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7/12/22 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
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Zoom



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



IT TOOK 62 YEARS TO MAKE FATHER'S DAY A LEGAL HOLIDAY

The idea of Father's Day was first suggested in Spokane 1910, by Sonora Smart Dodd who started promoting the idea by raising awareness to a national level. She had the help of those trade groups that would benefit most from the holiday, for example, the manufacturers of ties, tobacco pipes, and any traditional present to fathers. She met with President Woodrow Wilson, who thought it was a great idea. He presented it to Congress to make it an official holiday, but Congress resisted fearing that it would become commercialized. President Calvin Coolidge didn't have any success either. In fact, two earlier attempts to formally recognizing the holiday had been defeated by Congress again. In 1957, Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote a proposal accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers, thus singling out just one of our two parents. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was finally made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972. So enjoy your new neckties, guys.

TODAY'S **THOUGHT**



From Rich Lueck

Where the willingness is great,
the difficulties cannot be great.

—Machiavelli
(1469 – 1527)

FOUR-WAY **TEST**

Dave Kemnitz said: Of all the things we think, say, or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it BUILD GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIP?

Will it be BENIFICIAL to all concerned?



WELCOME **BACK**

Ewa Sobilo joined our meeting this morning, and it felt like old home week. It was fantastic to see her again.



TODAY'S **SPEAKERS**

Who are these two beautiful people? **Past President Dave Kemnitz** and **President-Elect Mary Ann Kemnitz**, that's who. Not only are they dedicated Rotarians and your friendly neighborhood auto shop owners, they are also the founders of a program called Cars 2nd Chance that has brought into our club's coffers over \$1.4 million dollars.

But hey, back up a minute. Mary and Dave were 9th and 10th graders when they met. They made a plan to pack it all in, literally, when they graduated and headed west. High school graduation, a quick wedding, and their '73 Nova all happened pretty much instantly so it was bye, bye Renville, Minnesota. They arrived in Oakland and found an apartment in a 72 unit complex.

And so their life began. Mary had a baby boy and Dave was off to Vietnam. Eventually Dave worked at Lehmers dealership and Mary worked at Merritt Hospital. When Dave resigned from Lehmers, he opened his own business with a partner and that was the start of D&H Auto located in the back of B&D Towing on Via De Mercadoes. Twelve months later his so-called partner absconded with all their money and the checkbook.

But, hey, we're talking about two rough and tumble Minnesotans here and nothings gonna keep them down. And it didn't. Mary joined the company and, along with Jack, the business was successfully up and running. Five years later they moved the company to a place called Joe's Service center on Monument Boulevard. We all know it, used it, or just stopped by to pet Jack and Kibitz.

The days were long, training was ongoing, partaking in the countless hours of their Rotary responsibilities was exhausting, but the business grew despite many sleepless nights during the recession and living through Covid. Then they thought, hey, life is short. Maybe we should retire. And guess what, this year they did. They sold D&H to a couple who love the color purple, painted the building that color, and renamed it Stress Free Automotive.



WHAT'S **NEW?**

THE MEETING WILL COME TO ORDER

President Monica Fraga called the 24th hybrid and 106th zoom meeting to order.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: UPDATES

BILL SELB, the Pancake Breakfast Guy, is impressed by the progress we've made toward restarting our Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast.

Volunteers: we seem to have enough bodies to pull this off.

Fundraising Committee: Jeff, Monica, Mary, and Vicki have expressed their ideas and assistance.

Food supplies: Smart & Final donated two-thousand Jones's pre-cooked sausages and COSTCO donated funds to buy what we need. Pancake mix, syrup, orange juice, and utensils, are all in the works.

Advertising: Mary provided beautiful flyers. Now let's distribute them. You could even give them to your neighbors.

Signs: Eric put the sign up on Ygnacio Valley Road.



RICH LUECK reports that all volunteers show up at 6:00 a.m. on Monday July 4th.

Sunday July 3rd. Jeff Rondini and his Scout Crew will start putting down the protective patio covering and putting up the screened pancake cooking and serving tenting.



At the same time, the Table and Chair Volunteer crew will be setting up in the parking lot. Cars2ndChance.com will have a display booth near the exit, so space will need to be left for that.

