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MEETINGS 2022

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



PAUL HARRIS PLUS DONORS HONORED



Rotary Foundation Chair Ken Nishimori has the best job of all. He gets to make members happy by awarding them Paul Harris Plus pins acknowledging that through their donations they are helping to end Polio, providing disaster relief, and funding projects and scholarships not only in their district but all around the world. **Bob Sundberg** became a PH+ 8, **Mary Ann Kemnitz** a PH + 7, **Vicki sexton** PH + 3, and **Barbara Reifschneider** is now a PH + 2.

TODAY'S **THOUGHT:** *John Wenzel*



"If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you.
If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you."
— Zig Ziglar

NOTE: John was homebound due to covid, so Bob Sundberg read the thought for him.



FOUR-WAY **TEST:** *Group Recitation*

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**

GET OUT AND VOTE

Today's speaker, **Carlyn Obringer**, representing the Concord City Council brought us up to speed on the status of various projects now in the works and under consideration in Concord. The subjects she touched on were: the chronic homelessness situation that is up by 15%, building affordable housing, public safety, hiring more police, purchasing drones, and adding more cameras throughout the city. It generated a rousing and robust discussion.

ABOUT CARLYN OBRINGER



Carlyn Obringer was first elected to the Concord City Council in November 2016 and was re-elected in 2020. She served as Vice Mayor in 2018 and as Mayor in 2019. Previously she served on the City's Design Review Board and the Planning Commission, which she chaired. As a regional leader, Carlyn chairs the East Bay Regional Park District Parks Advisory Committee, represents the Contra Costa Mayors Conference on the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, and serves on the Marin Clean Energy Executive Committee. She also chaired TRANSPAC and represented Central Contra Costa County on the Innovate 680 Policy Advisory Committee.



As a community leader, Carlyn has chaired the City's July 4th Parade since 2016 and founded Concord's annual Art and Wine (and Beer!) Walk. She is past chair of the Monument Impact board, and the Contra Costa Commission on the Status of Women, and a past President of Soroptimist International of Diablo Vista. She is active in many local organizations including the American Association of University Women-Concord Branch, the Concord Ambassadors, the Concord Historical Society, and the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce.

Carlyn holds a Masters of Business Administration from the Monterey Institute of International Studies and resides near downtown Concord with her husband, Justin, and their dog, Coco.

TODAY'S NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Monica Fraga called the 19th hybrid and 101st zoom meeting to order.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mr. Pancake, Bill Selb reported that everything is in the works and volunteer spots are filling up. Let Bill know what you can provide or do.

Rick Lueck has a list and you can consult with him as well. Remember this is a three-day affair. Sunday is setting up and Tuesday is taking it all down.

PROMO DEMO

Larry Hutchings reported that the event will be held on June 25 at 5 pm at Rossmoor's Garden Clubhouse. Details are forthcoming.

ART IN A BOX

The first 20 boxes filled with art supplies were delivered to the MDUSD H.O.P.E. offices this week. The boxes will be given to students in distressed living conditions under the direction of **James Wogan**, Director of MDUSD Community Services Student Department. **Monie Bohnsack**, Social Work Specialist; and **Evelyn Mercado**, Family/School Resource Worker will distribute the boxes. Each box cost \$16 each and is being paid for by the Michelangelo D'Onofrio Arts Foundation. This is a test project, the results of which will determine if a grant can be secured to bring these art-filled boxes to approximately 400 students throughout the MDUSD school district.



LOIS NELSON, JOAN D'ONOFRIO, MONIE BOHNSACK, EVELYN MERCADO

ROTARIANS AT WORK

STORAGE CABINET

Here are **Bob Sundberg**, **Clayton Worsdell**, and **Buzz**, from the Concord Rotary, assembling the new storage cabinet for the club.



GREAT JOB GUYS



BOB SAID: "HEY, IT WAS A TOUGH JOB, BUT SOMEBODY HAD TO DO IT."

HOME TEAM

Co-Directors of Community Services Rich Lueck and **Clayton Worsdell** completed the HOME Team project of assembling a handicap bath/shower chair for an elderly person in Clayton named Eugenia. Another satisfied customer who said she will sign up for help in the future.



**THE HOME TEAM IS
BACK IN ACTION**

**RICH & CLAYTON AND THE RESULTS OF
THEIR HANDIWORK**



FAREWELL FELLOW ROTARIAN



Troy Petty, our 2003-2004 club President, died on April 21st of esophageal cancer. His daughter informed us that on July 10th a memorial service will be held for him. He will receive a military internment of his ashes at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, California which is one of the newest and busiest national cemeteries in the national system.

In lieu of flowers, consider donating to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation at www.specialops.org

BOCCE

All 14 team members, **Barbara and Mark Reifschneider, Bob Sundberg, Susie Lim, Eric Rehn, Torsten Jacobsen, Clayton and Carol Worsdell, Hugh Toloui, Bob and Sue Hooy, and Monica and Matt Fraga**, showed up and participated in the Bocce Challenge Saturday. They didn't win but they played right up to the end. Martinez Rotary won.

