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5/10/22 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
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Zoom



WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK

APRIL 24-30, 2022



VACCINATIONS WORK

This is World Immunization Week and **Trustee Chair John Germ** of the Rotary Foundation announced that since 1988, Rotary and our global partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative have achieved a 99.9% worldwide reduction in polio cases. In 2020, Africa was declared free of wild poliovirus, and today, cases in the remaining wild-polio endemic countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, are at their lowest level in history. This is cause for cautious optimism, but before we can celebrate the end of polio, we must remain vigilant and continue our work to immunize up to 400 million children all over the world each year.

John said: "The successes achieved in preventing and treating disease would not be possible without donors like you, so please continue to support our efforts."

TODAY'S **THOUGHT:** *Joan D'Onofrio*



"When one door closes, another door opens.
But we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door
that we do not see the one which has opened for us."

— Alexander Graham Bell

FOUR-WAY **TEST:** *Barbara Reifschneider*



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 INTERNATIONAL **GUESTS**



DEB LUYIIMA



HERBERT MUYINGA

Muyenga Rotary Club of Uganda

TODAY'S **SPEAKER**

SAVING AND UNDERSTANDING OUR PLANET



Torsten Jacobson, today's speaker who happens to be a 19-year-member of our club, talked to us about catastrophic threats to the planet and human survival that include natural resource depletion, massive population growth, mass extinction, ecosystem collapse, unchecked human population growth, global heating, pollution, increasing food insecurity, nuclear weapons, pandemics, dangerous new technologies, denial, and misinformation.

His presentation took up a few of these issues but he started with the study of bats and how important they are to our planet as they play an important role in our ecosystem. They eat insects, pollinate crops, and fertilize plants with their waste. They also carry some pretty nasty pathogens that are among the most deadly to humans: Ebola, SARS, rabies, MERS, Nipah, Hendra Viruses, and histoplasmosis.

The current population of planet earth is 7.9 billion. By 2050 that will increase to 9.9 billion, and he pointed out that aside from going green and cutting down drastically in pollution, the only REAL solution is stabilizing world population growth by assuring that every person everywhere has access to contraception, sex education, and basic family planning. Contact us if you would like to read the entire text of Torsten's presentation. joandonofrio@aol.com.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Torsten Jacobsen was born in Shanghai China during the height of the Japanese invasion/occupation, but because his family had diplomatic immunity they were able to survive four years of indoor house confinement and lockdown. He grew up in Denmark but when he reached the age of 14 his father was assigned to the USA at which time he was admitted to Veterinary Medical School at UC Davis. He then decided to continue his studies at UC San Francisco's Medical School for the 9-10 year post-graduate grind to become an orthopedic surgeon. In between the two studies, he crashed an exchange student gathering in Oslo where he met and married Tineke. He served in the 8th Army in the capacity of a trauma surgeon with the rank of Major and finally ended up in Ramstein, Germany where their two oldest daughters were born. He was invited to the Netherlands for a period of four years in the capacity of associate professor and focused on children's orthopedics and hand surgery primarily. Shortly after returning to California and the birth of their two younger daughters he started to practice at John Muir's Concord campus with an emphasis on trauma and arthroscopic surgery and functioned eventually as head of the department. Tineke meanwhile started up a physical therapy center with evolutionary quantitative analysis for occupational injuries, rehab, and hardening. Subsequent to retirement, the focus went to international missions in such places as the Philippines, Vietnam, and multiple forays to establish, equip, and teach in Ethiopia and Uganda with SIGN (Surgical Implant Generation Network). She made trips to Haiti after the devastating earthquake in 2010 that took 160,000 lives. Torsten started out in Rotary initially in the Concord club before transferring to Clayton Valley/Concord where he has been a member for 19 years.



TODAY'S NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAA Bob Sundberg called the 16th hybrid and 98th zoom meeting to order for **President Monica** who is working in Mexico.

BOCCE UPDATE: *Fantastic News*

Bob Sundberg told us that 16 have signed up for the event. Now that is truly wow news. He reported that the entry fee is being paid by the club and a check will be submitted today. Members who are not playing are encouraged to attend and root for our players. We also are responsible for dessert, so save the date: May 14.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST: *Help is on the Way*



Pancake Breakfast Chair Bill Selb Happily reported that not only is the July 4th Pancake Breakfast a go, but looks like many members are stepping forward and will be volunteering where needed. Planning and volunteering has begun, so cancel all your plans, everyone, as your help will be needed. **Rich Lueck** will keep a record of volunteers and tasks while **Jeff Wilson** is working out the details with the city. Bill will be sending out the second newsletter, so be sure to read it.

TIME FOR GIVING

Ken Nishimori encouraged us to plan our donations for the year. It is time to give to the PolioPlus and Paul Harris funds. Don't forget the Ukraine donations set up by the Foundation known as the Disaster Response Fund



THANK YOU HYBRID WORKERS

Thanks to **Molly Avilez**, **Clayton Worsdell**, **John Wenzel**, and **Bob Sundberg** for their efforts setting up all the digital equipment so we can have a functioning meeting every Thursday.

MILESTONES: *Happy 22nd Anniversary*



Deborah Luyiima, a 16-year-Rotarian, told us that she and her husband **Hood** will celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary tomorrow—April 29. Deb said they met in college when she was a freshman and Hood was a sophomore. The hotel where they held their wedding reception was also the place they honeymooned. She said they stayed there until the money ran out which was all of three days. Deb and Hood are the parents of four children. We, here in the USA, send our congratulations all the way to them in Uganda.

