAMES. THESE WERE THE ORIGINAL CHARTER MEMBERS OF THIS CLUB. TODAY, I AM THE ONLY, STILL ACTIVE, CHARTER MEMBER ON THE LIST.

AS I RECENTLY SHARED WITH THE CLUB, IT WAS MY BARBER, DICK PUGH, WHO TOLD ME ABOUT SOME ROTARIANS FROM THE CONCORD DIABLO AND CONCORD CLUBS THAT WERE INTERESTED IN FORMING A NEW MORNING CLUB IN THE CLAYTON VALLEY AREA. OUT OF CURIOSITY, I WENT TO THAT MEETING HELD AT THE CONCORD BOWLING ALLEY. AFTER THE MEETING I WAS APPROACHED BY SOMEONE WHO URGED ME TO SIGN UP. APPARENTLY THEY NEEDED 25 NAMES IN ORDER TO BE GRANTED A CHARTER. THEY WERE ALMOST THERE. SO, I DECIDED THAT I WOULD SIGN ON FOR MAYBE A FEW MONTHS OR A YEAR, TO HELP THEM OUT. *(continued at end of jokes section)*

Larry Hutchings Feels "It's a great day to be a 'Rotarian.'"



At times like this, it's important to look back at the big picture to see what we, as one of 32,000 Rotary clubs, have been able to accomplish in three and a half decades. Tonight, is a night to celebrate. It's a night to look back and take stock of what we have accomplished in the last 35 years. As we meet week after week—it may seem like we're just doing small things, that what we're doing really doesn't make a difference, or is just a drop in the bucket when you consider all the suffering we would like to alleviate. But this is further from the truth.

We are here to remind you that the Rotarians who came before us: Bill Selb, Art Kroeger, Chuck Jordan, Chuck Graham, Paul Lyons, Rich Baileys, Jim Swanson, Troy Petty, Jim Brown, Bob Roman, Mureleen Benton, Rick Hanson, Kelly Crane, Fred Nelson, and Owen Murray brought us vision and leadership.

Larry Hutchings, this evening's MC said: "As someone who has been hanging around here for a while, I'd like to remind us of a few things. It's a night to remember how much we have accomplished so here goes." We did the following:

- >sponsored two full Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars to students who have been given full tuition, full expense 2-year scholarships to pursue their studies in England and South Africa.
- >reached out to Rotary clubs throughout the world by responding to their needs by sponsoring global, district and club grants to help those least able to help themselves.
- >provided equipment for workshops that train street children in Arequipa, Peru to be able to learn a trade, and workshops for the mentally disabled in Peru to be able to learn to earn a living.
- >provided scholarships for 30 deaf children in Colombia so they could pay for tuition to the deaf school. *(continued at end of jokes section)*

Rich Lueck Shared the Many Memories



So many bullet points over the years with our Rotary club team support. Probably setting up the San Felipe Twin club connection from the San Felipe clubs beginning in 2003, and the follow up with our support with them, stands out for me personally.

>collecting Eyeglasses so kids could see well enough to go to school and so adults could have a normal life with eyesight. Thank you Dr Al for labelling the glasses and making this possible.

>delivering the Mammography machine donation arranged by Torsten to the Mexican border on my car trailer.

>arranging for the donation of high school Football and Baseball equipment to San Felipe and knowing it helped the High School team win a high school division championship and arranging for Kids to have real baseball gloves instead of using cardboard for gloves.

>delivering a van to a special orphanage for kids removed from their homes because of abuse. Often the abuses were the abuses we are uncomfortable talking about.

>delivering over 50 walkers, crutches, and wheel chairs to people that could not afford them.

>supporting the Cancer Center and Cancer Walk with hands on work painting, landscaping, and fund raising especially with the Car2ndChance effort that made funding possible.

>painting school playground equipment with the San Felipe club members and building a handicapped ramp at an elementary school...

>sponsoring a student to our club's matching program that has 52 students supported this year. High School in Mexico is not free.

There are memories of so many other local Rotary events throughout the years, but we were asked to single out one special memory. All of the above were not possible without the voluntary support of our Rotarian team.

President Mary Kemnitz Shares Her Rotary Memories

Larry asked me to tell a favorite memory of our club, well I have many and I couldn't choose just one. There are so many great stories and memories, but I narrowed it down to just a few. This is our story

Cliff Dochterman Award/2015: During Irene's presidency we won the Cliff Dochterman Award. A joyous time for our club as our hard work was recognized.

