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2/14/23 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom

2/15/23 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
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THE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP

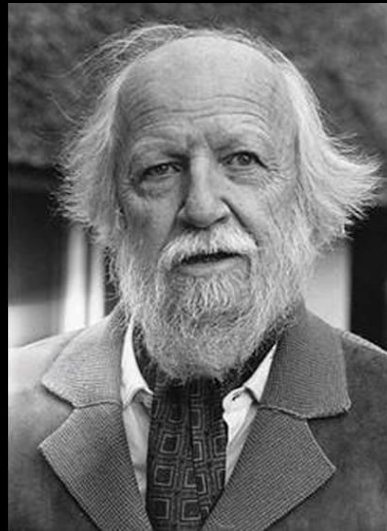
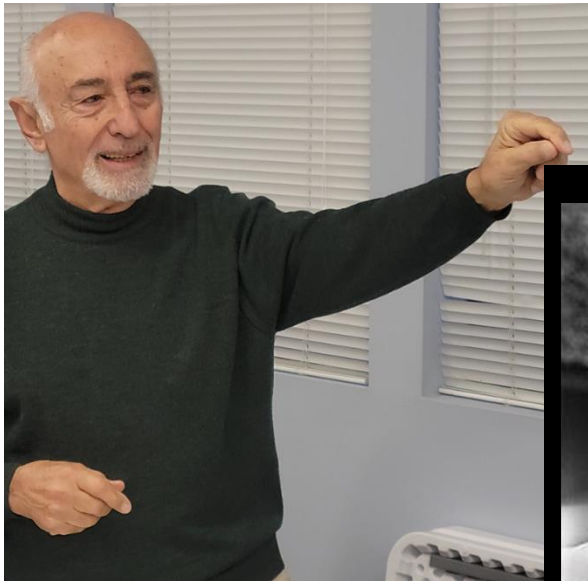
The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants. **Rotary Foundation Chair Susie Lim** presented **Monica Fraga**, 12-year Rotarian, with the Paul Harris Plus 5 recognition. Mary Ann Kemnitz, an 8-year member of our Rotary received the Paul Harris Plus 8 recognition.

MORNING RITUALS



Vicki Sexton led us in the Pledge while **Hugh Toloui** made a killing as the Mystery Greeter. **Bob Sundberg** was asked to recite the Four-Way Test.

And Hugh also presented the Thought for the Day.



Sir William Golding
regarding women

I think women are foolish to pretend they are equal to men, they are far superior and always have been. Whatever you give a woman, she will make greater. If you give her sperm, she'll give you a baby. If you give her a house, she'll give you a home. If you give her groceries, she'll give you a meal. If you give her a smile, she'll give you her heart. She multiplies and enlarges what is given to her. So, if you give her any crap, be ready to receive a ton of shit!

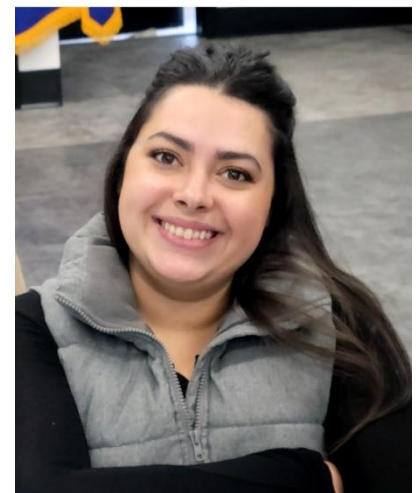
TODAY'S SPEAKER: *Monica Fraga*

Past President and Board Secretary Monica Fraga brought us all up to speed on the situation in the tourist industry. Monica, as you know, is the owner of Travel-to-Go and is a 12-year Rotarian. She talked about the horrors due to Covid and assured us that people are very eager to start traveling again.



CAMP ROYAL & CAMP VENTURE: *Seeking Campers*

New Generations Director and President Elect Molly Avilez is seeking campers to send to Camp Royal and Camp Venture again this year. Both camps are for current high school juniors. **Camp Royal** (June 5-10) focuses on developing the campers' personal awareness and unique leadership potential. **Camp Venture** (June 21-25) is for budding entrepreneurs, students who might be interested in the world of business and designing and pitching a goods or services. The feedback from the campers is always the same: they weren't sure what to expect going in or even whether they really wanted to go, but they give rave reviews when they get back. If you know any high school juniors who might be interested in one of these camps (they should be, whether they know it or not), contact Molly. This is one area where nepotism is okay; many CVCS Members have had their kids or grandkids attend these camps.



