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7/12/22 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom
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Zoom



LAST MEETING OF THE 2021-2022 TERM



Henry Wadsworth Longfellow said:

"Great is the art of beginning, but greater is the art of ending."

These words summarize Monica Fraga's reign as our 2021-2022 President. Not only did she come on board when we had no home, but she had to deal with zoom and setting up digital equipment in all sorts of temporary locations. But **all's well that ends well** as she guided us through Covid, zoom, a new meeting venue, major charitable accomplishments, and hosting the best Promo Demo party ever.

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TODAY'S **THOUGHTS**



From Joan D'Onofrio, 6/30 meeting

Of all the means which wisdom acquires
to ensure happiness throughout our whole
life, by far the
most important is friendship.

—Epicurus

From Don Ouimet, 6/23 meeting

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

—Elvis Presley



FOUR-WAY **TEST**

The members, with one voice, 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 BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?



TODAY'S **SPEAKER** 6/30

MAJOR GWYN EDWARD JONES

Today's speaker, **Major Gwyn Edward Jones**, presented a brief history of the Salvation Army that began when a man named William Booth began his ministerial career in England in 1852, he abandoned the concept of the traditional church pulpit in favor of taking the gospel of Jesus Christ directly to the people. Walking the streets of London, he preached to the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute.

When fellow clergymen disagreed with Booth's unconventional approach, he and his wife Catherine withdrew from the church to train evangelists throughout England. The couple returned to the East End of London in 1865, where many followers joined their fight. Within 10 years their organization operating under the name "The Christian Mission," had over 1,000 volunteers and evangelists. From that point onward, converts became soldiers of Christ and were known then, as now, as Salvationists. They launched an offensive throughout the British Isles that, in spite of violence and persecution, converted 250,000 Christians between 1881 and 1885. Their message spread rapidly, gaining a foothold in America and soon after in Canada, Australia, France, Switzerland, India, South Africa, Iceland, and Germany. Today, The Salvation Army is active in virtually every corner of the world and serves in over 100 countries, offering the message of God's healing and hope to all those in need.



ABOUT THE MAJORS



Major Gwyn Edward Jones and his wife **Major AnnMarguerite Jones** have been in the ministry as a married couple for 21 years and were appointed as Corps Officers (Pastors/Ministers) of the Concord Community Church of The Salvation Army in July 2018. Major Gwyn came to America from the U.K. when he was 23 years old. After a couple of summers

working at a Salvation Army Camp, he accepted a position in a Salvation Army Church before entering The Salvation Army's College for Officers' Training. His first appointment

was as an Assistant Officer (minister) in Phoenix. Major AnnMarguerite met Major Gwyn while she was the Youth Pastor at a Salvation Army Church and a full-time student at Grand Canyon University. After graduating with a BA in Christian Studies and a Minor in Music in Piano Performance, she also followed her calling and attended the same College for Officers' Training. They were married after she was commissioned and also ordained as an officer (minister) in The Salvation Army. They have four children—two boys and two girls—ranging in age from 9 to 19 years old.



TODAY'S **SPEAKER** 6/23

JEFF WILSON

Needing no introduction, **Jeff Wilson**, broker/Associate of Keller Williams Realtors, began his presentation by telling us that he got started in his real estate career in 2005 as a real estate appraiser. He quickly fell in love with the real estate world and obtained his real estate salesperson license the same year. While Jeff has since let his appraisal license expire, he has completed close to 800 appraisals in the Bay Area which has given him an in-depth knowledge about property values and contributory values of improvements, which makes him an excellent salesperson.

In recent years, Jeff has upgraded his salesperson license to a broker's license and formed a partnership with another local agent, Ronni Collmer, who has been a realtor for 38 years. Their powerful partnership makes them the ultimate team for buyers and sellers in Contra Costa County and beyond.

Along with his real estate sales work, Jeff also actively works as a real estate investor, by renovating homes locally and buying rental property throughout the county. Jeff loves Rotary and has vowed to donate 10% of his net commission to Rotary International for each transaction processed through connections he has made in Rotary. Please help home donate more!



MORE ABOUT JEFF

Jeff graduated from UC Davis with a degree in genetics—far cry from real estate. But even more amazing is discovering through the Ancestry DNA test he learned he has a half-sister who has two children and lives in New York. Jeff also has two children so now he has an even larger family

ANOTHER BOOK TO THE CLAYTON LIBRARY

Each speaker autographs a book that our club has been donating to the Clayton Library for many years. Jeff was very happy with the selection.