The Santa Rosa Fire 2017: We gifted a C2C donated vehicle to a young mom who had lost everything in the fire enabling her to get back to work and rebuild her life.

Ebola Victims Sierra Leone/2017: A motorhome donated thru the Moraga Rotary was reconditioned and sold by our club. We donated our half of the 121K sale to Moraga Rotary's Ebola Victim project in Sierra Leone where it helped to build an orphanage.

The Paradise Fire 2018: We reconditioned over 60 C2C donated vehicles with the help of many vendor donations. Many members of this club gave up precious time to help with cleaning, reconditioning, and driving the vehicles to Chico for the Paradise Fire Victims. The following year Dave and I celebrated the success of that project by taking the Rotarians who helped on the cruise on the Delta, but that is a story for another day! *(Continued at the end of the jokes section)*



PEDIATRIC CLINIC IN UGANDA: *Donated by Hugh & Flor Toloui*



Hugh Toloui (17-year member) and his wife Flor provided the funding for the design and construction of the Pediatric Clinic in Uganda. This was a year-long project that our newsletter tracked every step of the way, from the building of every brick to the dedication of the building, in honor of Hugh and Flor's parents. It also brought us closer to Deb and Herb in Uganda to the point that they attended our weekly meeting via zoom and keep us up to date on the clinic,

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: *You Heard it Here First*

Monica Fraga announced the election of the 2024-2025 Presidency. It is **Molly Avilez**. But wait, there's more. Mom was also thrilled to announce that Molly and boyfriend **Cameron Bacigalupo** are engaged.



ENTERTAINMENT: *Karnak the Magnificent*

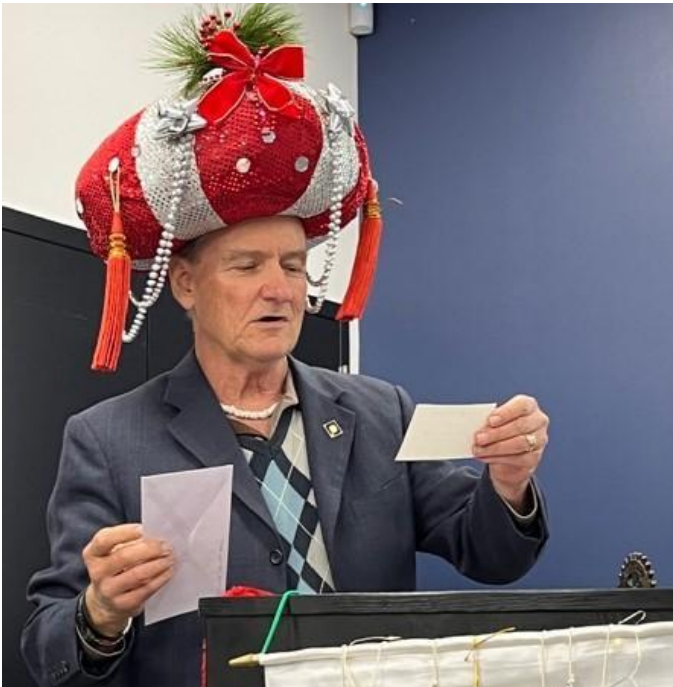


TABLE DECORATIONS: *by John Hemm the Fantastic*

Leave it to Steve Weir and John Hemm to entertain and impress us with their talents. Steve aka Karnak the Magnificent garnered lots of laughs from us and John created impressive table centerpieces.

BACK TO BUSINESS

COMMUNITY SERVICES: *Salvation Army Bell Ringing*

BELL RINGING: *Saturday*, on what was such a miserable day weather-wise, dedicated members **Vicki Sexton, Bob Hooy, Don Ouimet,** and **Barbara Reifschneider** rang the bells in front of Safeway. Several no-shows required other members to cover for them. It was a long day.



FOOD BANK FUNDRAISER: *Update*

Bob Hooy reports that he has received a total of \$3,500 from our Rotary family, including one check that was sent directly to the Food Bank. It's not too late to give. So far, he has received donations from **Richard, Irene, Steve, Ruth Murray, Bob Huck, Ken Nishimori, Herman Fiddlewacker III, President Mary Kemnitz** and **John Wenzel** (Archvest Wealth Advisors, Inc.).



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: *Don't Forget*



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.

