

THE VALLEY SUNRISE



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MEETINGS 2022

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



THE FUN IS JUST BEGINNING

Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise
Rotary

CHARITABLE Wine Drawing

DRAWING TO BE HELD ON
**THURSDAY
MARCH 17, 2022**

FEATURING:

- A LARGE SELECTION OF PREMIUM WINES
- GIFT BASKET
- RESTAURANT GIFT CERTIFICATES

FEATURING WINES FROM:
**GRGICH HILLS, STAGS LEAP,
SEGHEISIO, BELLE GLOS,
MUMM AND MORE**

COST ▶ \$25.00 PER TICKET
MAXIMUM OF 350 TICKETS FOR SALE

PURPOSE ▶ FUNDS FOR CLAYTON'S
CHILDREN'S PARK

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
**MARY KEMNITZ
(925) 963-2924**

Vicki reported that 153 raffle tickets were distributed that if all are sold will generate \$3,825, and 12 bottles of wine were donated so far along with \$260 contributed. Let's get with the program everyone: donate wine, sell those tickets, or contribute cash. Call Vicki. She will pick up the wine and cash.

TODAY'S **THOUGHT**: *Vicki Sexton*

We choose our thoughts.
We choose our perceptions.
We choose our attitudes.
We may not think so. We may not believe it, but we do -

We choose who we talk to,
Where we sit, what we say,
how we say it and our lives become defined by choices.
It's as simple and as complex as that, and as powerful.

--Author: Louise Penny



Four-Way **TEST**: *Susie Lim*

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



LOIS NELSON
Honorary Member CVCS

TODAY'S **SPEAKERS**



LEARN- DO- TEACH- AND PAY IT FORWARD

Program Chair **Miles Bell** introduced us to **Erna Grasz**, co-founder and CEO of the Asante Africa Foundation, who spoke to us about the organization and their accomplishments since the last time she presented at our club. She and Community Director in Uganda, **Geoffrey Kasangaki**, talked to us about the status and accomplishments of Asante that is dedicated to educating and empowering children who will transform the future for Africa and the world. Erna and Geoffrey are educating East African youth to thrive in a global economy because they understood that education can lead to a better life out of poverty and were inspired to create own schools to give back to their communities.



**KHATIBU MGUNYA –
TANZANIA**



**LILLIAN NANSAMBA –
UGANDA**



**DENNIS MULONDO –
UGANDA**

Geoffrey said: "The 940 youth we work with in East Africa are constantly growing. Whether it's starting small businesses or paying it forward in their communities, we are in the process of becoming the leaders of tomorrow, but we need tablets for their digital program which is new to the program."

Erna said: "We were recently recognized by Michelle Obama for our work with the girls. Within the after school club, there are 60 youth, and within the 60 youth they break them up into groups of 5 (that is 12 groups) that need tablets. [We need your help.](#)" There are many success stories created by the youth they reach and are observing how they are changing lives and impacting their communities.

Here are more photos of Erna's and Geoffrey's PowerPoint presentation:



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Erna Gras was raised by an immigrant father and an orphaned mother in the deep south of Mississippi and Texas. She developed a passion for education at a young age through her teachers and Girl Scout leaders and refers to herself as a Systems Engineer turned Systems Entrepreneur. She spent her early career at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and 25 years in the corporate world as a senior executive, she earned the reputation as a strategic leader, "organizer of chaos," with demonstrated success in diverse industries, including medical devices, defense research, and semiconductor capital equipment. She is an award-winning speaker with Toastmasters International and received advanced degrees from Texas Tech and Santa Clara Universities. She also holds training certificates from Stanford, MIT, UCLA, and has published many articles on leadership, communication skills, and project management.

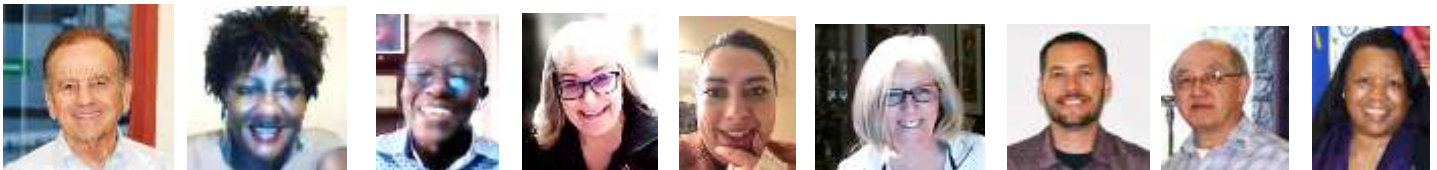
TODAY'S NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Monica Fraga reported that she, **President-Elect Mary Kemnitz**, and **SAA Bob Sundberg** visited the Salvation Army headquarters and are reviewing the numbers to see if their facility can work for our in-person Thursday meetings. She also reminded us that all meetings for February will be held on zoom.



