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2/14/23 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom

2/15/23 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
Zoom



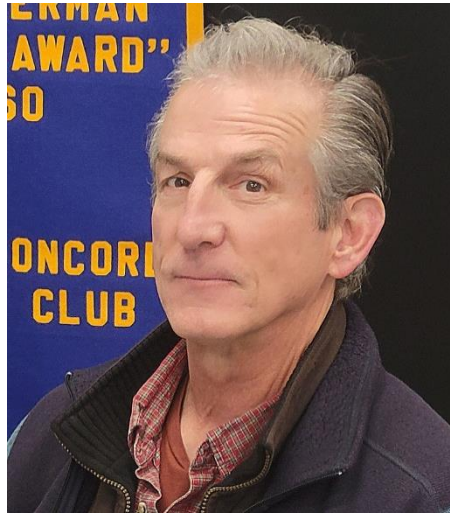
HUGH TOLOUI BECOMES A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



THE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP

Larry Hutchings donated 1,000 of his points to Hugh Toloui who then became a Paul Harris Fellow. Rotary Foundation Chair Susie Lim and President Mary Ann Kemnitz presented Hugh with the medal and certificate. Hugh is an 18-year member who financed the Uganda Clinic and spent many years working at the Food Bank. His wife, Architect Flor Toloui, designed the clinic.

MORNING RITUALS



Monica Fraga led us in the Pledge while **Eric Rehn** led us in the Four-Way Test. **Rich Lueck** served as Mystery Greeter who made a killing because only four members said hello to him.



Irene Davids-Blair presented the Thought for the Day.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: *Eric Elam*

Eric Elam is the Vice President of Business Development and Integration, Stryker of **RP Hope**.



Eric is Richard Lueck's son-in-law who married his daughter, Carin Elam, in 1999. He studied Mechanical Engineering at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Then, earned an MBA from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management, graduating in 2000. He's worked for medical device companies for close to 25 years, 21 of those years at Stryker. Work moved him and his family from California to Texas back to California then to The Netherlands for five years, from 2017 to 2022. It was during this time in Holland, Eric and Carin learned of their daughter's retinal eye disease, Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP). In 2021, the family founded RP Hope. To learn more, visit www.rphope.org

Eric said that the mission of RP Hope is a place the public can visit to find information about Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP), a rare genetic disease that leads to blindness. We serve to educate the public and RP patients on this disease. The Board of Directors are Eric Elam, Tim Geistlinger, Kevin Unger, and Lyndon Elam. Carin is the Development Project Manager

MEET THE FAMILY



BOOK DONATION

Eric and Carin signed the book that will be donated to the Clayton Library.

GREAT NEWS: *A Helping Hand for a Ukrainian Family*



President Mary Ann reports this fantastic news: "The Benevolence Vehicle, for the Ukraine Family that arrived in the Bay Area last November, was approved by our Charitable Board at a special meeting on Thursday evening. We are working in partnership with the Lamorinda Rotary, the Jewish Family Community Center, and Keeping Our Promise. The vehicle is a gently used 2006 Lexus RX 400H donated to our C2C program and the donor was extremely excited that his vehicle would go to such a humanitarian cause."

We truly are a giving club.

C2C PRESENTATION: *The Dave and Mary Show*

President Mary Ann Kemnitz said she gave a "shout out" to Clayton and Larry as they joined Dave and her Tuesday morning when they went to do a C2C presentation at the Fairfield Suisun Rotary.

Larry said it was the first time he had ever watched the "Dave and Mary Show" and it was especially fun as when Dave is presenting Mary has a habit of butting in with her 2-cents which does seem to irritate Dave. Larry said, however, that they were quite entertaining, and it was a great fun-filled presentation. Mary said: "What can I say? I can't help myself! After all these years I am still so excited about C2C."

William Wesley, Life Coach and Author, is the incoming president of Fairfield Suisun Rotary. He will be speaking at our club in a few weeks.



SAN FELIPE: *Tineke Jacobsen's Visit*



While Torsten and I were fortunate to be able to escape the problematic rainstorms in California, we were even more delighted when Tina Sweeney (who handles scholarships for 323 High School students and 43 University students) arranged for us to meet with 4 of our 6 students at Restaurant "Rosita" on the San Felipe Malecon.

We received charming Christmas Greetings from all six as well as their grades by mail. We decided to reciprocate with a small gift and a snack with drinks at Rosita right around "Día de Los Reyes, which is the traditional gift giving day in Mexico.



The students that met with us were Kazumi, Natalie, David, and Johanna. In just a few moments they warmed up, were chatty, and giggly and delightful to be with. We talked about their current interest in sports and hobbies, what they were doing during Christmas vacation, what their educational and career goals were.

It is heartwarming to hear of their dreams for their future, and I would like to share some of them with you. Kazumi loves math, and she is looking to join the Mexican Naval Academy in Mexico City to become a nurse. David's hobby is computer science programming, which he wants to study at University after he has taken a break from High School to save money for his studies. He is the middle child of 3 siblings. Natalie likes writing, poetry and wants to study journalism. She had made a painting for us of the San Felipe Arches. Johanna loves to make

U-Tube videos, films, and design. She wants to pursue her studies in these fields. Upon their request, I shared with them how hard students have to work when studying in the US, and I used my own story to illustrate that.