CHARITABLE FUND:

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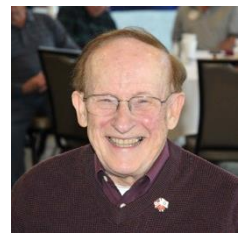
MARY KEMNITZ



RUSS ANDERSON



BOB SUNDBERG



BILL SELB

Board Chair Larry Hutchings announced the 2023-2024 Charitable Fund Board of Directors. He also reported that the CF set aside \$5,200 matchings funds for 26 students to participate in the San Felipe Scholarship Program. They also donated \$1,000 to the Vacaville Soccer Organization.

BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA: *Troop 484*

Russ Anderson reported that we are now part of the BSA Troop 484 located in Clayton at the foothills of Mount Diablo. They are part of the Muir District within the Mount Diablo Silverado Council. Troop 484 is comprised of 40 scouts five of whom are girls. The Scouts are led by 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.



CARS 2ND CHANCE:

President Mary Ann told us that a motor home with only 17,000 miles was donated, and **Dave Kemnitz** will show it to a person who is looking at the trailer for use as an office. Stay tuned.

HOME TEAM: *Adopt-A-Street New Schedule*

Mark your calendars: **Kimberly Soibelman**, Code Enforcement Officer of the Concord Police Department, wants us to know that the 2023 Adopt-A-Street schedule has been finalized. Please note they have dropped the number of events from 4 to 2. The scheduled events for our club will be on Saturday, April 8, 2023, and Saturday, October 7, 2023.



GRANTS: *John Wenzel Reporting*



Is your club considering a District or Global Grant in 2023? The 2023 District and Global Grants Day is your chance to learn about the process and discuss successful previous projects. You will hear from representatives of the District Grants Committee, Global Grants experts, and prior grants awardees from throughout District 5160. Each club that wants to apply for a District Grant needs **at least one person** in attendance; however, it is strongly encouraged that the person who will be completing the grant and the President-Elect attend the training via zoom. Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - 1/28/23.

UGANDA: *Deb and Herb Reporting*

The Dynamic Duo Deb & Herb report that yesterday they had a delivery of a bouncing baby girl. Both parents are teenagers staying with their parents. No wonder the mother hid away from the camera. However, they have pledged to support them with family planning at no cost and also added them on our reproductive health sensitization program.



Torsten Jacobson replied to Deb's announcement: "Thank you, Deb, Glad they are getting involved in the family planning birth control program. According to the UN's family planning program Population Fund (UNFPA) as well as Population Connection the average number of pregnancies in 3rd world countries per woman is 6 1/3 in single teenagers. When birth control is available, including safe abortions, there is a 70% drop in unintended pregnancies, unsafe abortions, and maternal death.

SAN FELIPE: *Scholarships & Cancer Walk*

SCHOLARSHIP

Rich Lueck and **Clayton Worsdell** are once again putting together the Grace Kutchy 2023 scholarship program. They noted that last year's 2022 program supported 52 students who must pay to attend high school. Sign up now.



CANCER WALK

Tina Sweeney said that "the Cancer Walk is Saturday, April 22nd and any Rotarians that come down to San Felipe we will house them somewhere."

MOST POPULAR FUNDRAISER

Torsten Jacobsen reported that this past week our partner club held one of its most popular annual fund-raising events called A Taste of San Felipe, an event that is extremely popular and to which dozens of folks look forward each year. For a \$20 ticket they get to visit a dozen and a half of restaurants along the Malacon waterfront that offer delicious seafood d'oeuvres. Big hearted Gene, who also is very active in setting up and supporting shelters for both needy folks and pets even assisted in the performance of 96 neutering in one day this past week (of animals, just to clarify) worked to set up the whole tour while Wonder Rotarians Tina and Mike did much of the "logistics." The event brings in thousands to the Rotary Fund while all the food prep and service is done by the restaurants so that even Rotarians themselves can participate and enjoy the gastronomic delights!

Tina reported that there were 296 participants at this event. The net profit was \$5,287. The funds will support community programs and services enhancing the lives of individuals of all ages, from youths to seniors. Our next fundraiser will be February 23rd. It will be a new fundraiser for us. The proceeds will go to the Cancer Center.



HAPPY BUCKS: *Barbara Reifschneider*

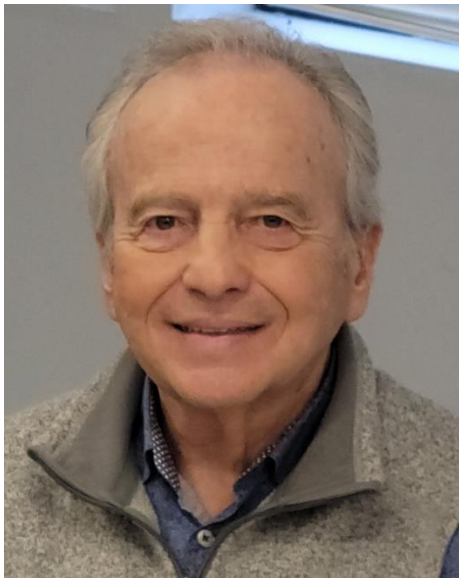
JOHN WENZEL was five bucks happy as he announced that his daughter and his mother are celebrating their birthdays today. Here is his daughter, Elyse, and her Nonna, Rosi.

