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MEETINGS 2022

9/13/22 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom

9/14/22 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
Zoom



GRADUATION DAY FOR SAN FELIPE STUDENTS



Scholarship Coordinator Tina Sweeney said, "this has been a busy and exciting time of the year. We have been to this year's graduations from high school and have just finished getting our new students enrolled for next year. It is because of such wonderful sponsors as you that we get to celebrate these successes with our local youth. Thank you for all that you do to help our local youth continue their education and work towards a better future. Without you many of our students would not have the opportunity to continue their education."

GETTING **STARTED**

TODAY'S **THOUGHT:** *Molly Avilez*

"If you talk about it, it's a dream.
If you envision it, it's possible.
If you schedule it, it's real."
– Tony Robbins



MYSTERY **GREETER:** *Dave Kemnitz*

Dave said: "Hey there, you didn't say hello."

FOUR-WAY **TEST:** *Barbara Reifschneider*

Of all the things we think, say, and do

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build good will and better friendship?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



TODAY'S **GUESTS**

Representing Uganda

Troop 484



Herb Musinga



Deb Luyima



Carl Rodin & Charlie O'Connor



Alison Bacigallipo

TODAY'S **SPEAKER**

A BRILLIANT PRESENTATION: *Russ Anderson*

In 1936 Jesse Owens won four gold medals at the Olympics and you could buy a new Oldsmobile for \$665. That's the year Erv Lehmer got the franchise from General Motors to sell New Oldsmobile's. And that's when They converted his father, Lew Lehmer's Golden West Service Station, into Lehmer's. Much has changed in the world since 1936, but the Lehmer family continues to sell GM vehicles in Concord, and in 1938 Lehmer's added the GMC truck franchise to their dealership and has been selling GMC trucks ever since.



Our 10-year member, **Russ Anderson**, took us on a winding path into the car business. When he was 18 years old, he joined the navy and became an engine man on submarines. He remembers, "I liked GM just because our submarine diesels were 1,600-horsepower GM diesels that were first built for World War II." After leaving the sea he came back to California and joined the fire department. He also met his future wife Carolyn at Mel's Diner (made famous in the movie "American Graffiti"). He would drive used cars from his father-in-law's dealership to his firefighter job and he would often sell the car he was driving to an interested customer. Finally, his boss told him to choose between firefighting and the car business, and Russ ended up as a salesman at Lehmer's. Russ soon became general manager of Lehmer's and in 1971 opened his own GM dealership in nearby Walnut Creek, spending 21 years there before eventually returning to Lehmer's.

The three Rotarian siblings, Russ Anderson, Darren Anderson, and Tammy Freeman, represent the next generation of the Lehmer Anderson family and have assumed leadership roles. They have been involved in the business since the 1990's and now run the day-to-day operations. As Managing General Partners, they are taking Lehmer's into the future.

Russ brought us up to date on the situation in the auto industry. He said mechanics used to be guys working under the hood of the cars. Now they are computer savvy technicians. Everything is computerized and Russ explained how hard Covid has affected the industry. Chips are the biggest problem as they became scarce, and orders were cancelled causing the loss of 13 million vehicles. Rental companies cancelled orders as well.

When asked when will things get back to normal? Russ said, "We will just have to wait and see."



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY SERVICES: *Adopt-A-Block*

Community Services Codirectors Clayton Worsdell and Richard Lueck reminded us that Adopt-A-Block will take place October 1st and let Mary know if you plan to attend the September program

CARLYN OBRINGER
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL

September of Service

All are welcome!

Join Concord City Councilmember Carlyn Obringer
for a morning of park clean up and beautification.
Events will be hosted on two Saturdays in September from 8 am to 11 am.

September 17 ➤ **Hillcrest Community Park**
Grant Street and Olivera Road

September 24 ➤ **Willow Pass Community Park**
Willow Pass Rd at Olivera Rd and Salvio St

*Interested volunteers should come dressed for "yard and repair work."
Gloves, garbage bags, and gardening and repair tools will be provided.
Please register by September 7th by contacting Councilmember Obringer
directly at: carlyn4citycouncil@gmail.com*

Paid for by Carlyn Obringer for Concord City Council 2024, FPPC# 1324644.