LET'S GET **STARTED**

LET THE MEETING BEGIN

President Monica Fraga called her last meeting to order.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST: *Final Schedule*



Mr. Pancake Bill Selb reviewed the Monday, July 4th schedule:

5:15 am: BILL or JEFF will arrive to open Endeavor Hall.

5:30 am: Kitchen crew arrives.

6:00 am: Tent crew arrives.

6:15 am: JEFF brings sausage & butter from LaVeranda to Endeavor Hall.

6:15 am: Others arrive.

10:00 am: Cleanup: **EVERYBODY**.

11:00ish: Crew will hose down the patio.

Fireworks take place that evening.

On Monday and Tuesday, supplies will be returned to our storage Unit and the leftover food stored in ice chests will be sent to the Salvation Army or Monument Crisis Center,

CHARITABLE FUND ELECTION



Director Larry Hutchings, and President of the Charitable Fund, reported that two positions on the CF needed to be filled. He nominated Vicki Sexton and Russ Anderson and asked us to vote to accept them. We unanimously approved that Vicki and Russ will fill the positions for the next three years.



CAMP VENTURE

Finally, our club is back on board with the fantastic camps our youth can now attend thanks to our **New Generations Director Molly Avilez**. Clayton Worsdell's grandson, **Daniel Tejada**, attended Camp Venture, held at St. Mary's College, where he learned to develop winning strategies to succeed in the business world through team building, motivational skills, leadership, and the development of real business plans. It is a five day program and campers are separated into seven teams where each creates a business that they would learn how to manage. Daniel said his team decided their business would be a medical delivery service, and he was voted to be the CFO. Daniel will be a senior at Davis Senior High School in Davis.



PAUL HARRIS PRESENTATIONS

At both meetings, **Rotary Foundation Director Ken Nishimori** was busy presenting Paul Harris medals and pins. At the June 23rd meeting **Molly Avilez** and **Jeff Wilson** became Paul Harris Fellows thanks to the points contributed by other members. At the June 30th meeting, Ken said that as his last presentation, **Webmaster John Wetzel** became a Paul Harris Fellow + 4. Congrats to all.



HAPPY **BUCKS**



JUNE 30

BILL SELB, also known to us as Mr. Pancake, had a happy buck today. Bill said he's so happy that everyone is working hard for the Pancake Breakfast and everything is just fine. President Monica told him, "His is a job well done."



LARRY HUTCHINGS had a happy 20 bucks in reference to the Promo Demo party because it went off without a hitch and everything went so well.



CLAYTON WORDSELL had a happy two bucks today. Clayton is so happy that his grandson, Daniel Tejeda, went to Camp Venture and had a great experience. Also Clayton and his lovely wife Carol had a wonderful time at the Demo party.



RICH LUECK had a happy buck because he was happy about all of the people who are offering to volunteer for the pancake breakfast.

MOLLY AVILEZ had a happy two bucks. She gave a happy buck for Daniel finishing Camp Venture and a dollar because she had so much fun at the Promo Demo party. Molly brought her mother-in-law, **Alison Bacigalupo**, to today's meeting.



JUNE 23

MONICA FRAGA started off giving a happy buck before happy bucks even started. Five happy bucks went towards setting up the zoom all by herself for the first time. The meeting next week, however, will be her last. Then she had a grumpy five bucks. Apparently her father got tired of his boat and taking care of it and was never really into it, so he gave it to Monica. Long story short, the boat sank.

MOLLY AVILEZ had five happy bucks. Seems it was \$2.50 for her Paul Harris pin and medallion which she received today and \$2.50 for a great Father's Day celebration.



KEN NISHIMORI gave a happy five bucks because he was so happy that he met his goal to the Rotary Foundation.

VICKI SEXTON gave a happy buck this morning. Vicki went to the pavilion to see Earth Wind and Fire and Santana. What a fantastic show.

CLAYTON WORSDELL gave a happy buck because he was so happy that Molly helped Clayton's grandson, Daniel, sign up for Camp Venture which is going to be held at Saint Mary's. Daniel needed a ride, so grandma and grandpa came to the rescue



JEFF WILSON gave a happy 20 bucks today. A portion of it went to Monica because she gave him some Paul Harris points so that he was able to get his Paul Harris. The rest of his 20 bucks went to being thankful for his vacation in Hawaii with his wonderful family and kids.