Monday, July 4th, Volunteer Pancake cooking/coffee/juice and serving crews, please report at 6:00 a.m. to finish setting up and starting the cooking process. The table clearing crew will start at 7:00 a.m.

Donations: If you have items to donate, contact Jeff, Bill, Rich, or Jeff Wilson know right now:

billemylselb@aol.com jeffwilson@kw.com, rich.lueck@gmail.com

PROMO DEMO

Larry Hutchings reminded us that the event will be held on June 25, at 5 p.m. at Rossmoor's Dollar Club House. The price is \$35 per person, and, so far, 45 people have signed on. The new 2022-2023 District Governor Suzanne Bragdon, Assistant District Governor Dess Benedetto, and their husbands will be our guests.

IMPORTANT: When you arrive at the Rossmoor entrance, tell the guard that you are attending Larry Hutchings party. Do not tell them you are attending the Rotary party.

ADOPT-A-STREET



Co-chairs Rich Lueck and Clayton Worsdell reminded us that at 9:00 a.m.—the same day as the Promo Demo party, June 25—our street cleanup will take place. We meet in Lisa Truesdell's parking lot. At the end of the cleanup, you will be able to relax at the Promo Demo event that starts at 5 p.m.



THE POWER OF ROTARY: *Lights, Camera, Action!*

The District Conference World Premiere Event: "The Power of Rotary" will take place October 28 - 30, 2022, at the Monterey Marriot.

District Governor-Elect Suzanne Bragdon wants you to know that you should register by June 1, to secure your space at the conference for only \$199 per person. After that, the price changes to \$225 per person and up to \$250.

Congratulations if you have already registered and are ready to PARTY! The Rotary fellowship and inspiration is hard to beat surrounded by the beauty of Monterey in October which is the most spectacular time to enjoy the California coast. Also on tap is:

- Golf on Thursday, October 27th at the Del Monte Golf Course for only \$140 that includes lunch.
- A Hollywoodesque-soiree on Friday evening, October 28th for \$25 at the stunning Marriott Ferrante Bay View venue (dancing, dessert, open bar and stars galore; space limited).
- Selected activities in Monterey promoted by the Conference Committee to facilitate catching up with long-term friendships while welcoming new Rotarians and Rotaractors to the fold (purchase tickets directly with vendors; all contact information and prices provided on the District 5160 website).



MILESTONES

Happy Anniversary



Mary and Dave Kemnitz hit their 49th year—June 15, 1973—on the day before today's meeting. Here we all are making a toast and accepting the Kemnitz's \$50 donation.

Bill and Emily Self are celebrating their 55th year of wedded bliss. They were actually married on this very same meeting day: June 16, 1967.

John and Kristen Wenzel will be celebrating their 16th year on Monday. They were married on June 20, 2006, and have three beautiful children.

Happy Birthday

Johnny Morgan and **Ewa Sobilo** are both another year older. It was very touching to be able to extend Ewa our good wishes as she was with us in person. Johnny, who helped us immensely with our digital setup, we wish you a happy birthday, too.



Length of Service

Sergeant-at-Arms Elect Russ Anderson is officially a 10-year Rotarian. Russ, as we all know, is the sales manager of Lehmers Concord GMC Buick and has helped our club throughout the years in so many ways. Now he is getting ready to rule us with a steady hand next month.

THANK YOU NOTES: *Clayton Valley High School & Shelter Box*

CLAYTON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL held their annual Art awards competition last month. Our Rotary club cosponsors this event with the Michelangelo D'Onofrio Arts Foundation. Many of the 21 winners sent lovely thank you notes and one student sent a photo of his entry,

SHELTER BOX, the disaster relief organization, thanked us for our donation that is helping those displaced by the conflict in Ukraine,

HAPPY BUCKS



LARRY HUTCHINGS wanted to give happy five bucks this morning, but it turned out to be more of an emotional donation instead. Larry and **Dennis Clark** went to San Francisco to see the aids quilt in Golden Gate Park this past weekend. This was the 35th anniversary of the quilts first appearance. Larry and Dennis visited the AIDS Memorial Quilt Display at the Robin Williams Meadow in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.



It was the 35th anniversary and featured more than 3,000 quilt panels. Larry shared some photos and thoughts with us at our meeting.