We asked them to sing the National Anthem of Mexico, which they did, however, not to their desired level of perfection. They will have Johanna do a makeover in a U-tube video and send us the link, which I will share with you. I was especially impressed with the San Felipe Rotary Club when I learned yesterday that they had just deposited the money for the University students' tuition. I hope you enjoy hearing this example of how your student is also grateful of your support and how you would feel when in their presence where they can personally thank you.

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

Tina Sweeney said University is usually 4 years and is \$500 the first year due to testing and \$400 the next three. (medical field is six years total). Two of our University students graduated midterm. One is in the medical field and the other lawyer field. To send them to college for the medical field was \$2,500. That is school, internship and social service which they have to pay for. That would not even be a semester in the US." Thank you again for your support. **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 CORRECTION

Tina Sweeney said "I am so sorry. I made a BIG mistake. The Cancer Walk is on Saturday, April 15th (NOT April 22nd). We will still find homes to house Rotarians come down BUT we will not be there. We will be in Costa Rica until the 19th and will not be back in time. "

WINE RAFFEL: *Total Member Participation is a Must*



Treasurer Vicki Sexton is heading up this year's Wine Barrel Raffle. It will be held on March 16 which means we have just 39 days to pull this off.

What we need is every member to donate two bottles of wine worth at least \$20 or more. Or, don't like shopping, then a \$40 cash donation will be accepted. Vicki will be ready to come to your house and pick up your wine contribution or accept your check.

Vicki is meeting with the printer to get the raffle tickets printed. Tickets will be \$25 each. **John Wenzel** is working on the permit that is required when holding raffles.

The money we raise from this event will be given to school scholarships.

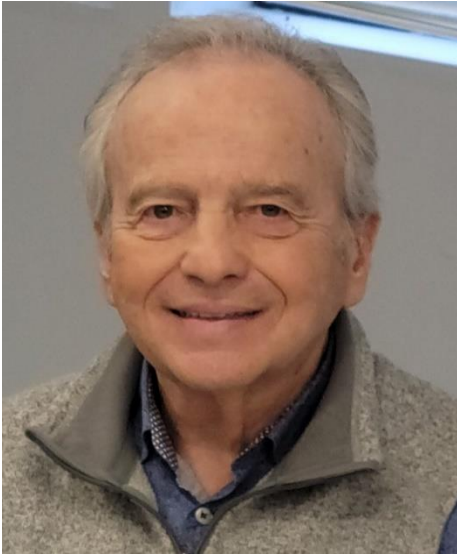
DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE?

In his spare time, **Rich Lueck** composed this chart so we can finally see what us golden oldies really are. Believe it or not, many of us are "the Silent Generation."

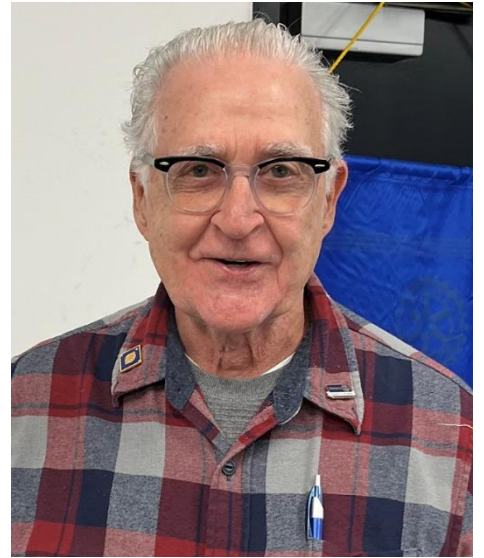
Which Generation are You?				
Generation Name	Births Start	Births End	Youngest Age Today*	Oldest Age Today*
The Lost Generation The Generation of 1914	1890	1915	108	133
The Interbellum Generation	1901	1913	110	122
The Greatest Generation	1910	1924	99	113
The Silent Generation	1925	1945	78	98
Baby Boomer Generation	1946	1964	59	77
Generation X (Baby Bust)	1965	1979	44	58
Xennials	1975	1985	38	48
Millennials Generation Y, Gen Next	1980	1994	29	43
iGen / Gen Z	1995	2012	11	28
Gen Alpha	2013	2025	1	10

(*age if still alive today)

HAPPY BUCKS: *Barbara Reifschneider*



LARRY HUTCHINGS and **CLAYTON WORSDELL** had a happy two bucks today. Larry and Clayton accompanied Mary and Dave to the rotary club of Fairfield Suisun. Our club is going to donate a car to an Afghan family! Looks like we may be getting another partner to join our car second chance.



IRENE DAVIDS-BLAIR had a happy buck today. She told us about how she was just a little bit late to last week's meeting and there wasn't any food left—just a doughnut.