POLIO: *Is it back?*

Rich Lueck and **Torsten Jacobsen** called our attention to the fact that polio has been detected in New York City wastewater, suggesting that the virus that causes the disease is probably circulating in the city. The announcement came three weeks after a man in Rockland County, NY, was diagnosed with polio that left him paralyzed. Health officials fear that the detection of polio in New York City's wastewater could precede other cases of paralytic polio. The spread of the virus poses a risk to unvaccinated people, but a three-dose course of the vaccine provides at least 99 percent protection. This could be the very tip of the iceberg and an indication that there may be several hundred cases circulating in the community. It was noted that the majority of people with polio don't have symptoms which means they can spread the virus without knowing it.

PARKING SITUATION: *No Parking*

This morning **Clayton Worsdell** was asked to unblock a delivery spot by the food pantry where a Rotarian parked after the meeting started and blocked the pantry delivery truck. Please do not park in those last two spots. We will ask the SA staff to put cones in that area.

A MAJOR DONOR: *Torsten Jacobsen*

Ken Nishimori presented **Torsten Jacobsen** with the honor of being a Major Donor, level one, pin as recognition by The Rotary Foundation for his significant contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Torsten becomes the eighth club member to recently be recognized as a Major Donor".



CELEBRATIONS: *Birthdays*

Former member of our club, **Dave Kemnitz**, joined today's meeting and had the distinct honor of being serenaded by Julia Dawson who led the club in a rousing round of Happy Birthday from her home via zoom. Today actually is Dave's birthday.

Carrie Kroeger will be celebrating her birthday on the 14th this month. Happy Birthday.

RAFFLE WINNER: *Molly Avilez*

Molly told us three facts about herself. One was not true. We guessed that she is not one of four children and won a Starbuck's gift card.



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION: *From DG Suzanne Bragdon*



This year's District Conference is special. For one, it will be held in Monterey well known as a vacation destination and is even more special because it is Hollywood themed. Need I say more? Okay, I will.

Eleven weeks from now, you'll be breathing in the salt air and be inspired through the stories shared by old friends and new. After three days or more, you'll be energized and re-engaged and armed with new ideas and connections to change the lives of others

A District Conference happens only once a Rotary year. After Monterey, our next District Conference doesn't happen until spring 2024--eighteen months away. So please register now for this year's Conference.

The District Conference - World Premiere Event *The Power of Rotary. Be the Star that You Are* October 28 to 30, 2022.

SPECIAL ROOM RATES ARE GOING, GOING...AND MAY SOON BE GONE Our room-block at the Monterey Marriott, with discounted room rates of \$225/night, have sold out. But if you act quickly, we have a second block of rooms – the same discounted rate at the Hyatt Regency Monterey on the Del Monte golf course. Discounted room rates are good for a couple of nights before and after the Conference as available. If you need assistance, help is at 2022thepowerofrotary@rotary5160.org. For all event details, including inspirational and entertaining speakers joining Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, go to the Conference Website.

GOLF TOURNEY: You can also sign up for our *Golf Tourney at the Del Monte Golf Course* (only \$140pp with lunch!), and/or register for the opening *"Hooray for Hollywood"* social (a slim \$25pp) where you'll be hobnobbing with Hollywood's finest.

PICKLEBALL: You can also partake in Pickleball the fastest growing sport anywhere. The USA Pickleball Ambassadors and fellow Rotarians Darlene Drapkin and Ken Brummel-Smith invite you to a fun afternoon of Pickleball. The event will be held at the Monterey Tennis Center, a short walk from the Conference hotel. Cost is \$45 per person. There will be two short clinics, one for new players and one for the more experienced, followed by a "scramble" where everyone gets to play. Paddles will be available if you need one.

**IF YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED, ACT FAST
IF YOU'VE ALREADY REGISTERED
CONGRATULATIONS!**

HAPPYBUCKS

By Barbara Reifschneider.

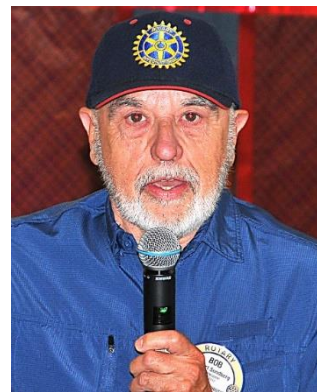
NOTE: If your happy or sad bucks are lengthy, please email the contents, in your own words, to Barbara Reifschneider.

