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5/10/22 Board Meeting 7 AM  
Zoom  
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Zoom



# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO US



The origin of Mother's Day is credited to Anna Jarvis who started a campaign for an official holiday honoring her mother in 1905. The first larger-scale celebration of the holiday was in 1908, when Jarvis held a public memorial for her mother and pushed to have the holiday officially recognized, as it was being celebrated increasingly in more and more states around the U.S. Finally, in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation making Mother's Day an official holiday, to take place the second Sunday of May.

## TODAY'S **THOUGHT:** *Miles Bell*



"Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks."

— Doug Larson

## 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 INTERNATIONAL **GUESTS**



**DEB LUYIIMA**

Muyenga Rotary Club of Uganda



**HERBERT MUYINGA**

# TODAY'S **SPEAKER**

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

**Mike Heller**, an 18-year volunteer with **Habitat for Humanity**, talked to us about how decent, affordable shelter provides families with a place to gather and grow. By working with Habitat to achieve affordable homeownership, families can transform their lives. Affordable homeownership helps create the conditions that free families from instability, stress, and fear, and encourages self-reliance and confidence. Studies show that strong and stable households are foundational to child development and growth. When a home fosters—instead of hinders—health and safety, families can flourish. Owning an affordable home also



allows homeowners to lift up their entire family by saving for their futures, investing in educational opportunities, bolstering job opportunities, and having long-term career growth.



Surveys show that Habitat homeowners and their families show better financial health, parents more confident about meeting their family's needs, and even improved grades for their children. Mike said: *"Wherever we work, we witness tangible evidence that decent, affordable shelter creates a long-lasting and life-changing impact on families and communities."* It's a fact that homeowners and volunteers share how Habitat's mission of affordable housing has changed their lives. If you want to lend a hand and devote your time and talents, there is always a need for volunteers. [www.habitatEBSV.org](http://www.habitatEBSV.org).

## **ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

**Mike Heller** has been a volunteer builder for Habitat for Humanity for 18 years, since retiring from Silicon Valley. He does mainly electrical work on Habitat homes, but sometimes helps out with other things as well—everything that is except plumbing. He enjoys interacting with the low-income families who have bought over 300 Habitat homes he personally worked on. He has worked on Habitat developments from Brentwood to Cupertino, including recent developments in Martinez, Pittsburg, and Walnut Creek. Mike is currently working on homes in Oakland and a brand new development near the Pleasant Hill BART station. He and his wife are empty-nesters, with a crowd of adult children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in the area. They recently moved to Walnut Creek from Danville.



# TODAY'S NEWS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**She's baaaaak. President Monica Fraga** returned from Mexico and called the 17<sup>th</sup> hybrid and 99<sup>th</sup> zoom meeting to order.

### **BOCCE UPDATE:** *We're All Set and Ready to Win*

**Bob Sundberg** reported that we have 16 players (4 teams) for the Bocce Challenge on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Our club is covering the entry fee cost and Monica Fraga and Carol Worsdell have been assigned to bring dessert for 60 people. We will all meet at the courts at 8:30am for registration, team assignments and playing schedules. Plenty of food, refreshments and fun!



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



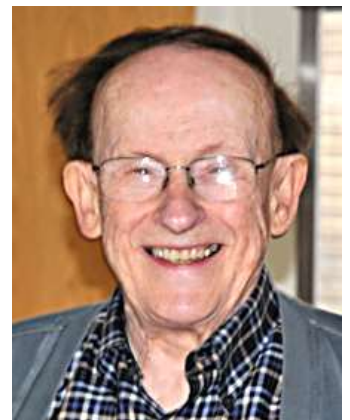
Bob emailed everyone the official rules of the game and maps of the event location in Martinez. Members who are not playing are encouraged to attend and root for our players. Looking forward to seeing you all there and let's win it again.

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** *Keep July 3, 4, 5 Open*

**Pancake Breakfast Chair & Dictator Bill Selb** sent us the second edition of the official Pancake newsletter that he publishes and a third is on the way. Today he happily reported that many members are stepping forward and will be volunteering where needed. Planning and volunteering has begun, so cancel all your plans as your help will be needed.