So, Barbara shared her sandwich with Irene as a fly began buzzing around their heads. Eventually the fly took a nosedive into Irene's cup of coffee—and that was one way to get rid of that pesky fly.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



The big eight-o goes to **Rich Lueck** who used this blow torch to light his **80 candles**. Yup, Rich moves into the 80s column while **Susie Lim** turns 75. **Vicki Sexton**, **Barbara Reifschneider**, **Bob Sundberg**, and **Bob Hooy** are all celebrating birthdays but they did not share their ages.



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.

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... *Joan D'Onofrio*

Today's winner of the \$10 Starbucks gift card is **Joan D'Onofrio** who was absent and did not get a chance to tell three facts about herself-- one of which is not true. Can you identify the one that is a lie?

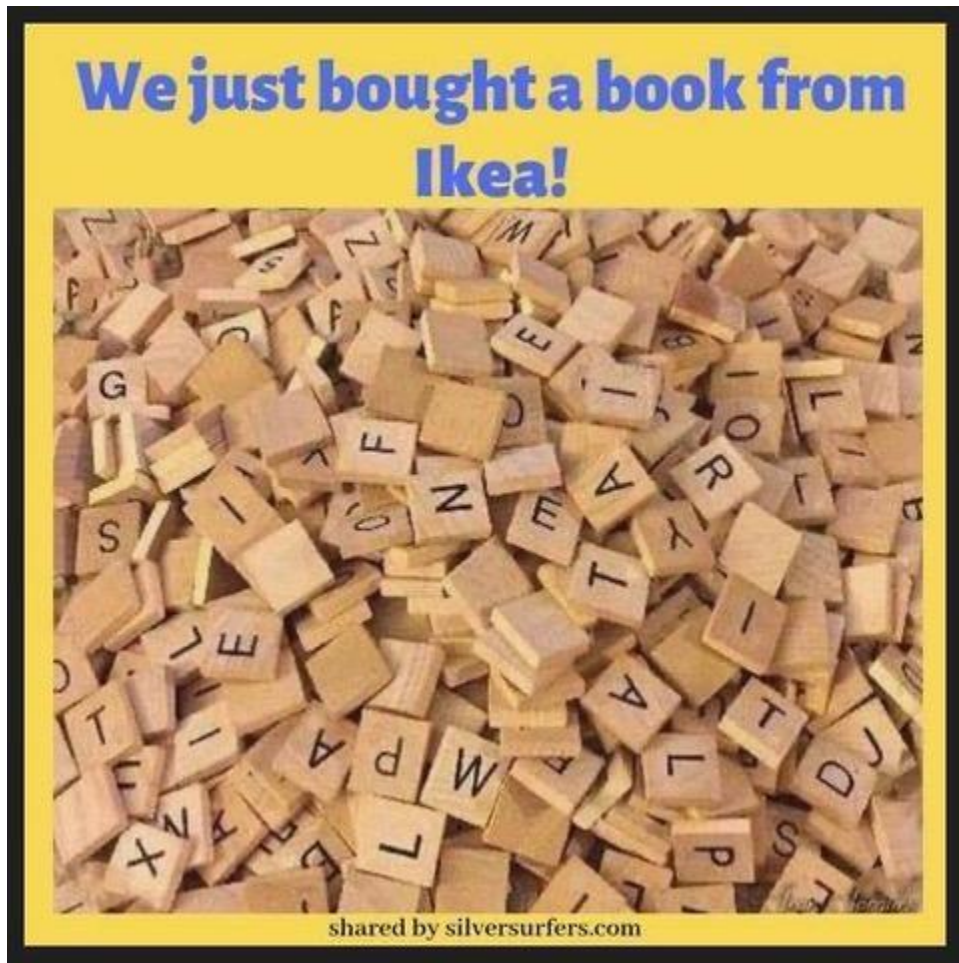


1. I worked as a temp one summer in New York City when I was 19 years old. One of my assignments was a two-week clerical stint at Radio City Music Hall. While there I filled out an application to become a Rockette.

2. When I was the production and design director at a legal publishing company in the 80s, one of the authors I worked with was Benjamin Ferencz who had been the lead prosecutor in the Nuremberg Trials.

3. Also in the 80s when I was living in New York, I was seated next to Robert Mondavi at a charity ball. He provided the wine and when he asked me how I liked the one he supplied, I told him I don't like wine—"never touch the stuff" I said. He couldn't stop laughing. I had no idea who he was.

FUNSTUFF: *Bill Selb*



A MILK BATH

A blonde heard that baths in milk would make her beautiful. She left a note for her milkman Dave to leave 25 gallons of milk.

When milkman Dave read the note, he felt there must be a mistake. Dave thought she probably meant 2.5 gallons. So, he knocked on the door to clarify the point.

The blonde came to the door and the milkman said, "I found your note asking me to leave 25 gallons of milk. Did you mean 2.5 gallons?"

The blonde said, "No, I want 25 gallons. I'm going to fill my bathtub up with milk and take a milk bath so I can look young and beautiful again."

David the milkman asked, "Do you want it pasteurized?"

The blonde said, "No, I just want it to reach my chest so I can splash it on my eyes."



...that's all folks.