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



# A BILL SELB SPECIAL THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Back in 1987, a group of men gathered at the Clayton Valley Bowling Alley to hear about a new morning Rotary Club being formed in the Clayton Valley area. I was one of those men. The reason it was all men, was that only men were permitted to join Rotary at that time.

Shortly, thereafter, on July 31, 1987, 27 of those men gathered for the Clayton Valley Club's Charter Night at the Concord Inn Motel. Today, almost 35-years later, only one of those men remain active in the club, and I am that person. Over these 35 years I have enjoyed so many men (and women) who have joined. And, yet, so many have left. Obviously, some left because they moved or passed away. But for others, I don't know why they left. My friend, Clayton Worsdell, has heard me say that if I had left the club because of some disagreeable thing that was done or said, I probably would have left many times during these 35 years.

So why do I stay?

Was it for all the homes I might sell? Well, hardly. Sure there have been several, but hardly enough to define my career. Was it for the great breakfasts I enjoy? Not really. I could get a nice morning breakfast at many restaurants for much less money. Was it for the wonderful friends and acquaintances I need to fulfill my life? I've thoroughly enjoyed the varied acquaintanceships and friendships I've had with my fellow Rotarians, but I have many such relationships with my church, real estate career, charities, and service ventures. And, of course, with my very large family all living right here in the Clayton Valley area.

So why have I stayed?

I like to think that the answer is in the stories in the Rotarian magazine. I am part of an organization that has over 1.4 million members working to make the world better. Did you know that before Putin's war there were 62 Rotary clubs in Ukraine? Some of these are still gathering. And I admire what this club is doing locally and in Africa and Mexico. It's amazing.

That's why I remain in Rotary. That's my Thought for the Day.



# GENERAL **ASSEMBLY**



**President Monica Fraga** called the 20<sup>th</sup> hybrid and 102<sup>nd</sup> zoom meeting to order. She immediately asked the Board of Director's to present their status and updates for the projects they are working on. She also noted that the Mystery Greeter this morning was Rich who reported that Eric, Molly, and Bill didn't say hello.

## **TREASURER**

**Executive Treasurer Vicki Sexton** reported that \$13,616 along with the \$25,000 grant fund money is in the bank. She also instructed everyone again how to pay their Rotary bills on line.



## **SERGEANT AT ARMS**

**Executive Officer Sergeant at Arms Bob Sundberg** reported that he will be creating a committee that will help with the early morning set up tasks and will get a working sheet started.



## **CLUB SERVICES**

**Director Barbara Reifschneider** said the Promo Demo party will be at Rossmoor on June 25<sup>th</sup> and is \$35 per person. Let her know if you will attend and how many will be in your party.



## **ROTARY FOUNDATION**

**Director Ken Nishimori** reviewed the status of the Annual Fund and showed us a blast-from-the-past brochure with the Rotary title "Every Rotarian, Every Year." He explained the meaning of Sustaining Membership and encouraged us to continue contributing to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus, and Paul Harris.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Directors Rich Lueck** and **Clayton Worsdell** announced that Adopt-A-Block is back in the game. In fact, the first session will be held on the same day as the Promo Demo party. It takes place at 9 am which means you can do both events. Let Rich or Clayton know if you intend to participate. There will also be another opportunity as they meet again in September. They still meet in the State Farm parking lot. Community Services also handles the Home Team, Backpack Donation Program, Promo Demo Party, and the San Felipe Scholarships. Here is a thank you from our friends in the San Felipe Rotary:



**Scholarship Coordinators Tina Sweeney** and **Alma Saldana** of the Rotary Club of San Felipe send us thanks for supporting the Gracie/Kuchy Sanchez Youth Education Program. Tina said: *"Due to the matching program our Rotary Club is sponsoring 48 students. That is 48 students you are helping to change their lives, and the lives of their families, and community."*

## NEW GENERATIONS

**Director Molly Alvins** secured approval to send four students to Camp Royal and Camp Venture. Two will attend Camp Royal and two students will go to Camp Venture, one of whom will be Clayton's grandson. She is pursuing the Interact Club project.



## MEMBERSHIP

**President-elect Mary Ann Kemnitz**, filling in for **Jeff Wilson** who will become the Membership Director in July, has been very busy planning ways to increase membership. Jeff set a goal of bringing in at least eight new members and thinking of ideas that will draw a younger audience.

Discussion ensued about how we mishandled three potential new members due to our lack of a formal program on how to deal with them when they arrive as guests. Also, there is no official greeting for our guest speakers. Here were some of their comments:

- >One guest said we appear cliquish
- >We don't introduce a new guest to all members on their arrival
- >We have totally not been on our best behavior in many instances
- >Guest speakers are also left alone and not introduced to anyone

It was suggested that a committee be established to rectify this issue and name badges should be given to guests upon arrival. Big changes **MUST** be made.