UGANDA: *Update*

Deb Luyiima and **Herb Muyinga** write: "Dear friends, I hope you're all well and enjoyed thanksgiving. November is over and here are a few highlights of the month."

PAIENT CARE: We have so far taken care of 176 patients most of whom are mothers and children. Malaria is still the number one disease.

POLIO VACCINATIONS: We participated in a door to door polio vaccination of children between the age of 0-5years as part of the Global polio Eradication initiative supported BY WHO. UNICEF, CDC, and Rotary International. A total of 241 children were vaccinated.

BIRTHS: We had two deliveries of bouncing baby girls.



SOLAR LIGHTING: The Rotary club of Durango high noon in Colorado has pledged to install solar powered lighting at the clinic. The solar lighting will save on the electricity bills and ensure reliable and renewable energy.

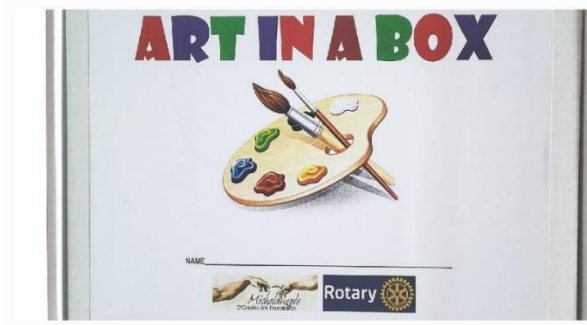
The clinic is now registered as a member of the Uganda Community based health care association. We therefore anticipate that in 2023 we shall be able to access some drugs at no cost.

THE CONCORD TURKEY TROT: *and the Winners Are...*

Jeff Wilson and his dad, **Steve Wilson**, competed in the Concord Thanksgiving Turkey Trot. Jeff came in first in his age group and fifth overall. His dad was first in his 80+ age group.



UNSHELTERED STUDENTS: *Discovering Future Artists*



Joan D'Onofrio reported that 60 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 unsheltered 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. Here is one unsheltered child opening his

box and discovering a huge stash of art supplies:

Send any amount to:

Clayton Valley/Concord

Rotary

PO Box 4

Clayton CA 94517

or

Michelangelo Arts Foundation

3731 Merridan Dr.

Concord CA 94518



PEOPLE OF ACTION STORY: *Our Story Our Way*



Torsten Jacobsen writes: *“So many Rotarians have hidden talents. They excel in work or play, or humanitarian and environmental projects. The key is to follow your passion, your natural talents, and thus set an example for others to emulate to have a rewarding and joyful life. Just like I did.*

The motor sports hobby/history at an early age when asked to compete and drive for Porsche, BMW, and others in amateur events primarily in SCCA race cars and Shelby American Automobile Club (as well as Saleen Mustangs and the infamous AC Cobras) in the US and BMW Alpina in Europe. Ultimately it culminated in being invited to Phoenix recently to pilot one of the infamous GT 40 Fords that have won the 24 Hour Le Mans several times.”