Larry said: *"The AIDS Quilt is described as the largest piece of folk art. Looking out over the sea of panels, I was struck by the beauty of it all, the thousands of loving hands that created it and the silence of the hundreds walking slowly among the panels. Then the memories welled up of my losses—then of the year after year of hate filled accusations and bullying across the airwaves and in person about the "gay plague." Then about Sven, Jose Luis, so many more....Out of nowhere the weeping began—and continued until I realized I was standing in the middle of a display of love so enormous it was beyond my understanding. NEVER FORGET!"*



HAPPY BUCKS CONTINUED



VICKI SEXTON had a happy five bucks. We've all seen her beautiful pictures that she has been posting on Facebook. But, Vicki is so happy to be home and said she had a wonderful time.

BILL SELB had a happy 55 bucks. Bill asked a woman to marry him a long time ago but, she said she had to think about it. Fifty-five years ago on June 16th he married his wonderful wife Emily.

MARY ANN KEMNITZ gave a happy 50 bucks today. She's donating the money to the club because she and her wonderful husband Dave are celebrating 49 years of wedded bliss.



MONICA FRAGA started our happy bucks off this morning with a five bucks donation because she was so proud of Molly for getting the whole zoom up and running by 7:03 a.m. She also had another happy two bucks because Matt has Covid and he is taking care of himself.



MOLLY AVILEZ gave a happy five bucks this morning because she is going to start her real estate classes on Monday.



TODAY'S **RAFFLE**

AND THE WINNER IS...JOAN D'ONOFRIO

The winner of the Raffle today is **Joan**. Way to go.



THE GALLERY

PUT ON A HAPPY FACE

Clayton Worsdell has been snapping our photos for the past 13 years and is finally satisfied that he has successfully taught us all to smile when he trains his camera on us. They say the 'proof is in the pudding' and he sure does prove it. Check this week's photos of ourselves and see for yourself.



Hugh Toloui and **Rich Lueck** sent us these very unusual Pipe Organ Cactus plants that bloom for only one day. After about 24 hours has passed, they are gone but sure worth waiting for.





LAST LAUGH



By Bill Selb

HARD OF HEARING

A concerned husband went to a doctor to talk about his wife. He says to the doctor, "Doctor, I think my wife is deaf because she never hears me the first time and always asks me to repeat things.

"Well," the doctor replied, "go home and tonight stand about 15 feet from her and say something to her. If she doesn't reply move about 5 feet close and say it again. Keep doing this so that we'll get an idea about the severity of her deafness.

Sure enough, the husband goes home and does exactly as instructed. He starts off about 15 feet from his wife in the kitchen as she is chopping some vegetables and says, "Honey, what's for dinner?" He hears no response. He moves about 5 feet closer and asks again. No reply. He moves 5 feet closer. Still, there was no reply.

He gets fed up and moves right behind her, about an inch away, and asks again, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

She replies, "For the fourth time, vegetable stew!"

THE VERDICT

A defendant was on trial for murder. There was strong evidence indicating guilt, but there was no corpse. In the defense's closing statement the lawyer, knowing that his client would probably be convicted, resorted to a trick.

"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you all," the lawyer said as he looked at his watch. "Within one minute, the person presumed dead in this case will walk into this courtroom." He looked toward the courtroom door. The jurors, somewhat stunned, all looked on eagerly. A minute passed. Nothing happened.

Finally the lawyer said, "Actually, I made up the previous statement. But you all looked on with anticipation. I therefore put to you that you have a reasonable doubt in this case as to whether anyone was killed and insist that you return a verdict of not guilty."

The jury, clearly confused, retired to deliberate. A few minutes later, the jury returned and pronounced a verdict of guilty. "But how?" inquired the lawyer. "You must have had some doubt; I saw all of you stare at the door."

The jury foreman replied: "Oh, we did look, but your client didn't."

FBI TIP

The phone rings at the FBI office.

"Hello?" answers an agent.

"I'm calling to report my neighbor, Tom. He is hiding coke in his firewood."

"We'll send some men over, thank you for alerting us."

The next day, the FBI comes over to Tom's house. They search the shed where the firewood is kept, break every piece of wood, find no cocaine, and swears at Tom and leaves.

That evening, the phone rings at Tom's house. "Hey, Tom did the FBI come?"

"Yeah"

"Did they chop your firewood?"

"Yeah they sure did."

"Okay, now it's your turn to call them. I need my garden plowed."

...That's all, folks.