FOUDATION DAY REVIEW: Fantastic Success



Larry Hutchings, Deborah Luyiima, Herbert Muyinga, Ken Nishimori, Mary Kemnitz, Susie Lim, John Wenzel, Irene Davids-Blair, and Molly Avilez attended the Foundation Day event. They all agreed that it was a tremendous success. The video presentation that Deb and Herb prepared and previewed was outstandingly received. The video will be on our club's website, so we can all see it. In fact, it was suggested that this could be a speaker's feature at one of our club meetings.

C2C SOLD



Larry Hutchings reported that the newest C2C donation—a beautiful red Golf Cart donated by someone from Rossmoor—has been SOLD.

Here is the weekly Trivia Question and if you get it right you get a bottle of fine red wine

The question: Our Rotary International theme for 2021-22 is:

The first to call Mary at 925 963 2924 with the answer is our winner.

HAPPY/GRUMPY **BUCKS**



RICHARD LUECK was so happy today about his new grandson who was just born. Richard is a very experienced grandpa of 17 grandchildren and is donating \$17. If 17 aren't enough, there is another one on the way.

LARRY HUTCHINGS gave a happy five bucks because he is thrilled about the idea of communicating with continents as far away as Africa and closer to home in Mexico.

TORSTEN JACOBSEN gave ten happy bucks to see how effective Rotary is when clubs work symbiotically as evidenced by today's by the speaker, Erna Grasz of the Asante project, with ours in Uganda and our club's projects with San Felipe as examples. Happy to visit family in Bend that happens to be a beautiful place surrounded by nature with clean air, roundabouts instead of traffic lights which is the (main source of collisions, traffic injuries and deaths nationwide but rapidly growing with California "refugees." Alas, all houses are selling with huge cash payments which are tough on the young and most locals. He does have a grumpy buck because there was no rain in January throughout central Oregon or even Nevada, for that matter, and that set a new record.

TODAY'S **RAFFLE**

AND THE WINNER IS...Oooooops

President Elect **Mary Kemnitz** tried to spin the picker, but alas, it would not cooperate. We will try again next week. That gives us another week to study for the quiz.



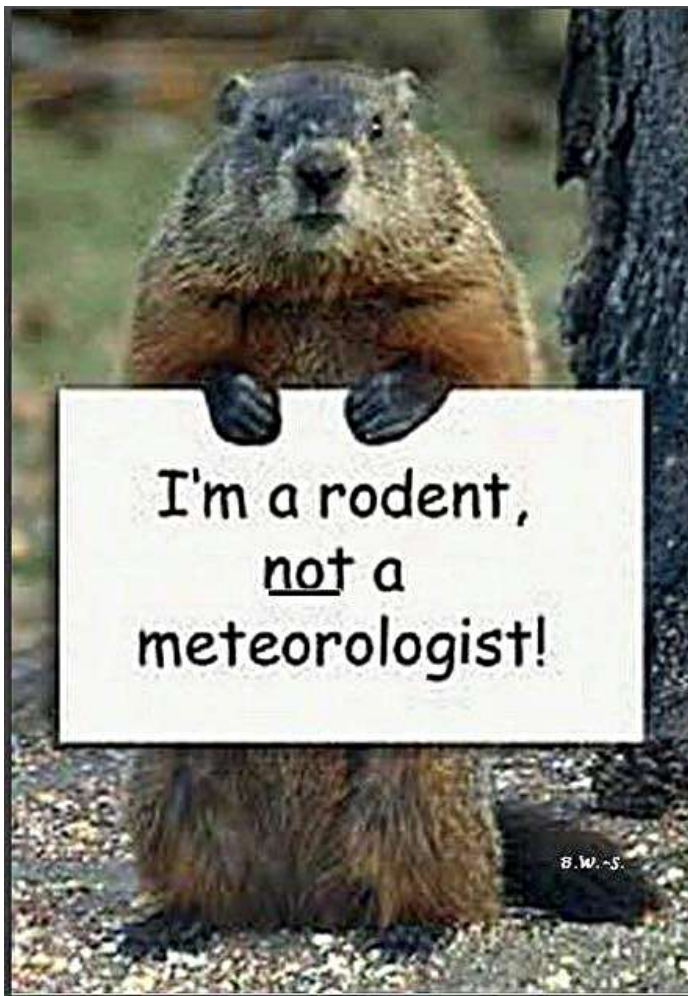
NEW RULE

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



THE **GALLERY**

Meet Punxsutawney Phil and his wife Phyllis. She lives in Florida now but comes back to Pennsylvania every February just to make sure that Phil gets up and out the door. If it weren't for Phyllis, there would not be a Groundhog Day.



The woman behind the man.



LAST **LAUGH**



A PLAY ON WORDS

1. Those that jump off a bridge in Paris go in Seine.
2. Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.
3. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
4. Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.
5. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
6. A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.

7. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

...That's all, folks.