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MEETINGS 2022

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



RICHARD LUECK 27-YEAR ROTARIAN



Richard Lueck joined Rotary in 1995, was the 2001-2002 President, and two-time Rotarian of the Year. When asked to describe an event or experience that was especially outstanding in his membership as a Rotarian, he said, "There are so many events our club participated in that each of the events/programs have a special meaning and place in my memories. If I have to pick a single thing it would be how the club members got behind all of our programs the year I was President and that was when our club was awarded the best club in the district. That definitely stands out. Rotary is a team event, and the memory of what our team did that year is special."

GETTING**STARTED**

TODAY'S**THOUGHT:** *Monica Fraga*



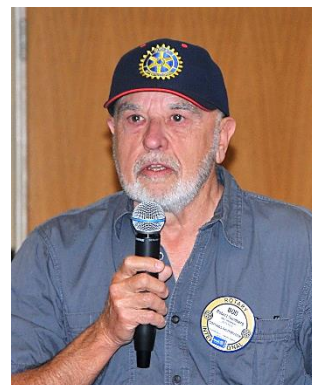
When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries.

When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries.

Some need AA...attention and affection; some need AAA...attention, affection, and acceptance; some need C....compassion; some need D... direction.

And if they still don't seem to shine, simply sit with them quietly and share your light.

MYSTERY**GREETER:** *Bob Sundberg*



TODAY'S**GUESTS**

Representing Uganda



Herb Muyinga



Deb Luyiima



Catharine Luyombo



Dave Avilez



Lyn Spiller



Lisa Dubbets

TODAY'S **SPEAKERS**

MEET DIRECTOR JOHN BURGH

Director John Burgh was today's speaker and **Mimi Mehaouchi**, Public Information Specialist, produced the slides, spoke to us about the Contra Costa Water District.

John Burgh was originally appointed Director in 2004, serving through 2022. John has served on the Contra Costa Water District Board of Directors since 2004, representing Pleasant Hill, Martinez, Port Costa, and a portion of Concord. He also currently serves as Chair of the Public Information & Conservation Committee. He is a retired engineer who has worked on water and wastewater projects throughout the world. He has a total of 42 years of experience in administration, project management, and design of public works projects.

For the last 30 years of his career, he worked for an environmental engineering consulting firm, where he retired as Vice President and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Notre Dame and a master's degree in management from the University of New Mexico. He is a registered civil engineer, Air Force veteran, and a past President of the Contra Costa County Historical Society. A resident of Concord for over 35 years, he is a member of the Pleasant Hill Rotary Club and is a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels, delivering food to shut-in senior citizens in the area. His hobby is restoring old Studebakers.



SCOUT TROOP 484 LOOKING FOR A SPONSOR

Carl Rodin is from the Boy and Girl Scouts of America Troop 484 located in Clayton, CA at the foothills of Mount Diablo. They are part of the Muir District within the Mount Diablo Silverado Council looking for a sponsor. They are led and guided by a Scout Leader, two Scout Masters, and four Adult Leaders who believe in creating a positive and safe environment where scouts can mature into young responsible adults, serving in leadership positions as they embark on the path to Eagle Scout. Currently there are approximately 60 scouts in this troop, ranging in age from 12 to 18.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM COMMITTEE



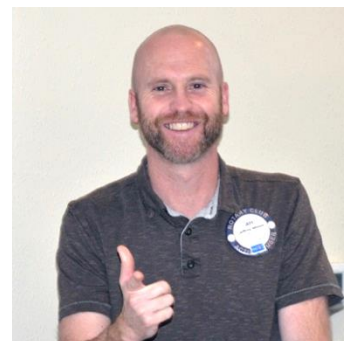
Mary Kemnitz, Monica Fraga, and Larry Hutchings comprise the newly established Program Committee that will be responsible for booking speakers for our weekly meetings. Every member is encouraged to suggest speakers.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: *Backpacks*

Community Services Codirectors Clayton Worsdell and Richard Lueck reported that 60 backpacks and a collection of school supplies were collected and delivered. **Cynthia Altamirano** said: "Clayton Valley Concord Sunrise Rotary you are rock stars. You all did a really good thing with the backpack program. Thank you all so much." Clayton also reminded us that Adopt-A-Block will take place October 1.

ZOOM WORKSHOP: *Cybersecurity for Homeowners*

Jeff Wilson will be conducting a zoom workshop on August 11th at 6pm. The title of the workshop is **Cybersecurity for Homeowners**. Please come and invite anyone who you think would benefit from knowledge that could protect them and their assets from cyber-attacks. Here is the link to register: <http://evite.me/eURaKZhJ5V>. It's free!



CELEBRATIONS: *Length of Service*

Lisa Truesdell is a 16 year a Rotarian and **Vicki Sexton** hits the 12-year mark. Congrats.



GLOBAL INITIATIVES

SAN Felipe: *Tina Sweeney Reporting*



Tina Sweeney reported that the Rotary International theme this year is Imagine: Imagine a world that deserves the best. With our help, she said we can get up each day knowing that our clubs are making a difference and thanks us for our generous donation. With our club she reported that 236 students receiving scholarships, 174 are enrolled in high school, 16 on CAM (special education) and 46 are in university.

She happily reported that Dave and Mary Kemnitz are recently supporting two new students: Nicole Marquez Ochoa with an 8.7 grade, and Kendra Rubio Martinez with a 10-point average.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: *Cliff Dochterman*

Larry Hutchings reported that the Cliff Dochterman Celebration of Life ceremony will be held on August 13th 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 9th if you will attend at 209 931-4085 or cmennuti@comcast.net



RAFFLE WINNER: *Lisa Dubbets*

Our three-time guest is today's winner and will receive a Peet's or Starbuck's gift card.



