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MEETINGS
Board 6/13
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AND THE WINNER IS... Academy Awards & Installation Banquet



More than an awards banquet—it's a Rotary Wow-ness!

District Governor Suzanne Bragdon said, "Yes, we are talking about July 8th – our **Annual Rotary Awards and Installation Banquet** – this year with a total **Academy Awards** vibe and continues to be about the stories." Rotary District 5160 will be celebrating the 2022-23 Rotary Year and our transition into 2023-24 at the Historic Elks Tower in Sacramento, which is close to the mid-point of drive time from Redding in the north and San Ramon and Berkeley in the south. Clubs are submitting their nominations in 7 categories including special 2-minute videos that say, "We Are Rotary!" and will have a chance to vote at the pre-event. We have other surprises in store that will entertain, inspire, and reaffirm "why" we are Rotarians, and great take-aways to support our Rotary journey.

MORNING RITUAL



Vicki Sexton led us in the flag and **Susie Lim** was the **Mystery Greeter**.
Our guests were **Meredith Annable**, Vicki's sister, and **Umeeka Sheena**, today's speaker.

Thoughts for the Day is from **Jeff Wilson** who, on May 31st, celebrated his and **Yvonne's** 15th wedding anniversary:

A man doesn't know what happiness is until he's married. By then it's too late. —*Frank Sinatra*

We were married for better or worse. I couldn't have done better, and she couldn't have done worse. —*Henny Youngman*

Before you marry a person you should first make them use a computer with the slow internet to see who they really are. —*Will Ferrell*



WE NEED TO KNOW: *Tell us what you think*

Why are you not attending the Thursday morning meetings? Send your thoughts, concerns, suggestions to: CLAYTON ROTARY, BOX 4, CLAYTON CA 94517 or send an email.