**Rich Lueck** emailed a signup form to everyone. Fill it out and get it to him ASAP. Eight members have responded, so far, but many more of us are needed. Set up is on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, on the 4<sup>th</sup> is the event, and on the 5<sup>th</sup> we clean up.

**Jeff Wilson** is working out the details with the city.





# SAN FELIPE

## WHO WAS GRACIE SANCHEZ?

**Gracie Sanchez** helped the needy in San Felipe for many years long before the Rotary Club of San Felipe existed. In 2008 when the club was in full swing, Gracie Sanchez started the scholarship program and was not only the founder but instrumental in its success. The Rotary Club found it fitting to name the program Gracie Sanchez Youth Education Program in her memory. When Gracie passed, her daughter Kuchy carried on in her footsteps and has been a great help in honoring her mother. Sadly, Kuchy passed away on January 5, 2014, and left a big void in the San Felipe community. In her honor, the San Felipe Rotary Club renamed the scholarship program and now call it and "The Gracie/Kuchy Sanchez Youth Education Program."

## ABOUT THE SAN FELIPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



**Tina Sweeney**, Youth Development Chair, explained that The Gracie/Kuchy Sanchez Youth Education Program is an ongoing project of the Rotary Club of San Felipe, supervised by the Club's Youth Development Committee, and designed to assist the families of High School students of San Felipe, Baja California, Mexico. Many of our Club members here in Clayton Valley/Concord embraced this program and have participated in it for many years.

Here's how it works: The cost to sponsor one student per year for a three-year high school is \$200.00 per year and provides the required school uniform, shoes, exam fees, school fees, books, and school supplies each year. Sponsors are asked to commit to a student's entire three-year high school experience so that the sponsors and students continue together as one through graduation. The requirements for the students to continue in this program include good attendance, seeking tutoring assistance, no drugs or alcohol, participation in community service projects, good citizenship, and prompt completion of all assignments. The student's progress and performance are checked at mid-term and at the end of each semester.

Tina said: "We continually assist in the communication between students and sponsors through the distribution of newsletters and by sending each sponsor a copy of their student's grades. We also hold an event in San Felipe each fall so that parents, students, sponsors, and Rotarians can all get together. Students and sponsors are also encouraged to communicate directly through letters, cards, or electronically. If a sponsor is in San Felipe, we encourage them to meet with their student as well."

Thanks to the following members of our Club who sponsor the students:

**Sponsoring 4 student:** Hugh & Flor Toloui

**Sponsoring 3 students:** Torsten & Tineke Jacobsen

**Sponsoring 2 students:** Clayton & Carol Worsdell, Mary Ann Kemnitz, Monica & Matt Fraga, Rich & Pam Lueck

**Sponsoring 1 student:** Frank & Barbara Westphall, Irene & Max Davids-Blair, Ken & Phyllis Nishimori, Steve Weir & John Hemm, Vicki Sexton, Lois Nelson, Russ & Annette Anderson, Miles Bell, Bob & Aleta Huck, Jorg & Linda Puhr-Westerheide, Judy & David Perry

## **SPRING ASSEMBLY:** *Excellent Turnout*

**Mary Ann Kemnitz, Steve Wilson, Susie Lim, Joan D'Onofrio, Bob Sundberg, Clayton Worsdell and Dave Kemnitz** attended the event Saturday in Fairfield. Clayton and Dave manned the C2C booth while all the other members attended the sessions. A lot was learned and attendance was great.



**C2C BOOTH**



**AN ACTUAL IRON LUNG WAS ON DISPLAY**

## **MILESTONE:** *Length of Service*

**Mr. Pancake, Bill Selb**, has been a member since 1987, the year our club was born. Yikes, 35 years. In 1990 he was Rotarian of the year and nine years later he became President (1999-2000). Bill has the distinct honor of chairing the most difficult program in our Rotary—the Pancake Breakfast. For as long as anyone can remember, Bill served as the Chair of the Breakfasts, but, thanks to covid, he had a few years off as the event had been cancelled. This year he is back in the saddle and starting up the myriad duties that must be fulfilled.