Here's what we know about Bocce. The three most popular participation sports in the world (in order of popularity) are soccer, bocce and golf yet bocce is the best-kept secret in sports. It's one of the world's fastest-growing games. Four million Americans play Bocce regularly, and 25 million Americans have played it at least once.

The sport was brought to the United States by Italian immigrants in the early 1900s and Bocce enthusiasts have been working to change the perception of Bocce ball as only a game played by little old Italian men getting drunk on red wine. However, if you grew up in an Italian-American family, you would know that that is exactly true. Now the country, especially the baby boomers, is slowly discovering Bocce can be played competitively no matter the participant's nationality, age or size.

Bocce historians say ancient Egyptians started a form of Bocce 7,200 years ago, and the Romans picked it up and spread it around the world. Shakespeare even mentioned it in a number of his plays, including "Richard II." The sport was an exhibition event at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia, and is being considered by the International Olympic Committee for inclusion in future Games.



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. 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



ERIC REHN is grumpy, five bucks grumpy! It seems as though Eric has been dating lately, or trying to anyway. He started with a really nice Portuguese woman who had an all-out panic attack. Eric attempted four more dates, but made absolutely no connection.

RUSS ANDERSON had a happy two bucks. Russ went to Vegas, no details were given. What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas. He was also sent a check in the mail for almost \$486,000. Russ, being the smart guy that he is, did not cash it. Then he got a phone call from someone who discovered the error and realized they accidentally sent the check to the wrong person. Good thing he didn't try to cash it.



LARRY HUTCHINGS had a happy two bucks. Larry received an email from Mary Ann Kemnitz saying that she got a check for \$5,500 from Copart. Mary said that now that she is retired she will work even harder on her favorite causes.

CARLYN OBRINGER today's speaker was one buck happy for inviting her to speak at the club.



MOLLY AVILEZ had a happy two bucks because she joined the bocce ball league in downtown Pittsburgh.

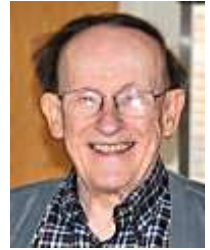
TODAY'S **RAFFLE**

AND THE WINNER IS...MONICA FRAGA

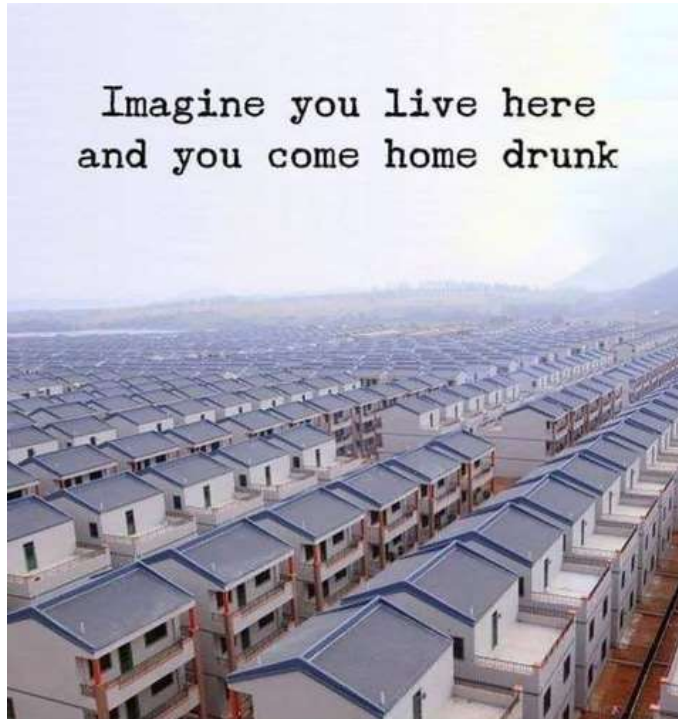
The winner of the Raffle today is **Monica Fraga**. Since **Bob Huck** was back at the meeting after a long absence, he was given the honor of picking the winning ticket.



LAST **LAUGH**



By Bill Selb



FIRST DAY ON THE JOB

A young man reported for his first day of work at a supermarket. The manager greeted him with a warm handshake and a smile, gave him a broom and said, "Your first job will be to sweep out the warehouse."

"But I'm a graduate," the young man replied indignantly.

"Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't know that," said the manager. "Here, give me the broom, I will show you how to do it."

VOICE IN THE DARK

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables; and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying, "Jesus is watching you."

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze. When he heard nothing more, after a bit, he shook his head, promised himself a vacation after the next big score, then clicked the light on and began searching for more valuables.

Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, "Jesus is watching you." Freaked out, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

"Did you say that?" he hissed at the parrot.

"Yep," the parrot confessed, and then squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you."

The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?"

"Moses," replied the bird.

"Moses?" the burglar laughed. "What kind of people would name a bird Moses?"

"The kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus."

...That's all, folks.