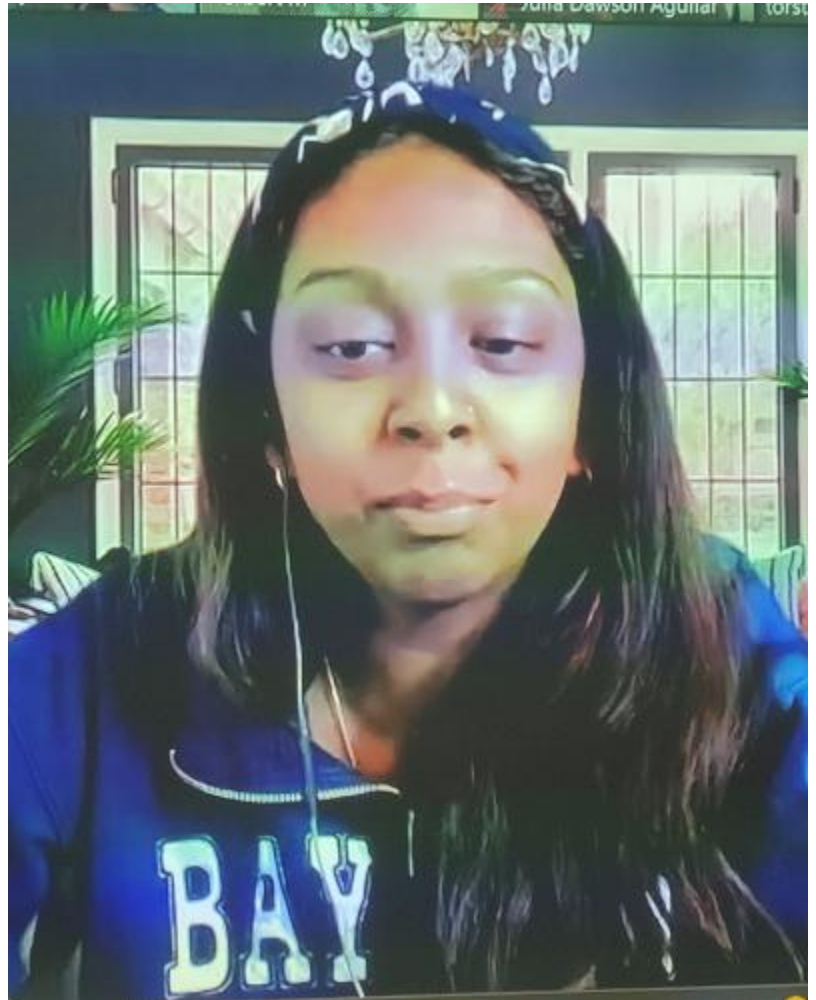
TODAY'S SPEAKER: *Umeeka Sheena*

Today's speaker, **Umeeka Sheena** is a first generation Fijian Indian American. Spoke to us about "**Year Up**" a national non-profit organization that equips young adults with the skills, knowledge, and experience that today's businesses demand, and ensures these young adults reach their full potential and thrive in professional careers.

"Year Up" offers students:

- A pathway to turn students' talents into a way to reach their career goals by providing access to some of the world's leading companies.
- A true community of like-minded, motivated young adults and mentors who support each other's success.
- An opportunity to transform themselves and their lives.

Year Up's mission is to close the Opportunity Divide by ensuring that young adults gain the skills, experiences, support that will empower them reach their potential through careers and higher education.



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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Umeeka was raised in a low-income community in East Palo Alto for the majority of her life. She was the first in her family to not only go to college but receive a bachelor's degree in psychology from UC Merced. Much of her career has been spent in the education field, with roughly four and a half years working with young adults in Community Colleges.

When she is not busy supporting young adults as a coach and a recruitment manager, she enjoys spending time with her daughter, Maya, who is two and a half years old, her husband of almost six years and two dogs, Henry and Hercules.

CLUBNEWS

FATHER'S DAY RUN FOR ROTARY!



Jeff Wilson reports: We are looking for sponsors. The Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise Rotary Club is hosting the This will be a fun family event in Clayton to support the local schools. The FATHER'S DAY RUN FOR ROTARY will happen on (surprise) Father's Day, June 18, 2023.

The 5k race starts and finishes at Clayton Community Park. Each runner is professionally timed. This will be a run/walk event with a FREE kids 400m race! Our goal is to raise \$15,000+, with which we will support the local elementary and middle schools. Furthermore, you're welcome to be our guest at our weekly 7am meeting on Thursdays at 1300 Alberta Way, across from Clayton Valley Charter High School.

We Need Your Support! Unfortunately, limited school and city budgets cannot provide enough financial support to our schools and community programs. We need your help to keep our programs and community smart, strong, and healthy. We are requesting monetary donations or in-kind donations for items that can be used to support/promote the race. It will be a lot of fun for your firm to interact with the estimated 250 participants and their families.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Bronze \$150 - Name on race t-shirts

Silver \$300 - Name & logo on t-shirts, website, and booth space

Gold \$750 - Name & logo on t-shirts, website, booth space, business profile on our club's Facebook page.

Platinum \$2,000 - All of the above + large logo on shirt and other advertising requests

NOTE: when you send us your logo, please make sure that it is in EPS line art and print ready. Make checks payable to Clayton Valley-Concord Sunrise Rotary Charitable Fund Inc and mail them to:

Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise Rotary
PO Box 4
Clayton, CA 94517

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Jeff Wilson at jeffwilson@kw.com

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP: *Pancake Breakfast*

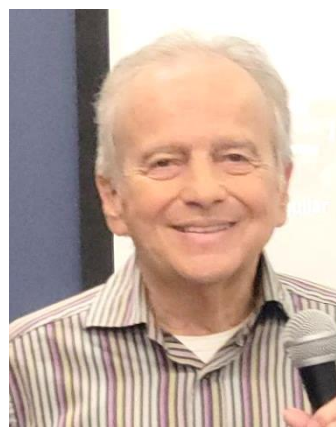
Jeff is also working on the Pancake Breakfast which is even more work. He stressed the need for sausages. Only five weeks left. Be sure to let Jeff know how you can help.

POLIO: *Have You Donated?*

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones says, "We have never worked so hard to find the cure. We are aggressively going after that virus wherever it takes place. We are most definitely on track for the goals that we set ourselves in the strategy."