HAPPYBUCKS

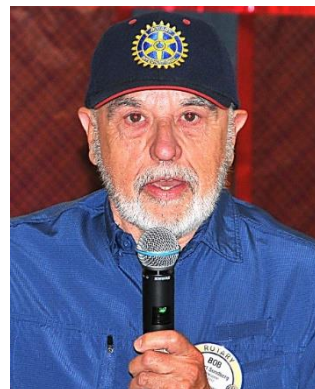
By Barbara Reifschneider.

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



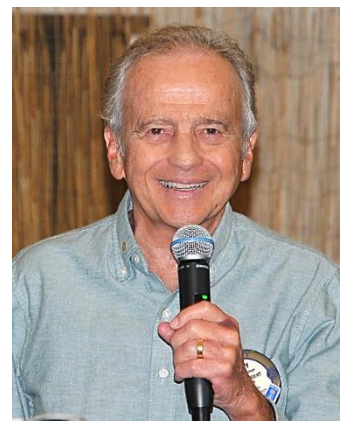
MARY KEMNITZ had a happy 5 bucks because A friend of hers from Rossmoor donated a vehicle. Bill Selb got an email from a pastor friend who was looking for a vehicle. So, it was sold to him for \$7,000.

BOB SUNDBERG had a happy 5 bucks because his new security system was being installed by non-other than Johnny Morgan and Mark you-know-who. He also was happy to have run into Steve Weir and his antique Packard at the Blackhawk Museum.



RICH LUECK had 5 happy bucks for Clayton delivering the backpacks and school supplies.

LARRY HUTCHINGS had a happy buck for networking and being able to hopefully get much needed medical equipment for the new clinic.



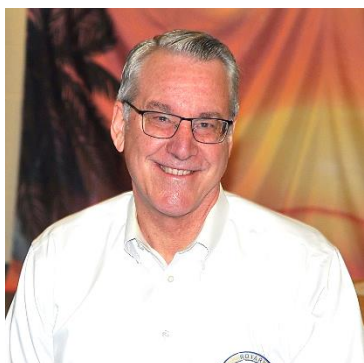
JOHN WENZEL had a happy five bucks today. John wanted to let us know to keep our guard up when it comes to Ponzi schemes. John is also into the ladybug lady. John has decided that he is going to help the ladybug lady distribute personal care items to homeless women.



MONICA FRAGA Monica gave a happy buck because she is leaving on a cruise.



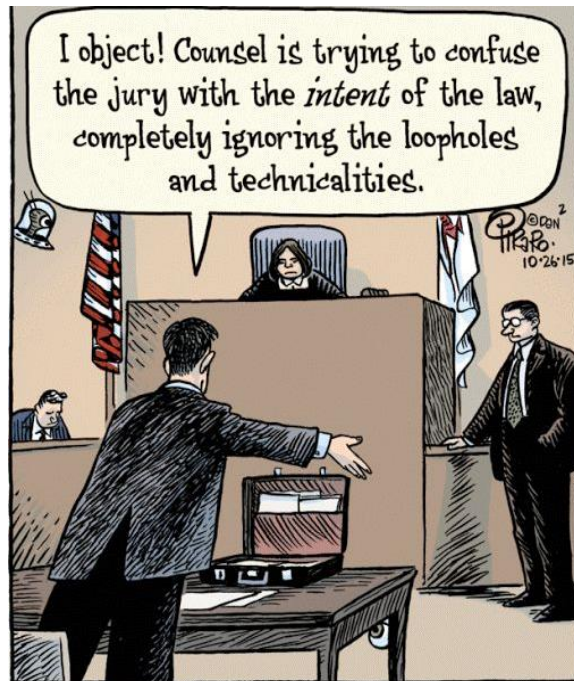
BOB HOOY has an indifferent buck because his son is off to Kuwait



FUNSTUFF



"That's where we add the fine print."



BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU PROMISE

An old man and woman were married for many years, even though they hated each other. When they had a confrontation, screaming and yelling could be heard deep into the night.

The old man would shout, "When I die, I will dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life!"

Neighbors feared him. They believed he practiced black magic, because of the many strange occurrences that took place in their neighborhood. The old man liked the fact that he was feared.

To everyone's relief, he died of a heart attack when he was 68. His wife had a closed casket at the wake.

After the burial, she went straight to the local bar and began to party as if there was no tomorrow.

Her neighbors, concerned for her safety, asked, "Aren't you afraid that he may indeed be able to dig his way up and out of the grave and come back to haunt you for the rest of your life?"

The wife put down her drink and said, "Let him dig. I had him buried upside down and I know he won't stop and ask for directions!"

ALWAYS CHECK YOUR PUNCTUATION

One silly typo can destroy your life!

A husband wrote a message to his wife on his official trip and didn't realize he was missing an 'e' at the end of a word.

"I am having such a wonderful time! Wish you were her"

In reply, she sent the divorce papers.

THE ZEN HOTDOG

So, the Zen master steps up to the hot dog cart and says, "Make me one with everything."

The hot dog vendor fixes a hot dog and hands it to the Zen master, who pays with a \$20 bill. The hot dog vendor puts the bill in the cash drawer and closes the drawer.

"Where's my change?" asks the Zen master. The hot dog vendor responds, "Change must come from within."

...that's all folks.