LARRY HUTCHINGS gave a happy back because he was happy he did not get a speeding ticket on 680. He was on his way to Rotary just speeding down 680 not giving any thought to the speed limit.



PROMO **DEMO**

PROMO DEMO: *Soiree Extraordinaire*

Larry Hutchings organized and supervised one of the best Promo Demo festivities ever. It was held at Rossmoor's Dollar Club House. Aside from a very beautiful venue and an elegant buffet, the new 2022-2023 District **Governor Suzanne Bragdon** and her husband attended as did several Honorary Members. The event began with awards and accolades for all the members and guests who were active in so many aspects of Rotary and other community projects.

It started with our District Governor Suzanne Bragdon recognizing **Clayton Worsdell** as a Paul Harris **Major Donor**.

Next **President Monica** awarded **SAA Bob Sundberg** and **New Generations Director Molly Avilez** awards for service above and beyond the call of duty—"Service above Self" for sure.



She presented **Ken Nishimori** with the **Iron Man** honor.



A MOST SPECTACULAR PAUL HARRIS PRESENTATION



A special presentation of the Paul Harris Fellowship was bestowed on **Kimiyo Tahira Dowell** a member of **Bill Selb** and **Clayton Worsdell's** church. This was a truly unique honor.

Due to the tireless efforts of **Kimiyo Tahira Dowell** she succeeded in getting the Mt. Diablo High School to grant retroactive diplomas to those Japanese students BACK IN 1942 who were forced to leave school and incarcerated during World War II. Ms. Dowell worked with the Mt. Diablo Unified School Board who agreed to revise its policies and pave the way for the presentation of diplomas as part of Mt. Diablo High School's graduation ceremony held at the Concord Pavilion May 23. Many of the former students are now deceased and those who are still alive are in their 90s, making it difficult for them to attend the ceremony in person. However, up to two dozen family members of the former students attended and accepted the retroactive diplomas on behalf of their parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts. Ms. Dowell was, herself, incarcerated with her parents when she was a toddler.



THANKS AND FAREWELL TO THE 2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

SVV Bob Sundberg, Club Services Barbara Reifschneider, Treasurer Vicki Sexton, Secretary Joan D'Onofrio, New Generations Molly Avilez, International Services Larry Hutchings, Community Services Clayton Worsdell & Rich Lueck, President-elect Mary Kemnitz, and Rotary Foundation Ken Nishimori.



ROTARIANS OF THE YEAR

Mary Ann Kemnitz is our new President and has been a Rotarian for seven years is founder of Cars 2nd Chance and was the 2018 Rotarian of the Year. Larry Hutchins served on the Board as the International Services Director. He is also President of the Charitable Fund and is the Chair of this most fantastic Promo Demo event. Larry was Rotarian of the Year in 2000 and 2021.



Thanks for the memories and a very cool year, indeed.

THE **GALLERY**

A FEW OUTTAKES FROM PROMO DEMO PARTY



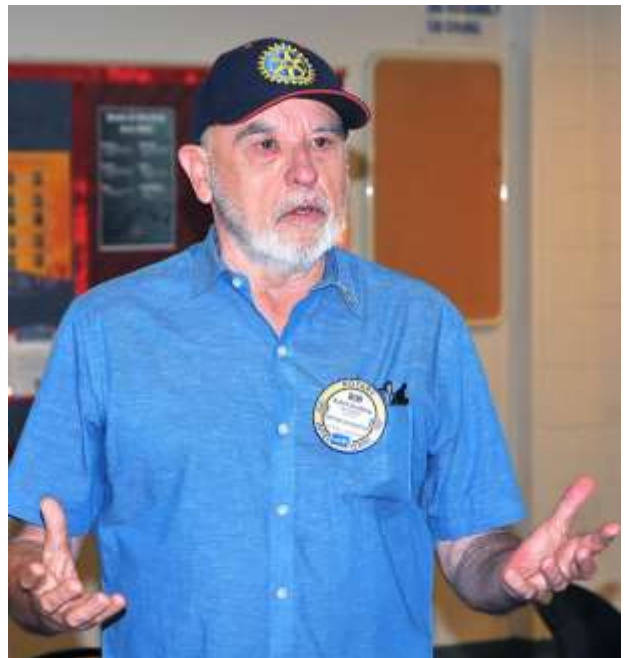
THE **RAFFLE**

AND THE WINNERS ARE...ERIC REHN & BOB SUNDBERG

The winner of the June 23rd raffle **Eric**.