## **MILESTONES:** *Happy Birthday*



**Rotary Foundation Director Ken Nishimori** got younger on Monday, May 2, as he celebrated another birthday. We gave Ken a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday.

**Irene Davids-Blair** is celebrating her birthday TODAY, May 5<sup>th</sup> which is Cinco de Mayo. While Irene was not at the meeting we are sure she heard us singing happy birthday all the way at the bank.



## **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.

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](mailto:rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org).





# HAPPY **BUCKS**



BY BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER



**HUGH TOLOUI** had a happy buck as he is one proud dad as his son is finally coming home from China after serving for nine years as a professor there.



**MARY ANN KEMNITZ** had 27 happy bucks today in honor of her 27 years in business at D&H Enterprises as it finally closed and she is now a retiree. Dave and Mary have been the owners of D&H and it's interesting to note that Dave is also retiring; He will consult for a time to help the new owners. Happy trails to you, Mary, and you too, Dave.



**TORSTEN JACOBSEN** was happy to tell this story about how an accident that turned out well can be a great lesson. A worker came down a ladder with a pneumatic hammer in his hand and carelessly bumped a coworker on top of his head. The hammer went off and the co-worker could not remove the helmet. X-rays in the ER showed the head and helmet and that the 2" nail had gone just between the two right and left cerebral lobes! So no brain damage actually occurred. The X-ray became a job poster to be careful with pneumatic hammers and tools

**MONICA FRAGA** had a grumpy five bucks, or in this case, she had *enjadado dinero*. Apparently Monica left her purse in Mexico and it contained all her belongings and official papers. She found it but she had to pay 630 pesos to get it back.





# TODAY'S **RAFFLE**

## **AND THE WINNER IS...BOB SUNDBERG**

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



# THE **GALLERY**

Happy Cinco de Mayo Day



Looks like they won't be serving sandwiches anytime soon.

# LAST **LAUGH**



By Bill Selb



"I know I'm not supposed to interfere, but how's the dog going to climb through that?"



"Can't you work faster? My arms are killing me."

## **MAGIC MIRROR**

There once was a magic mirror which would kill you if you lied to it. It got installed in a public bathroom.

One day, a brunette was touching up her makeup, and said to herself "I'm the smartest woman ever!" She immediately dropped dead.

A few weeks later, a redhead was doing her hair, and said to herself "I'm the prettiest woman alive!" She immediately dropped dead.

Finally, not long after, a blond was washing her hands, looked up and said to herself, "I think," and immediately dropped dead.





**"If you remember, I did mention possible side-effects."**



**"The way we treat a headache here is to divert your attention to something else."**

## SKIING WEEKEND

Jack and Bob went skiing. After a few hours of driving north, they got caught up in a terrible blizzard and pulled into the driveway of a farm owned by a very rich widow. They went to the door and asked the attractive lady who answered if they could spend the night there. "Oh, it's such a terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself. But I am recently widowed," she said, "and I'm afraid of what the neighbor will say if I let two attractive young men stay in my house." "Don't worry," Jack said, "We'll be happy if you just let us sleep in your barn if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light."

The lady agreed and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night. Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they left and had a great skiing weekend.

Nine months later, Jack got a letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined it was the attorney of the attractive widow whose barn they stayed at with Bob. He drove to see his friend and asked him: "Bob, remember nine months ago when we went skiing and stopped over at that beautiful widow's barn to wait out the bad weather?" "Yes, I do," said Bob. "Did you get up in the middle of the night, pay her a visit at the house and stay overnight?" Bob, getting a little embarrassed, confirmed that's what happened. "And did you happen to use my name while you were with her?" "I am sorry buddy, I am afraid I did," replied Bob whose face turned red by now. "Why do you ask?"

"She just died and left me everything," exclaimed Jack.

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