Elyse turns 4 and Grandma Rosi turns 88. Happy birthday from all of us here at our Rotary club.



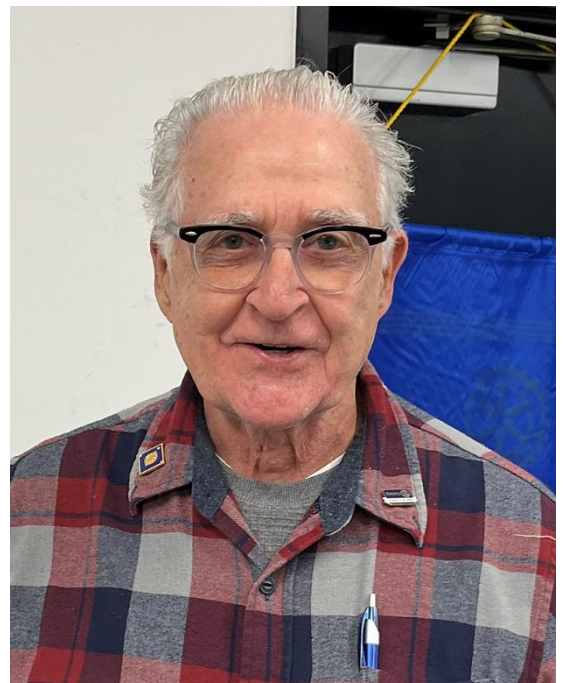
LARRY HUTCHINGS and **DENNIS** took a three-day vacation to sunny San Diego. They even visited the famous zoo where they got caught in the rain.

VICKI SEXTON and **John** had a great time in Yellowstone National Park where they swear they saw all five thousand bison that make the park their home.



MARY and **DAVE KEMNITZ** picked up their new truck from Lehmer's Concord--Russ's company. Russ was so happy that he donated \$100 to the club. Way to go, Russ.

CLAYTON WORSDELL was way happy to tell us that his next-door neighbor is bringing our Art in a Box program to their board's attention. Last week's speaker, Toby Weiss, was the inspiration.



HELP WANTED: *Russ Needs You—Yes, You*

SAA Russ Anderson has Lots of opportunities for all of you to help out at our club meetings and it's really easy. **Susie Lim** signed up to do the signage installation and take down. How about you?

Set up and Take Down: Arrive at 6:45, Hang banners, put tablecloths on tables, put bell and gavel on podium, put badge box on table. Put away after meeting.

Thought for the Day: We all have them. So, let's hear them.

Mystery Greeter: Find out who in the club doesn't like to say, "good morning." If you would like to be the Mystery Greeter please let me know and don't "Reply All" when emailing back.

AND THE WINNER IS... *Russ Anderson*

Today's winner of the \$10 Starbucks gift card is the one and only 11-year member **Russ Anderson**.



FUNSTUFF: *Bill Selb*



CRAZY DRIVERS

Farmer John lived on a quiet rural road. But, as time went by, the traffic slowly built up at an alarming rate. The traffic was so heavy and so fast that his chickens were being run over at a rate of three to six a day. So one day Farmer John called the sheriff's office and said, "You've got to do something about all of these people driving so fast and killing all of my chickens."

"What do you want me to do?" asked the sheriff.

"I don't care, just do something about those crazy drivers!" So the next day he had the county workers go out and erected a sign that said: SLOW--SCHOOL CROSSING

Three days later Farmer John called the sheriff and said, "You've got to do something about these drivers. The 'school crossing' sign seems to make them go even faster."

Again, the sheriff sends out the county workers and they put up a new sign: SLOW: CHILDREN AT PLAY That really sped them up. So, Farmer John called and called and called every day for three weeks. Finally, he asked the sheriff, "Your signs are doing no good. Can I put up my own sign?" The sheriff told him, "Sure thing,

put up your own sign." He was going to let the Farmer John do just about anything in order to get him to stop calling every day to complain.

The sheriff got no more calls from Farmer John. Three weeks later, curiosity got the best of the sheriff and he decided to give Farmer John a call. "How's the problem with those drivers. Did you put up your sign?" "Oh, I sure did. And not one chicken has been killed since then. I've got to go. I'm very busy." He hung up the phone.

The sheriff was really curious now and he thought to himself, "I'd better go out there and take a look at that sign. It might be something that we could use to slow down drivers." The sheriff drove out to Farmer John's house, and his jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign. It was spray-painted on a sheet of wood:

NUDIST COLONY. GO SLOW AND WATCH OUT FOR THE CHICKS



...that's all folks.