THE GALLERY

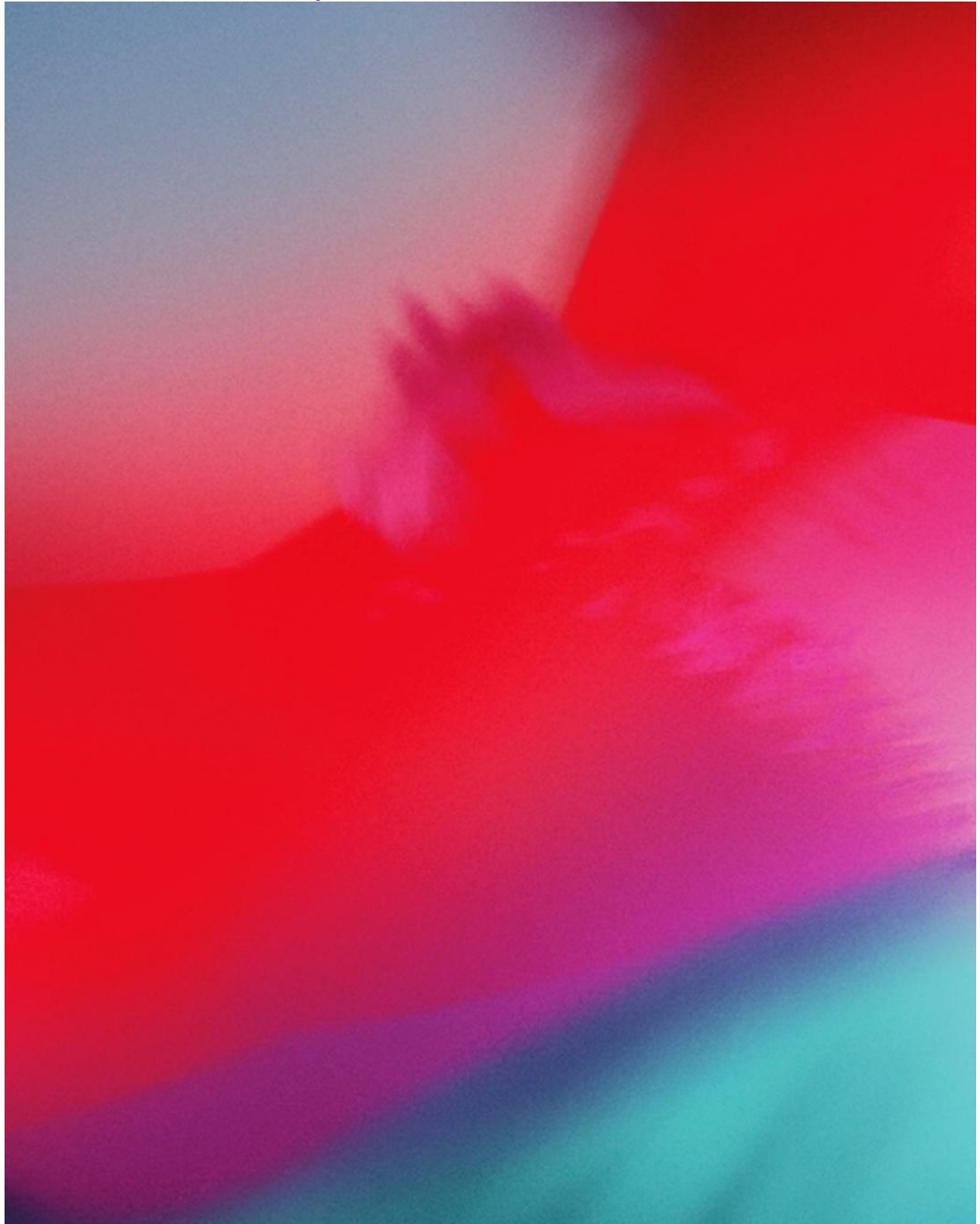
Barbara Reifschneider took this stunning photo of the crescent moon.



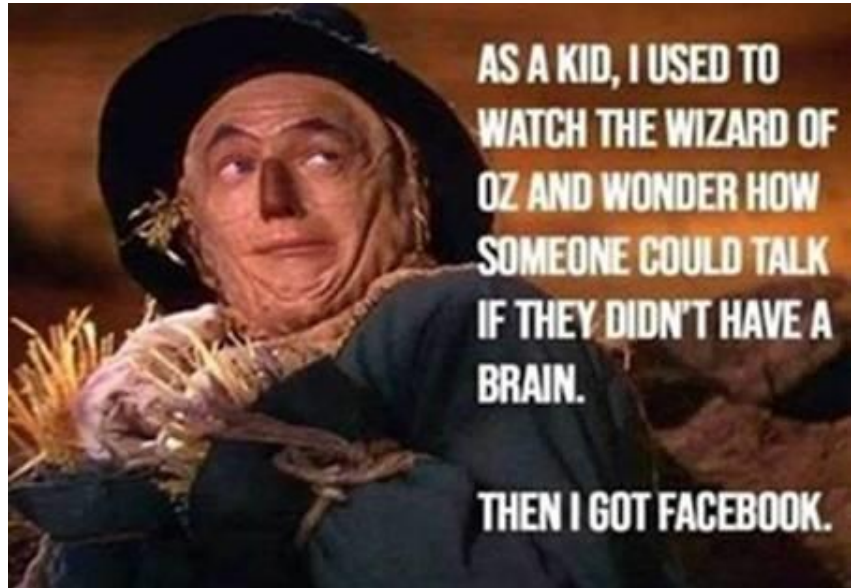


This pipe organ doesn't know it's winter.
It just bloomed in 'Rich Lueck's yard.

Introducing our newest abstract expressionist,
Rich Lueck. Sorry, but it's not for sale.



