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4/11/23 Board Meeting 7 AM
Zoom

4/12/23 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM
Zoom



SAN RAFAEL VOLUNTEER RECEIVES PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD



A WOMAN OF ACTION

This past Monday Melissa Prandi received the City of San Rafael and San Rafael Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the year 2023 award. It is now called the Public Service Award for giving back many years to her local community and beyond. Read on and discover why she was honored.

TODAY'S SPEAKER *Melissa Prandi*

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Today's speaker, **Melissa Prandi**, MPM®, RMP® President/CEO of PRANDI Property Management, spoke to us about her 41-year career as a Marin County native and became a Rotary volunteer extraordinaire. She lived exclusively in Marin County her entire life and that is where her passion to give back to her community and beyond was born.

From the Rotary Club of Mission San Rafael, Melissa was a Past President and is currently serving as the club's membership chair where she was recognized for bringing in and sponsoring more than 25 members. She enjoyed two years of service at District 5150 where the team was recognized as Number one in bringing in new members and membership retention for the entire Rotary Zone.



Melissa has served on many non-profit and chamber boards over the years such as the former Hospice By the Bay, Fair housing of Marin, Rotary Club of Mission San Rafael, and the business advisory board for Bank of Marin. She is a big supporter and sponsor of Giving Marin, 100 Marin, as well as many other local charities. She is currently serving as the president of a ladies group called the Women's Leadership Philanthropy Council based out of Dominican University (WLPC) where women are supporting and mentoring diversity and inclusion.

Melissa went on an H2Opendoors and Hygiene Rotary international trip to Uganda where she oversaw, with the team, the distribution of a total of 1,400 hygiene kits in a much-needed place. Now over 2650 girls have received hygiene kits as well as the education.

She said her life was changed forever when the Melissa Prandi Childrens Foundation was born. She is proud of the 150+ children that are in schools in Uganda and the women empowerment sponsored and supported by many great Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, friends, and the MPCF foundation.



President Mary Kemnitz accepted the Rotary flag from Melissa, and it will be added to our banner. We in turn asked Melissa to sign the book that we will donate to the Clayton Library.



What's Next?

Opening an orphanage/child care center for abandoned newborns with a goal to get the young mothers back in school.



FROMUGANDA: *Deb Reporting*

Greetings from Uganda and Nsawo village in particular.

Just so you know, it's now the rain season in Uganda. Therefore, the prevalence of malaria is high with in the communities. Secondly, most families make use of the opportunity of the season to plant food crops for the livelihoods of their families. This in turn has led to a low turnout of mothers to the clinic to immunize children as they spend most of the time in the garden.

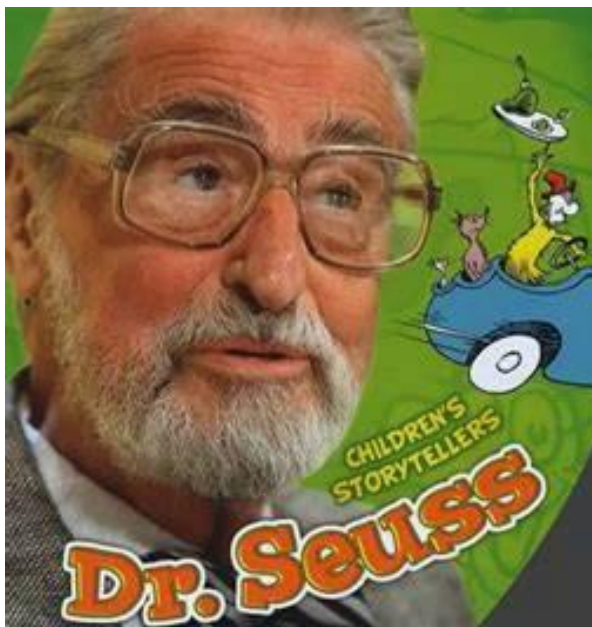
The clinic has therefore come up with a program to carry out outreaches in central areas in the villages we serve to ensure that the services are brought closer to the people; for example rapid testing of malaria. immunization, de-worming, health talks, etc.

Attached are some of the pictures of an outreach that was carried out at a church where 24 children were vaccinated. The tricycle ambulance is very instrumental in transporting the medical personnel and the vaccines. And thanks for helping make the world a better place for under-served communities.



