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MEETINGS 2022

6/14/22 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
6/15/22 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
Zoom



MAJOR DONORS HONORED



The Rotary Foundation recognizes couples or individuals whose combined personal, or cumulative giving has reached \$10,000. All outright contributions made to the Foundation are included in this total, regardless of the gift's designation. Our Club is proud to announce that **Torsten Jacobsen**, a 19-year member, and **Clayton Worsdell**, a 13-member, are Major Donors. They have been exemplary and dedicated Rotarians who have not only given generously over the years but devoted countless hours of help and travel to people throughout the world. Torsten said that whatever he does, he is rewarded by how it makes him feel. Clayton is grateful for being able to travel to other destinations and seeing the emotional responses of people he never met as he observed how grateful they are.

TODAY'S **THOUGHT:** *Julia Dawson Aguilar*



It takes a really wise, smart, and, tough person to stand up with integrity. Integrity means doing what is right. It means doing it even if you have to stand alone and not care what others think,

— Stephanie Perry Moore

FOUR-WAY **TEST:** *Irene Davids-Blair*



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
Muyenga Rotary Club of Uganda



HERBERT MUYINGA



PAM GRUHN
Mary's Neighbor & Volunteer

TODAY'S **SPEAKER**

TINY HOME COMMUNITIES

Speaking to us from zoom, **Program Chair Miles Bell** introduced us to **Nate Schlueter**, Chief Operating Officer for Eden Village, who talked to us about the development of tiny home communities for the chronically homeless.

In the fall of 2010, ten individuals from a local church in Springfield, MO formed an organization called The Gathering Tree in an effort to help the city's homeless population. They observed that there were several places where the homeless were allowed to spend time during the day and shelters where they could sleep at night, but there was no place for them to go during the late afternoon and early evening hours. That is how the drop-in centers were created.

However, they discovered that while these outreach services were vital, they did not provide a permanent solution to homelessness. In 2016, the organization took steps to create Eden Village which is a model that offers solutions to ending homelessness. The decision was made to close the drop-in center and concentrate all of its resources and efforts towards building tiny homes and named it Eden Village.

Nate explained that the demand for affordable housing is extremely high. To become a resident at Eden Village begins with the application process. To qualify one must be considered chronically homeless which means they must be homeless for a minimum of a year or had multiple incidents over the last three years. One must have a disabling condition (mental or physical), and have the means to pay rent/utilities in the amount of \$350 per month. Residents can live at Eden Village for the rest of their lives or however long they may choose.

The privately funded tiny homes are 15 x26 square feet and cost \$106 per square foot to construct. In 2016 the first site for tiny homes village project was purchased. By 2018 the first village opened and the second one opened in 2020.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Nate Schlueter was born and raised in Springfield, MO but spent 15 years working around the country and in Africa with people experiencing homelessness and poverty. Nate has extensive experience working with the chronically homeless and developing tiny home communities. He has been a part of the Eden Village team with Dr. David and Linda Brown since the very beginning stages of dreaming and asking God for a permanent supportive community for our homeless brothers and sisters. **[Because Nate was on zoom, John Wenzel accepted the book we will donate to the Clayton Library on his behalf.]**



TODAY'S NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Monica Fraga called the 18th hybrid and 100th zoom meeting to order.



BOCCE TOURNAMENT

Bob Sundberg was out with his crew to compete in this year's tournament. Here are the players:

Barbara and Mark Reifschneider
Bob Sundberg
Susie Lim
Eric Rehn
Torsten Jacobsen
Clayton and Carol Worsdell
Monica and Matt Fraga and 3 others
Hugh Toloui
Bob and Sue Hooy



A complete report will appear in next week's newsletter and will let you know what dessert was served.