UKRAINE UPDATE: *Donate to the Disaster Response Fund*

The Rotary Foundation has created an official channel for Rotary members and other donors around the world to contribute funds to support relief efforts underway by Rotary districts. The Foundation has designated the Disaster Response Fund as the main avenue for this. Thanks to the generosity of Rotary members and others, the fund, to date, has received more than \$10.4 million in contributions. These funds are being distributed to Rotary districts that apply for Disaster Response grants and will be used to provide relief to refugees or other victims of the crisis, including items such as water, food, shelter, medicine, and clothing.

So far, 64 disaster response grants, totaling \$1,799,873, have been awarded to support those affected by the war and more than 5.3 million people have fled and are in dire need of emergency aid. Rotary clubs in Europe and around the world have stepped up their relief work, some working on the ground to help displaced families.

Visit My Rotary and follow Rotary on social media to stay updated on how clubs can get involved and what actions Rotary members have taken. For all questions and to obtain more information, please contact the Rotary Support Center at rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org



UGANDA REPORT

Deb Luyiima and Herbert Muyinga sent these photos of the solar powered fridge as it was being installed. They are excited because now all the vaccines will be safe all the time. They reported that the roof will keep electricity cost done. The Pediatric ward is full and functional and they are pleased to announce that they have a full time nurse on staff. The community is happy to have the services they are now able to supply, but still challenged by operational costs.



THE SOLAR POWERED FRIDGE



HAPPY BUCKS



BY BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER



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KEN NISHIMORI had a happy five bucks today for Phyllis's knee replacement. Phyllis is in physical therapy now and Ken said she is doing quite well. Ah, the miracles of modern medicine. Phyllis has one more knee to go, and that means another five happy bucks.



JEFF WILSON, our real estate agent extraordinaire, is doing very well; he gave us five happy bucks this morning because he has a new \$1.45 million listing in Fremont. Go Jeff.



RICH LUECK said: "My 19 year old Granddaughter Cate has RP (retinitis pigmentosa) So her Parents, Carin and Eric, have created a FREE event to create awareness and also if people want to donate for research they can. Because Cate and her twin Drew went to High School in the Netherlands (Yes, all by Bikes) there will be people around the world

posting selfies & I am asking you to sign up and post a selfie. You will need to pick your time zone. Please join us April 30th in your part of the world. It's virtual. It's easy. You can spend the day hiking/biking/running or take a quick pic between lacrosse or baseball games. Regardless, it will mean so much to the 1.2 million with RP (retinitis pigmentosa). REGISTER today!
April 30th, 2022 www.rphope.org



CATE
Bryn Mawr
PA

BY
BLAU HOME
CYLE

TODAY'S **RAFFLE**

AND THE WINNER IS...CLAYTON WORSDELL

The winner of the Raffle today is—do we hear a drum roll—**Clayton Worsdell.**



THE **GALLERY**



Vicki Sexton went all the way to Holland to photograph these magnificent tulips for us.

Could this be the Yellow Rose of Texas?





LAST LAUGH



By Bill Selb



"As you can see, the genius fixed my washer."



"I thought you were finished!"



"Maybe we should park somewhere else."



"I've told you a thousand times to get a new mattress."

HOW TO BUY A BULL

Two sisters one blonde and one brunette, inherit the family ranch. Unfortunately, after just a few years, they are in financial trouble. In order to keep the bank from repossessing the ranch, they need to purchase a bull so that they can breed their own stock. The brunette balances their checkbook, then takes their last \$600 dollars out west to another ranch where a man has a prize bull for sale. Upon leaving, she tells her sister, "When I get there, if I decide to buy the bull, I'll contact you to drive out after me and haul it home."

The brunette arrives at the man's ranch, inspects the bull, and decides she does want to buy it. The man tells her that he can sell it for \$599, no less. After paying him, she drives to the nearest town to send her sister a telegram to tell her the news. She walks into the telegraph office, and says, "I want to send a telegram to my sister telling her that I've bought a bull for our ranch. I need her to hitch the trailer to our pickup truck and drive out here so we can haul it home." The telegraph operator explains that he'll be glad to help her, then adds, "It's just 99 cents a word."

With just \$1 left, she realizes that she'll only be able to send her sister one word. After thinking for a few minutes, she nods, and says, "I want you to send her the word, 'comfortable.'" The telegraph operator shakes his head. "How will she know what you mean, if you only send her the word, 'comfortable'?"

The brunette explains, "My sister's blonde, she'll read it very slowly."

THREE SONS-IN-LAW

An old woman had 3 daughters. One day she decided to test her three Sons-in-law. One a fine day, she was walking along a lake shore with the first son-in-law. Purposefully, she fell down in the lake and started yelling for help.

The first son-in-law jumped into the water and dragged her out into the shore. The next day he found a brand new E Class Mercedes in his door steps with the wordings "Thank you! Your Mother-in-law who loves you very much!!"

Another day she went out with her second son-in-law. Purposefully, she fell down in the lake and started yelling for help.

The second son-in-law too jumped into the water and dragged her out into the shore. The next day he found a brand new E Class Mercedes in his door steps with the wordings "Thank you! Your Mother-in-law who loves you very much!!"

The third time she was walking with the third son-in-law and she repeated the same. But that guy got scared and ran away without offering any help to her. The poor old lady who wanted to test her sons-in-law drowned and died.

The next day the third son-in-law was surprised to see a new brand new Rolls-Royce waiting at his doorsteps with the following wordings, "Thank you very much! Your Father-in-law!"

...That's all, folks.