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8/9/22 Board Meeting 7 AM  
Zoom  
8/10/22 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM  
Zoom



# ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH JOHN WENZEL



**John Wenzel** is not only our club's webmaster, but he is also our digital guru who gets our complicated computer systems to work and is currently upgrading our website. John is an eight-year member, and it didn't take him long to be honored as the 2019 Rotarian of the year. John is a certified financial planner with Archvest Wealth Advisors in Walnut Creek.

# GETTING **STARTED**

## TODAY'S **THOUGHTS:** *Torsten Jacobsen*

The harmony of natural law reveals an intelligence of such superiority that, compared with it, all the systematic thinking and acting of human beings is an utterly insignificant reflection. The more I learn the more I realize how much I do not know. —Albert Einstein

We must do everything in our power to save life on this planet. It is not enough to say simply “will” but to say “now.” Or is human existence otherwise nothing more than an evolutionary goof.”—Jane Goodall

When you speak, you are simply expressing what you already know. But when you listen, you may actually learn something new. —Dalai Llama



## MYSTERY **GREETER:** *John Wenzel*

## YODAYS **GUESTS**



Herb & Deb from Uganda



Returning guest: Lisa Dubbets



# TODAY'S **SPEAKER**

## **MEET STEPHANIE PRESCOTT**



**Stephanie Prescott**, mother of five, has been a member of the Concord Rotary since 2020, and her husband, Brad, has been a member since 1991. She is a community health educator who taught human sexuality in private schools and worked in medical offices and surgery centers for the past 25 years. She joined Rotary the second she retired and loves it, as she knew she would, and found that it's a perfect place to put her energy and skills to work. After six months in the club, she became aware of a community need that had to be met, brought it to the attention of her club, and thus began The Ladybug Program.

The Ladybug program restores dignity to women and teens by providing them free access to menstrual products.



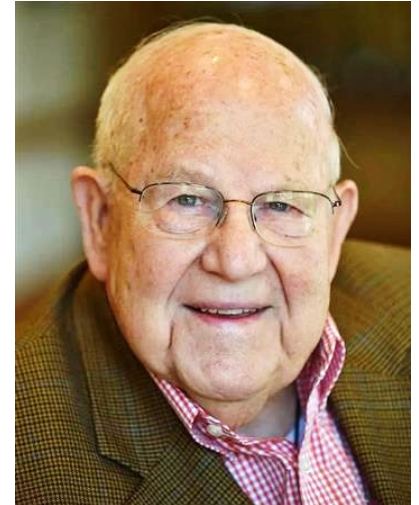
## **BOOK DONATION**

Once again, our speaker signed a book that we will donate to the Clayton Library.

# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE:** *Cliff Dochterman*

**Larry Hutchings** reported that the Cliff Dochterman Celebration of Life ceremony will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Serbian Cultural Center in Moraga. Larry will be attending as Cliff turned out to be the most important Rotarian in his life. Cliff was, indeed, a one-of-a-kind man who brought joy to the world and positively impacted many lives with his inspiration and imagination. We are all being invited to join in the celebration of his remarkable life. The ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m. Please let us know by August 9<sup>th</sup> if you will attend at 209 931-4085 or [cmennuti@comcast.net](mailto:cmennuti@comcast.net)



## **COMMUNITY SERVICES:** *Backpacks & Supplies*

**Community Services Codirectors Clayton Worsdell and Richard Lueck** reported that 60 backpacks and a collection of school supplies were collected and delivered. Congrats to us for a community project well done.

## **GREAT OPPORTUNITY**

**Julia Dawson** was asked by CBCA if our club would be interested in working at two or three booths where we will check IDs and install wrist bands at the entrance of OKTOBERFEST on Oct. 1st and 2nd this year. We can advertise our club and our projects and submit a request to CBCA Board for a donation from them to create a local community project. We will need three volunteers in each booth for the duration of the event. Let Julia or Mary know if you want to participate.



## **RAFFLE WINNER:** *Russ Anderson*

Way to go, Russ, who is today's 'winner and has his choice of a Peet's or Starbuck's gift card.