# UPCOMING **EVENTS**

## **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**

**Barbara Reifschneider** reported that the event will be held on June 25 at 5 pm at Rossmoor's Garden Clubhouse. The price is \$35 per person, and it is imperative to let Barbara know if you will be attending and how many people will be in your party.

## **BACKPACK DONATIONS**

It's that time again, Once again we are being asked to donate and fill backpacks for the next upcoming school year. Collection begins 7/3 and packing will be 7/31. Rich Lueck will fill us in on the details.

## **NEW PROGRAM: 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.



## FAREWELL FELLOW ROTARIAN



### PAUL MCQUAIDE

Don Ouimet said Paul died 5-25-2022. What everyone remembers about Paul is that he owned a Sign-a-Rama franchise on Burnett in Concord before he retired. He would also always donate the signage for the pancake breakfast while working from his home even after he retired.

## 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.

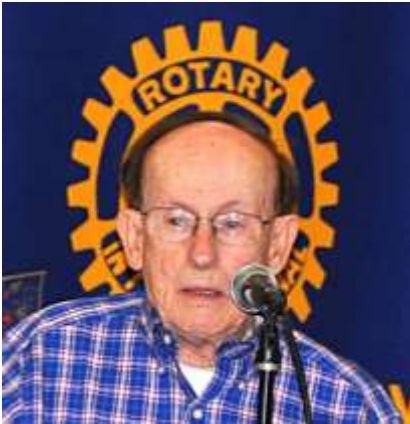
A block of 50 rooms ranging from \$119-\$139 for the night have been reserved, but those prices are held only until June 1. I am looking forward to seeing you there."



# HAPPY BUCKS



BY BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER



**Bill Selb** had a Grumpy Buck. Bill got a phone call reminder that it was time for him to bring his vehicle into D&H for servicing. He thought about that one for a while and then said to himself, D&H isn't even there anymore! Now where am I going to go?



**Bob Sundberg** had a happy 10 bucks today. He was 5 bucks happy about his road trip to Calaveras County. It's only two hours up and two hours back home. He had a great drive and enjoyed stopping at Calaveras Big Tree State Park and going on a very informative hike. Bob also had 5 sad bucks because he heard about Paul McQuade's passing.

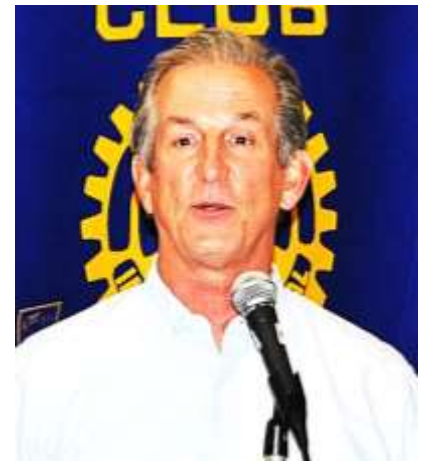


**Clayton Worsdell** gave 5 bucks this morning. Four of them were sad bucks because he had to cancel his vacation to Maryland. His son called and said everybody's got Covid, including the kids in school and a couple of the teachers. Clayton still had a happy buck because he was able to be with us again at our Rotary meeting.



**Rich Lueck** had a happy buck this morning. Rich was happy about being able to come to an in-person meeting. He did complain about the smell of his badge however. He said it smells like it's been in mothballs for a long time. A good scrubbing is what it needs!

**Eric Rehn** had a sad buck. He was going to give us a dating update but apparently his back was killing him and he had to cancel his date.



# TODAY'S **RAFFLE**

**AND THE WINNER IS...JEFF WILSON**

The winner of the Raffle today is **Jeff Wilson**





# LAST LAUGH



By Bill Selb



Would you mind reading to yourself? I'm trying to sleep.

*(Makes you wonder if that's what your kids were thinking.)*

## **2 + 2 = 4...OR DOES IT?**

There are 3 kinds of people in this world: Those who are good at math and those who aren't.



## QUICK ON HIS FEET

A guy comes to the produce store and asks for half a watermelon. The associate explains they don't sell halves. The customer insists and finally asks to speak to the manager.

The associate enters the manager's office and says, "Boss, there is this idiot at the store, insisting on buying half a watermelon..." Suddenly, in the corner of his eye, he saw that the customer followed him all the way to the manager's office, and he adds, "but then this gentleman came over and said he will buy the other half, so I will sell it to him."

After the whole incident, the manager congratulates the associate, "You handled that awkward situation really well. You are very quick on your feet. Where are you from?"

"I am from Canada," replies the associate, "the country where half the people are morons and the other half are hockey players."

"My wife is Canadian," says the manager

"Oh yes, which team is she playing for?" replies the associate.

*...That's all, folks.*