FUNSTUFF



EVER WONDER WHY...

You used to eat a lot of natural foods until you learned that most people die of natural causes.

Why do you "put your 2 cents in," but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every 2 hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Can a hearse be carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

LIE DETECTOR ROBOT

John was a salesman's delight when it came to any kind of unusual gimmick. His wife Marsha had long ago given up trying to get him to change.

One day John came home with another one of his unusual purchases. It was a robot that John claimed was actually a lie detector. It was about 5:30 that afternoon when Tommy, their 13-year-old son, returned home from school. Tommy was over 2 hours late.

"Where have you been? Why are you over 2 hours late getting home?" asked John at dinner.

"Several of us went to the library to work on an extra credit project," said Tommy.

The robot walked around the table and slapped Tommy, knocking him completely out of his chair.

"Son," said John, "this is a lie detecting robot, now tell us where you really were after school."

"We went to Bobby's house and watched a movie," said Tommy.

"What did you watch?" asked Marsha.

"The Ten Commandments," answered Tommy. The robot went around to Tommy and once again slapped him, knocking him off his chair.

With his lip quivering, Tommy got up, sat down and said, "I am sorry I lied. We really watched a tape called Sex Queen."

"I am ashamed of you son," said John. "When I was your age, I never lied to my parents."

The robot then walked around to John and delivered a whack that nearly knocked him out of his chair.

Marsha doubled over in laughter, almost in tears and said, "Boy, did you ever ask for that one! You can't be too mad with Tommy. After all, he is your son!"

With that, the robot immediately walked around to Marsha and knocked her out of her chair.

CRAZY DRIVERS

Farmer John lived on a quiet rural road. But, as time went by, the traffic slowly built up at an alarming rate. The traffic was so heavy and so fast that his chickens were being run over at a rate of three to six a day. So one day Farmer John called the sheriff's office and said, "You've got to do something about all of these people driving so fast and killing all of my chickens."

"What do you want me to do?" asked the sheriff.

"I don't care, just do something about those crazy drivers!" So the next day he had the county workers go out and erected a sign that said: SLOW--SCHOOL CROSSING

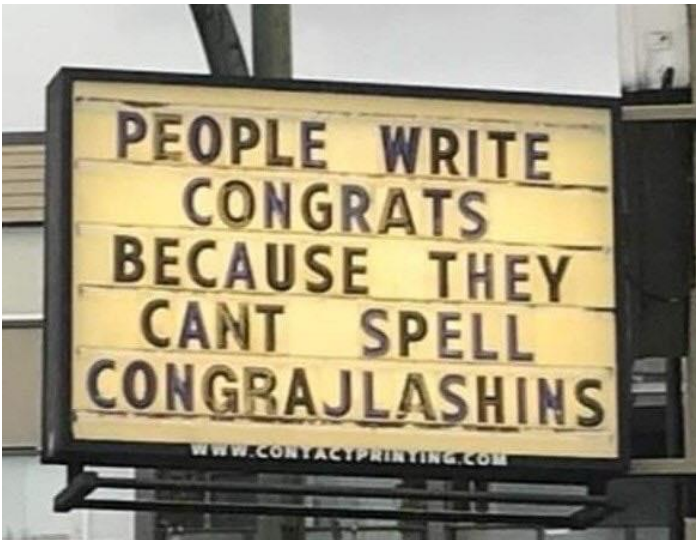
Three days later Farmer John called the sheriff and said, "You've got to do something about these drivers. The 'school crossing' sign seems to make them go even faster."

Again, the sheriff sends out the county workers and they put up a new sign: SLOW: CHILDREN AT PLAY
That really sped them up. So, Farmer John called and called and called every day for three weeks. Finally, he asked the

sheriff, "Your signs are doing no good. Can I put up my own sign?" The sheriff told him, "Sure thing, put up your own sign." He was going to let the Farmer John do just about anything in order to get him to stop calling every day to complain. The sheriff got no more calls from Farmer John. Three weeks later, curiosity got the best of the sheriff and he decided to give Farmer John a call. "How's the problem with those drivers. Did you put up your sign?"