# GLOBAL INITIATIVES

## UGANDA: *Deb Luyima Reporting*

On July 19<sup>th</sup> a group of six guests from five different clubs in California visited the clinic. They are:

Melissa Prandi from Rotary Club of Mill Valley in San Rafael D5150  
Barbie Hernandez from Rotary Club RC of Ignacio  
Anna Garcia from the Rotary Club of San Francisco.  
Janet Gluch from a Rotary Club in Santa Cruz.  
Loris and her daughter from the Rotary Club of Petaluma



They toured both the maternity and Pediatric wards of the clinic and appreciated the good work that your club has done in the community. I shared with them our current challenges of staff costs which they appreciated and promised to share with their clubs. We shall certainly keep in touch and follow up.

They carried Hygiene kits for 40 girls at the primary school, and various gifts for them and the babies. They also visited the Nsawo child development center one of our partnering organizations who are also the beneficiaries of the sewing machines from the second phase of adopt a village.

We discussed and agreed on the possibility of creating hygiene kits made by the youth at the Child Development Center. It's so exciting that the project that we have always longed to have in the community is going to commence very soon. The beneficiaries of the kits are going to be monitored for feedback and to ensure that the project rolls out successfully.

We would like to thank Rotarians Jorg, Bob, and Larry for interesting them to visit the clinic. Janet Gluch told us that she attended your 4th of July Pancake Breakfast, and that is where she learned about the clinic project. She promised to join in the zoom meeting today as well.

Maybe next year a group of you can arrange such a trip to Uganda.

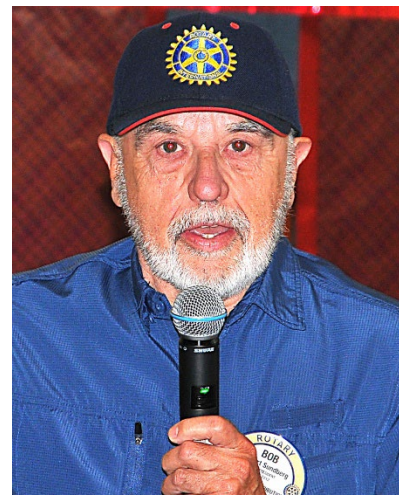


HAPPY **BUCKS**





**RUSS ANDERSON** had a happy buck because he got a call very late in the evening and was told that someone was stealing license plates at his dealership and wanted him to come down because they wanted to talk to him. He did and by the time he got back home it was after 1 am. What we want to know is why is this a happy buck?



**LARRY HUTCHINGS** had a happy buck because he got together with an old friend that he has been friends with since fifth grade in Reno. Seems his illness wasn't so bad, so Larry decided to visit him and after spending six hours together they had a great time. He also had another happy buck for a phone call he made to Herb in Uganda to discuss the additional monies needed for the project



**BOB SUNDBERG** had 10 happy bucks for the four days he spent in Eureka visiting family. Weather was great. He also gave 5 happy bucks as a donation for the pancake breakfast and told us he was approached by a woman at the breakfast who is interested in joining Rotary. Since she's not in our area, he directed her to one that is in her neighborhood.



**CLAYTON WORSDELL & CAROL** had a wonderful vacation in Arizona, and that's where Clayton celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Carol's sister was also celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

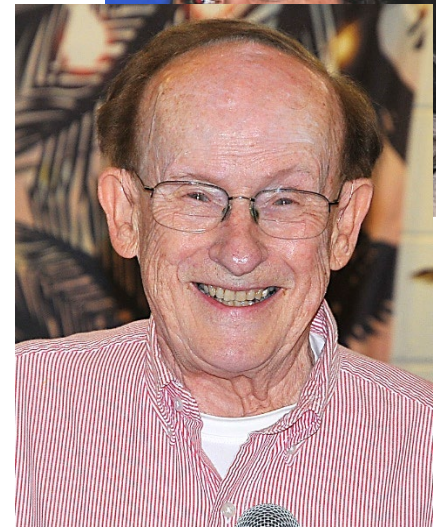


**MONICA FRAGA** gave 2 bucks and told us she is joining Orangetheory Fitness and Molly is going to join too.



**BILL SELB** gave 2 happy bucks for this retirement announcement after 35 years in the real estate business.

In 1987 a couple of things happened that I hadn't planned on. They weren't on my bucket list nor my New Years' Resolutions. In fact, at the beginning of the year I had no anticipation that either of them would occur. The first was that I would get a real estate license. And



the second was that I would join a brand-new Rotary club forming in the Clayton Valley area.