CHARITABLE FUND

Larry Hutchings reported that the Charitable Fund met and agreed to donate funds to the following:

\$1,000 Kennedy-King Scholarship Fund founded in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and created to give opportunities to under-represented minority students attending or coming from one of the three Contra Costa County Community Colleges.
\$ 500 Meals on Wheels
\$1,000 White Pony Express

Larry was pleased to announce that a venue has been selected for the Promo Demo celebration. It will be held at Rossmoor in their party room for a fee of \$120.



UGANDA: EXCITING NEWS

The zoom experience is sometimes quite frustrating, indeed, but Herbert wants us to know that “we guys on zoom hear each other very well.”

Herb told us that he and Deb are making good progress at the medical center via regular supervision with clinical staff, visible improvement to services offered, and the number of patients visiting our facility has increased over the past couple of months thanks to the new medical innovations displayed last March. They continue on a daily basis to listen to whatever goes on at the Medical center despite the distance between them.

Herb said: “The exciting news is that the first ever **Rotary International Woman President Jenifer Jones** will be visiting Uganda this September for 7-days. Our own Rotary club was honored to lead the organizing team for this memorable visit. Our member, **Past District Governor Emanuel**, will chair this committee.”



“WON’T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR”



Merriam-Webster defines ‘neighbor’ as: being immediately adjoining or relatively near. Since the Concord Rotary Club shares the same meeting room as our club, **Clayton Worsdell** and **Joan D’Onofrio** decided to attend the Concord Rotary Club’s Friday afternoon meeting. They were warmly greeted by their official greeter, given raffle tickets, and recognized many of the members in the room—some of whom they met at the District Conference. They did not partake in the lunch but they did relate to and sympathize with the trouble the club was experiencing with their digital components. The speakers were interesting, and it was clear that they are involved in many ongoing projects. By the way, Clayton won the raffle—or rather the opportunity to pick the black marble from the bag, which he didn’t, so he could not collect the \$361 jackpot. He was, however, given a gift card to Starbucks as a consolation.

MEET THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY MEMBERS



Rotary Foundation Chair Ken Nishimori told us that the Rotary's giving society is called the Paul Harris society and it's an ongoing commitment that defines membership. By contributing \$1,000 or more every year to the Rotary Foundation the Paul Harris Society members are helping to end Polio, provide disaster relief, and fund projects and scholarships in their district and around the world. Here are the current Society Members:

Irene Davids-Blair
John Wenzel
Mary Ann Kemnitz
Torsten Jacobsen
Clayton Worsdell
Monica Fraga
Ken Nishimori
Russ Anderson
Bob Sundberg
Jeff Rondini



ROTARY ROUND-UP: *The 2021-2022 Term Celebration*

A message from our **District Governor Kathy Suvia** as she announces the Rotary Round-Up Awards & Installation Dinner, Saturday, July 16, at the Rolling Hills Casino in Corning, California.

Kathy said: "As we're closing in on the end of this Rotary year, it's time to celebrate our accomplishments and have a little fun so plan on joining us for **The District 5160 Rotary Round-up**. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. which is time for us to connect, laugh, and enjoy delicious food. At 7:00 pm we will hold the awards ceremony and installation celebration. The evening will end with After-Party Square Dancing led by Paradise Rotarian Donn Thompson, a professional square dance caller.

A block of 50 rooms ranging from \$119-\$139 for the night have been reserved, but those prices are held only until June 1. I am looking forward to seeing you there."



UKRAINE UPDATE: *Keep Donating 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.

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.



HAPPY **BUCKS**



BY BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER



MARY ANN KEMNITZ had a happy five bucks because she went to the District Conference and had a wonderful time. She saw many old friends and made new acquaintances. She was happy that Dave and Clayton set up the C2C booth and made about nine car connections.

MONICA FRAGA had a sad buck because apparently one of her friends in the travel agent business has a medical issue. She was happy though because we have a venue for the Promo Demo Party. On the bright and fun, side she has happy bags for her new baby goats named Billy and Philly. So cute!