"Oh, I sure did. And not one chicken has been killed since then. I've got to go. I'm very busy." He hung up the phone. The sheriff was really curious now and he thought to himself, "I'd better go out there and take a look at that sign. It might be something that we could use to slow down drivers." The sheriff drove out to Farmer John's house, and his jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign. It was spray-painted on a sheet of wood:

NUDIST COLONY GO SLOW AND WATCH OUT FOR THE CHICKS



...that's all folks

Bill Selb

SO, HOW DID THAT PLAN GO? WELL, FIRST THE PRESIDENT PUT ME IN CHARGE OF AN ANNUAL VALENTINE SWEETHEARTS MEETING IN FEBRUARY. THEN THEY ASKED ME TO START A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER. SO HOW COULD I QUIT WHEN I HAD THESE RESPONSIBILITIES. THEN IN 1990 I WAS NAMED ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR. I THINK IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE NEWSLETTERS WHICH WERE MOSTLY PEPAERED BY MY REAL ESTATE ASSISTANT. THE ROTARY YEAR 1999-2000 WAS MY FAVORITE IN THIS CLUB. THIS WAS THE YEAR THAT I SERVED AS CLUB PRESIDENT. WHEN I WAS ASKED TO BE PRESIDENT I REMEMBER TELLING JIM BROWN, *I DON'T THINK THAT I CAN RUN THIS CLUB.* TO WHICH JIM REPLIED, *THE PRESIDENT DOESN'T RUN THIS CLUB. THIS CLUB RUNS ITSELF.*

WELL, I FOUND THAT WASN'T ENTIRELLY TRUE. BUT I HAD A GREAT CLUB AND A GREAT BOARD. I INSTITUTED A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PROGRAM THAT BROUGHT IN EIGHT NEW MEMBERS. IN 1999 WE BEGAN THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST. WE HOSTED A TEAM OF BAKERS FROM RUSSIA. LARRY HUTCHINGS AND JIM BROWN TRAVELLED TO PERU TO PRESENT A \$10,000 CHECK TO A DAY FACILITY THAT TEACHES TRADE SKILLS TO HOMELESS CHILDREN. AND THAT WAS JUST A FEW OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. WH EN THE YEAR WAS OVER. I TURNED IN OUR ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO THE DISTRICT. THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE WAS HELD ABOARD THE USS HORNET IN ALAMEDA. WHAT A PARTY IT WAS. FINALLY, IT WAS TIME TO PRESENT THE CLUB AWARDS. THE BEST LARGE CLUB WAS AWARDED TO SAN

RAMON. BEST SMALL SIZED CLUB AWARDED TO SAN RAMON THE MORNING CLUB. AND THE BEST MEDIUM SIZED CLUB ... CLAYTON VALLEY CONCORD SUNRISE. WHAT AN HONOR OUR CLUB HAD ACHIEVED.

THEN CAME THE AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING CLUB. EVERYONE KNEW THAT THE TRADITIONAL WINNERS OF THAT AWARD WERE SAN RAMON. THEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS "CLAYTON VALLEY /CONCORD SUNRISE." I GUESS EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY ME, WAS SHOCKED. I'M TOLD THAT OFFICERS OF THE SAN RAMON CLUB LATER ASKED TO SEE HOW WE WERE JUDGED. AFTER THAT REVIEW THEIR CLUB PRESIDENT SAID *THEY DID IT. THEY REALLY BEAT US.* SO HERE WE ARE ... 35 YEAR LATER. THIS LITTLE CLUB, THAT ALMOST DIDN'T GET STARTED, HAS SURVIVED AND FLOURISHED. THIS CLUB THAT CONSISTED ONLY OF MEN 35 YEARS AGO IS PRETTY MUCH FEMALE RUN. OUR PAST FOUR PRESIDENTS HAVE ALL BEEN WOMEN WHO HAVE DONE OUTSTANDING JOBS. AND WHY IS IT THIS GUY WHO WAS ONLY GOING TO SERVE FOR A YEAR IS STILL HERE. CLAYTON WORSDELL HAS HEARD ME SAY THAT IF I QUIT EVERY TIME SOMETHING WAS SAID OR DONE THAT I DIDN'T AGREE WITH, I WOULD HAVE BEEN OUT OF HERE MANY YEARS AGO.

I BELIEVE THE ANSWER IS IN THESE TWO PUBLICATIONS. OUR CLUB'S AWARD-WINNING WEEKLY NEWSLETTER THAT JOAN DONOFRIO AND CLAYTON WORSDELL SO MARVEOUSLY PUT TOGETHE. AND THE OTHER IS THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE THAT INFORMS US WHAT 1.2 MILLION ROTARIANS AROUND THE WORLD ARE DOING TO MAKE OUR WORLD A BETTER PLACE. THAT'S WHY 35 YEARS LATER, I'M STILL A ROTARIAN.