MOLLY AVILEZ gave two bucks today as a really good friend of hers was diagnosed with cancer. On the uptick she went out and bought her first wig.



KEN NISHIMORI had a happy five bucks today. His wife Phyllis had her second knee surgery three weeks ago. Phyllis had a little bit more soreness this time but she's on the mend.

BOB SUNDBERG gave a Happy five bucks today. Apparently, Bob bought his new truck just in time. According to Russ Anderson his talk said everything has gone up and it's impossible to get



MARY KEMNITZ had a happy 15 bucks this morning. She was happy that Molly's future mother-in-law will probably join our club. Mary was also happily celebrating her husband's birthday. And she was delighted with Russ Anderson's presentation.



LARRY HUTCHINGS had a happy buck as Russ's presentation brought back memories of his first car, a 1970 Fiat and all the problems he had with the various Cutlasses he drove.

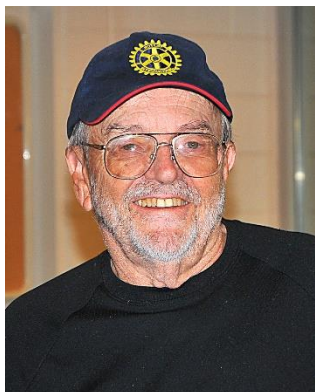
JEFF WILSON had a happy buck and was donating \$753 to Rotary which was 10% of the commission he earned on a referral from Monica.



TORSTEN JACOBSEN had a happy and grumpy buck. The happy bucks were for visiting family in Bend Oregon—beautifully lush and with the Deschutes river running through it. The grumpy bucks were for Oregonians who are not all happy with the huge influx of Californians and though creating business and lots of new homes, it is also rapidly driving up housing costs so that some locals must move. He said though our club is obviously pretty prudish and not exactly youthful—there a sign on I5 saying: “don’t californicate Oregon” and a rumor that there are plans to build a city for California immigrants to be located between Bend and Wendover to be called Bendover.



RICH LUECK was happy that Pam tested negative for Covid and celebrating his club anniversary, so he announced that he is contributing \$100 to PolioPlus.



THEGALLERY

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Steve Weir sent in this photo. It's either the Holland Tunnel or the Lincoln Tunnel in New York.
Anyone know?





CRYING ON A BENCH

An old man of ninety was sitting on a park bench crying. A policeman noticed this and asked him why he was crying.

"Well," says the old fellow, "I just got married to a twenty-five-year-old woman. Every morning she makes me a wonderful breakfast, and we then have fun together laughing and relaxing. In the afternoon she makes me a wonderful lunch and then we make fun together laughing and relaxing again. At dinner time she makes me a wonderful supper and then we relax more and enjoy ourselves."

The policeman looks at the old man and says, "You shouldn't be crying! You should be the happiest man in the world!"

"I know!" says the old man, "I'm crying because I don't remember where I live!"

BE SAFE

A state trooper in Kansas made a traffic stop of an elderly lady for speeding on U.S. 166 just East of Sedan, KS. He asked for her driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance. The lady took out the required information and handed it to him.

In with the cards, he was somewhat surprised (due to her advanced age) to see she had a concealed carry permit. He looked at her and asked if she had a weapon in her possession at this time. She responded that she indeed had a .45 automatic in her glove box.

Something, body language, or the way she said it, made him want to ask if she had any other firearms. She did admit to also having a 9mm Glock in her center console. Now he had to ask one more time if that was all. She responded once again that she did have just one more, a .38 special in her purse.

He then asked her "Ma'am, you sure carry a lot of guns. What are you so afraid of?"

She looked him right in the eye and said, "Not a darn thing!"

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

An old man was laying on his death bed. He had only hours to live when he suddenly smelled chocolate chip cookies.

He loved chocolate chip cookies more than anything else in the world. With his last bit of energy, he pulled himself out of bed, across the floor, and to the stairs. Then down the stairs and into the kitchen.

There his wife was baking chocolate chip cookies. As he reached for one, he got smacked across the back of his hand by the wooden spoon his wife was holding.

"Leave them alone!" she said, "They're for the funeral!"

...that's all folks