BILL SELB had a grumpy three bucks today. Bill and his lovely wife Emily were invited to a Giants game by his daughter. They had a great time at the Giants game haven't been no one in a long while. They were having a great time but everything was different, nothing was the same. They weren't even dropped off in the same place, and they had to walk a mile or so to get to the venue. Then they got hungry and found the prices were sky high. So many things were different, but all in all they had a great time.

LARRY HUTCHINGS is happy because he discovered he has a self-driving feature on his car. Torsten told me that he got lost so that's not a feature on his car. Larry is also happy that he secured the party room at Rossmoor so we can hold our Promo Demo party there at the end of June.





VICKI SEXTON had two happy bucks. The proud grandma said that her granddaughter's recital on the ukulele was a big hit. Vicki said she concentrated so hard that she never looked up.

IRENE DAVIDS-BLAIR had a grumpy buck because her allergies are making her very itchy, sneezy, and scratchy. They are so bad that she had to cancel going to the District Conference.



TORSTEN JACOBSEN had two happy bucks to tell us about: "1) it was our 50th anniversary and we celebrated with the entire three generational family members in historical McCloud at the base of Mt. Shasta. It was great fun especially with all three age groups playing basketball together in pouring rain—it was wild fun. 2) Here is a discovery of a new technique to deal with snoring. Put on a bra with two tennis balls on your back; this prevents lying supine. However, it is best to remove it if you have to suddenly go outdoors as it can be confusing to others—especially if they need CPR."

TODAY'S **RAFFLE**

AND THE WINNER IS...JOHN WENZEL

The winner of the Raffle today is **John Wenzel** —let's hear it for John.



LAST **LAUGH**



By Bill Selb



"That too tight?"



"I hope it tastes good. It's for the cat."

IS THERE BASEBALL IN HEAVEN?

Two buddies, Chris and John, were the biggest baseball fans in America. For their entire lives, Chris and John discussed baseball history in the winter and pored over every box score during the season. They went to 60 games a year. They even agreed that whoever died first would try to come back and tell the other if there was baseball in heaven.

One summer night, Chris passed away in his sleep. A few nights later, his buddy John awoke to the sound of Chris's voice from beyond.

"Chris is that you?" John asked. "Of course it's me," Chris replied.

"This is unbelievable!" John exclaimed. "So tell me, is there baseball in heaven?"

"Well I have some good news and some bad news for you. Which do you want to hear first?"

"Tell me the good news first."

"Well, the good news is that, yes, there is baseball in heaven, John."

"Oh, that is wonderful! So what could possibly be the bad news?"

"You're pitching Friday night."

PLAYING ALONG

I was in the restaurant yesterday when I suddenly realized I desperately needed to pass gas. The music was really, really loud, so I timed my gas with the beat of the music.

After a couple of songs, I started to feel better. I finished my coffee, and noticed that everybody was staring at me.

Then I suddenly remembered that I was listening to music on my Air Pods.

SKIING WEEKEND

A wise old gentleman retired and purchased a modest home near a junior high school. He spent the first few weeks of his retirement in peace and contentment. Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young boys, full of youthful, after-school enthusiasm, came down his street, beating merrily on every trash can they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the wise old man decided it was time to take some action.

The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists as they banged their way down the street.

Stopping them, he said, "You kids are a lot of fun. I like to see you express your exuberance like that. In fact, I used to do the same thing when I was your age. Will you do me a favor? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing."

The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the trashcans. After a few days, the old-timer greeted the kids again, but this time he had a sad smile on his face. "This recession's really putting a big dent in my income," he told them. "From now on, I'll only be able to pay you 50 cents to beat on the cans."

The noisemakers were obviously displeased, but they accepted his offer and continued their afternoon ruckus. A few days later, the wily retiree approached them again as they drummed their way down the street.

"Look," he said, "I haven't received my Social Security check yet, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?"

"A lousy quarter?" the drum leader exclaimed. "If you think we're going to waste our time, beating these cans around for a quarter, you're nuts. No way, mister. We quit!" And the old man enjoyed peace and serenity for the rest of his days.

...That's all, folks.