MORNINGRITUAL

Don Ouimet led us in the pledge while **John Wenzel** recited the Four Way perfectly. **Rich Lueck** was the Mystery Greeter. He also offered up two Thoughts for the Day.



"Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So, love the people who treat you right. Forget about those who don't. Believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would most likely be worth it."

RESPECT

Show respect to people even when they don't deserve it. Respect is a reflection of your character, not theirs. –Dave Wills

UPCOMINGEVENTS

ADOPT A STREET



Here are the City of Concord Adopt-A-Street volunteers who participated Saturday morning: David, Rich, Bob S, Bob H, Clayton, Susie, and Barbara from the Clayton Valley-Concord Sunrise Rotary Club. They are the Rotarians in Action this morning who helped keep our city clean by picking up litter along both sides of Clayton Road between Ygnacio Rd and Ayers Road. Clayton said "We filled 6+ extra-large contractor bags with trash. Well done Rotarians! Thank you and Happy Easter."

BUTTERFLY GARDENS

We need your help at the Butterfly Garden in Newhall Park on Earth Day, Saturday April 22, 2023, at 9:01 am. Like last time we will be spreading cardboard to cover with wood chips. Please bring cardboard. The city will purchase "Butterfly" plants for us to install. **Please confirm you will be there:** rich.lueck@gmail.com / faultlinepix@gmail.com

WINE BARREL DRAWING APRIL 22 at 6 PM

Wine Barrel Chair Vicki Sexton said there are still many raffle tickets that have not been sold. **Russ Anderson** keeps donating wine, but ticket sales are very slow. Remember that this fundraiser is for the student scholarship program.



STRIVE TO THRIVE

President Mary Kemnitz reminds us that we can bring clothing donations to our meeting next week and we will get them to the Youth Homes organization.

HAPPYBUCKS



LARRY HUTCHINGS had a happy buck this morning. Larry was happy about all the collaboration that he had going on with Deb and Herb in Uganda, many years of happy times.

RICH LUECK had a happy buck for everyone stepping up for students in the San Felipe scholarship program.



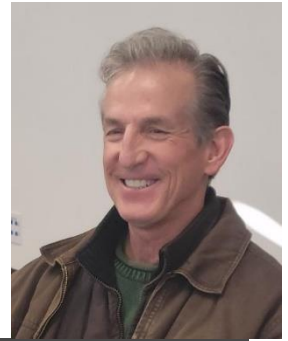
JOAN D'ONOFRIO had four happy bucks in celebration of completing the filling of 40 boxes for the Art in a Box program. She had help from Clayton, Carol, Lois, Flor, and Hugh.



SUSIE LIM had a happy two bucks. Susie's two daughters took her to Napa where they had a wonderful time looking at all the beautiful gardens and sipping a little wine along the way.

HELPING THE HOMELESS: *Eric Rehn on the Move*

Eric Rehn is a member of the newly formed Homeless Strategic Plan Working Group commission. Try to attend the April 24th meeting.



Hello members of the Homeless Strategic Plan Working Group,

We would like to share some important reminders and information with you.

- If you have not already done so, please send the information for the individual that will serve as your alternate for the Homeless Strategic Plan Working Group. The alternate should be from the same organization or have the same field of expertise as the seat of the primary member. We would like to finalize this list by Friday April 6th.
- As part of the Homeless Strategic Plan Project, we are working to upload relevant background information and resources onto the project webpage. We will have documents up this week and will notify the Working Group members when new data is available via the [webpage](#). Please continue to submit questions or request to leng.power@cityofconcord.org.
- As members of the Working Group, we would like to invite you to take part in the upcoming webinar hosted by the East Bay Leadership Council on ending chronic homelessness and will feature a conversation with Rosanne Haggerty, President & CEO of Community Solutions. Event details:

Date / Time / Location
Monday, April 24, 2023
6 PM
Concord Senior Center.

- The next Working Group meeting will be on **Monday April 24th, 2023**, at 6pm at the Concord Senior Center. We will send an invitation link to be sure it is on your calendar. Please contact leng.power@cityofconcord.org with any scheduling questions.

THE GALLERY

FROM AUSTRALIA “THE LAND DOWN UNDER”
Queensland and the Northern Territory

Fellow Rotarian **Helene “Bo” Morse** from the Rotary Club of
Paddington sent us these beautiful Butcher Birds.



Thank you, Bo

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... That's all folks.