Larry Hutchings

- >equipped the children's leukemia unit in a hospital in Cartagena and equipped an entire hospital in Nigeria.

- >sponsored and hosted Rotary Youth Exchange students for several years and now that Covid is at least manageable, we can do it again.

- >repeatedly supported the eye clinic in Zambia built by our fellow Rotarian and honorary member Dr. Bud Tysinger.

- >fostered by sponsored 8 years of cooperation with the State Department, hosting over 100 Russian Bakery owners and managers in our homes so that they could improve their businesses—something that is now sadly impossible to do.

- >Irene Davids-Blair lead us to the Cliff Dochterman Award and Tommy Lee Wolf got a district grant project for equality in athletics to the underserved children in our county

- >Dr. Torsten Jacobsen obtained and transported a \$100,000 mammogram machine to San Felipe, Mexico, sponsored the breast cancer clinic and have supported it for more than 15 years; and we've collected and transported computers, and eyeglasses and baseball equipment to the children of San Felipe and walked in their cancer walk.

- >have sent an anesthesia machine to the Philippines and a doctor to train the local doctors how to use it. And for years we helped Books for the Barrios ship containers full of schoolbooks to the Philippines and send wheelchairs to those who can't walk through our generous contributions to the Wheelchair Foundation. We've supported the LN-4 prosthetic hand project to give new hands to those who have lost theirs and supported Protoplast missions to Chile, Venezuela, Argentina, and India where our contributions have financed dozens of cleft palate and cleft lip surgeries.

Every year you generously reach into you donate \$200 so we can pay for scholarships for dozens of Mexican children so they can attend school after 6th grade. We celebrate our support for Concord's schools and students, to whom we gave thousands in college scholarships over the years, distributed dictionaries to 2,500 third graders, start an Interact club and give a \$2500 scholarship every year to automotive mechanic students at Contra Costa College.

>feed the hungry in our community by supporting the Monument Crisis Center and the Contra Costa Solano Food Bank thanks to the leadership of the late Bill Hooy and Bob Hooy, not just thousands of dollars but 9 years of packing food for them, then another \$75,000 thanks to the donors to our Cars2ndchance program.

>have helped the elderly in our community by refurbishing houses in the Christmas In April project, the rebuilding of the Bay Area Crisis Nursery, and years of support of the We Care Services for Children with crippling diseases. We have cared for our city by cleaning up the streets and trails, by planting and nurturing the Markham Park Arboretum, and by our centennial project of improving the Concord community pool area and helping the elderly stay in their homes with the Home Team project.

This is also a night to celebrate that we have given \$396,488 to the Rotary Foundation to help pay for 2 global grants to help the 2500 residents of the Nsawo village lift themselves out of poverty.

JUST THINK: WE ARE THE ESSENTIAL SPONSORS OF MEDICAL FACILITIES ON TWO CONTINENTS THAT ARE SAVING LIVES, BRINGING HEALTHY CHILDREN INTO THE WORLD AND MAKING PEOPLE'S LIVES BETTER EVERY SINGLE DAY!

Mary Kemnitz

The Monument Crisis Center Holiday Boxes/2021: Last Christmas a huge effort led by President Monica to shop, fill and deliver 50 boxes to needy families at the Center, this year we have increased the boxes to 175. A great project that surely will become a holiday tradition in this club. A great example of teamwork.

Pancake Breakfast 2022: The 4th of July Pancake event. Serving the City of Clayton once again after the long Covid years, This was the first time I was deeply involved in the entire process and saw that this was truly an example of this club's ability to work together.

Art in a Box 2021: An example of one member who took her passion and found a way to share it to make a difference in someone's life. Joan's art boxes have brought sunshine into the lives of homeless children.

Newhall Butterfly Project/2022: Rich Lueck saw a need in the community and brought it back to the club. Many of us gathered at the park and spent a morning working together to clean and beautify the Butterfly Garden. I was truly astonished at the number of Rotarians that came to work that morning. We worked hard and had fun doing it.

2018 and 2022: These were the years I received the Rotarian of the year award. Memories I will always cherish.

In closing a quote by Helen Keller says it best: Alone we can do so little, together we do so much.

...Okay, now this is really the end.