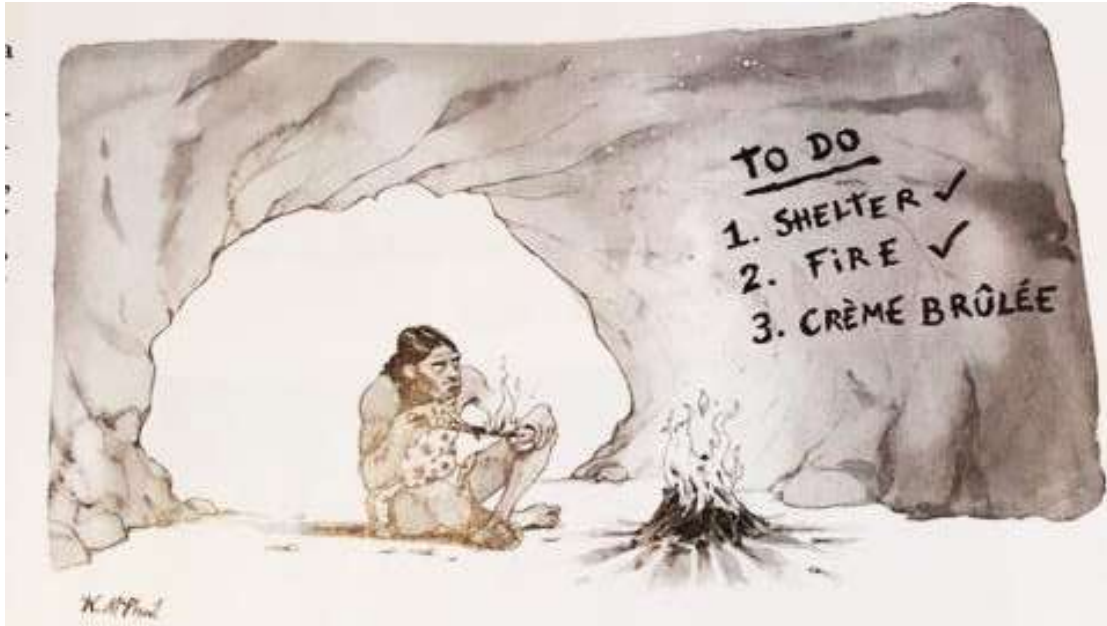
The winner of today's raffle is **Bob**. Yes, Bob, you really won.



LAST LAUGH



By Bill Selb



VERY 'PUNNY' THOUGHTS

- I never thought orthopedic shoes would really work for me. But I stand corrected.
- My son was chewing on electric cords, so I had to ground him.
It's OK, though. He's doing better and conducting himself properly.
- My friend claims that he "accidentally" glued himself to his autobiography, but I don't believe him.
But that's his story and he's sticking to it.
- "Doctor, my child swallowed a roll of film. What should I do?"
"Let's wait and see if anything develops."
- An armed man ran into a real estate agency and shouted: "Nobody moves."
- Got drunk yesterday and threw up in the elevator on my way back home.
It was disgusting on so many levels.
- Why did the Mexican take anti-anxiety medication? For Hispanic attacks.
- I asked the surgeon if I could administer my own anesthetic.
He said: "Sure. Knock yourself out!"
- In Britain it's called a lift, in America it's an elevator. I guess we were just raised differently
- 97% of people are stupid. Glad I'm in the other 5%
- I have two unwritten rules:
 - 1.
 - 2.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The year is 1922. What a difference a century makes. Here are some statistics:

- The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
- Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only.
- Only 14 percent of homes had a bathtub.
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- Only 8 percent of homes had a telephone.
- The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower
- The average US wage in 1922 was 22 cents per hour and made between \$200 and \$400 per year. A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year, a dentist earned \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and 4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer earned about \$5,000 per year.
- More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.
- Ninety percent of all Doctors had *NO COLLEGE EDUCATION*! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and in the government as "*substandard*."
- Sugar cost 4 cents a pound, eggs 14 cents a dozen, and coffee was 15 cents a pound.
- Most women washed their hair once a month and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering their country.
- The Five leading causes of death were: Pneumonia/ influenza, Tuberculosis, Diarrhea, Heart disease, and Strokes.
- The American flag had 45 stars
- The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30.
- Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.
- There was neither a Mother's Day nor a Father's Day.
- There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.

...That's all, folks.