At the beginning of the year, I had a nice cost accounting job with an electronic manufacturing company in Concord. I made a good salary. I figured I'd work on this real estate thing on weekends and holidays to make a few extra bucks. If it worked out, I'd do it for fifteen years and then retire at 65. As far as Rotary I didn't know much about what they did but maybe I'll meet some folks and sell a few houses.

Well, the real estate thing worked out very well. Soon I quit the cost accounting job to go full time with the real estate thing. I was selling houses and I loved it. As far as Rotary, I found out more about it and served as president from 1999-2000. I loved that as well. Along came year 2002. My deadline to retire. To do what? So, I decided to set a new goal. I'll retire after I sell 25 more houses or at age 70. That sounded more realistic. After all, who wants to sell or buy a house from a 70-year man? Well, it turned out quite a few people. I was in pretty good health and making good money. Emily and I were enjoying a lot of cruising and traveling. So, I set a new goal. I will definitely retire at 75. So 75 came. Same Thing. Rotary was soooo much fun. The money was still good. Should I try for 80? Same thing. I was 80. Life was good. Real Estate and Rotary were fantastic. Should I try for 85? Well parts of the body were starting to have little aches. I decided I'd partner with another realtor. How did that work out?

First was Pamela Jensen. Many of you remember Pamela. She joined this club, and we did very well together. Then one afternoon I got a call from Pamela. She was in tears. Her husband, Ken, had just been offered a job in Colorado. I keep in touch, and they are doing well. Then I decided I'd partner with an agent in my office named Frank. That should work out. No chance that Frank would be transferred. Well, Frank's in-laws in Georgia weren't doing well so Frank and his wife moved there, and he is now selling real estate in Georgia. Then came Katie. She was rather new to real estate. Every love one Katie. I couldn't wait to introduce her to my large client base. We were off and running setting up our systems over at Dudum. Last month, I got an email from Katie. Unexpected News. Her husband has been swooped up by Amazon. They are in the process of moving to Seattle. At the same time, I received a letter from the Department of Real Estate. It said my license would expire on July 10, 2022. Please send money to renew.

I decided not to respond. So as of July 10<sup>th</sup> ... I am now officially retired.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**Treasurer Vicki Sexton** reminds us once again to please pay your dues. She has sent in the dues to RI so now it's up to you.

## FUNSTUFF

## EXPENSIVE DOLL





A man walks into a store to buy a Barbie doll for his daughter.

“How much is that Barbie in the window?”, he asks the shop assistant.

In a manner she responds, “Which Barbie? We have Barbie Goes to the Gym for \$19.95, Barbie Goes to the Ball for \$19.95, Barbie Goes Shopping for \$19.95, Barbie Goes to the Beach for \$19.95, Barbie Goes Nightclubbing for \$19.95, and Divorced Barbie for \$395.00.”

The guy asks, “Why is Divorced Barbie so much more expensive than the others?”

“That’s obvious,” the assistant states, “Divorced Barbie comes with Ken’s house, Ken’s car, Ken’s boat, Ken’s furniture...”

## **THEATER GUEST**

A man lay sprawled across three entire seats in the posh theater. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the man, "Sorry, sir, but you're only allowed one seat."

The man groaned but didn't budge. The usher became impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up from there, I'm going to have to call the manager." Again, the man just groaned, which infuriated the usher who turned and marched briskly back up the aisle in search of his manager.

In a few moments, both the usher and the manager returned and stood over the man. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to make him move, but with no success. Finally, they summoned the police.

The cop surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy, what's your name?" "Sam," the man moaned. "Where are you from, Sam?"

With pain in his voice Sam replied, "The balcony."

## **ORIENTATION IN HEAVEN**

Three buddies die in a car crash, and they go to heaven to an orientation. They are all asked, "When you are in your casket and friends and family are mourning upon you, what would you like to hear them say about you?"

The first guy says, "I would like to hear them say that I was a great doctor of my time, and a great family man."

The second guy says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and

schoolteacher which made a huge difference in our children of tomorrow."

The last guy replies, "I would like to hear them say, "Look! He's moving!"

*...that's all folks.*