Will 2023 be the year when we say "Good Bye to the Wild Polio virus"? It is within reach, so please run the last mile with us by donating today to help end polio. Have you made your donation yet for this Rotary year? We are in the final stretch. Remember for every \$3 you give is doubled by the Gates Foundation. That means that \$9 will protect three children from polio. And the \$100 you pledged to give each year is also doubled, saving 100 children. The Gates Foundation will double every dollar up to 50 million. We're doing great so far, but we're not there yet.

UGANDA: *Nets Urgently Needed*



Deb Luyiima and **Herb Muyinga** reported that presently there is a high prevalence of Malaria as it is the rainy season now and many of the families lack mosquito nets. The medical personnel have been overwhelmed by the turn up of malaria cases, especially among the children since most of them had to be admitted for at least two days. All cases have been successfully handled.

Larry Hutchings proposes that if they could buy 50 mosquito nets now, then 50 in a couple of months to get them through this rainy season which goes through August. They will be distributed through the clinic so they can verify they will be used properly (some homes don't have beds, which is necessary for the nets to be useful). This will build an inventory for the next rainy season. They are very grateful for our support towards the prevention of malaria which is the number one killer disease in Uganda. In the meantime, they will use the available funds at the clinic to procure the first 50 nets and distribute them next week. They are waiting for the wire transfer that **Torsten Jacobsen** is preparing to be finalized. Deb said that this takes a very long time.

Larry proposed that we pass the hat at next week's meeting. "Dennis and I are in for \$50; our neighbor is in for \$20." Deb also said that during the month of May they continued to reach out within the villages they serve. She said, "we have focused on immunization of the children, family planning, and reproductive health talks. Like I shared earlier this month we delivered another baby girl. I guess the more the girls we produce the more peace in our society."

WE'RE ALL INVITED

Stephen Humble, President of Diablo View Rotary Walnut Creek, is passing along this opportunity to join their club on a "field trip" to the Park Theater in Lafayette. They will be touring the theater and learning about their vision for the future.

Stephen said." *Have you ever wondered what it is like on the inside of the Park Theater in Lafayette? Come join the Diablo View Rotary club on a not-to-be-missed tour of the long-closed historical theater and learn about the exciting vision for the future of this building and how it will impact the region. Fresh popcorn will be served.*" Call 925 348-0663 for more information. 5:45PM Tuesday June 6th at The Park Theater, 3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette, CA 94549



THE SYNERGY THEATER: *Join us*



Kenn Adams, Artist Director of the **Synergy Theater**, will be coming to The Leshner Center for the Performing Arts in July. Its feature is called *A Roll of the Dice: An Improvised Play at the Mercy of Chance!* There are six characters, six locations suggested by the audience, and six dice. Before each scene of this completely improvised play, we roll the six dice and only those characters whose number comes up on at least one of the dice can appear in the scene. Then we roll another dice to see where

the scene will take place. It's absolutely hysterical to watch the characters continuously justify why they are in the scene together and why they are meeting in that particular place – all the while, keeping the thread of the improvised story intact.

There are student and senior discounts and group rates available. This would make a wonderful outing for the members of our Rotary Club, and I hope we consider putting a group together. Here are the details:

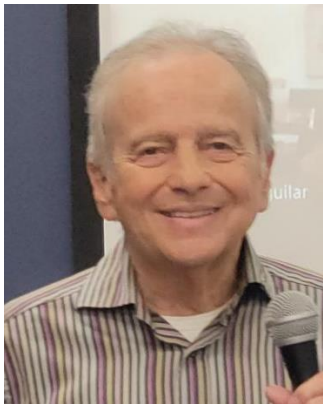
A Roll of the Dice: An Improvised Play at the Mercy of Chance

Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, CA
July 13 – 23| Thursday – Saturday at 8:15 pm and Sundays at 3:15 pm

For more information: Kenn Adams Artistic Director, Synergy Theater (925) 408-8540 Kenn@SynergyTheater.com

ROTARIANS AT WORK

PROMO DEMO: *Holy Cow, that was fast*



What happened to the 2022-2023 term? **Larry Hutchings** reported that this year the party will be held exactly where we had it last year: The Stanley Dollar Clubhouse at Rossmoor in Walnut Creek.

What we know for sure is it will be held on Saturday, June 24.

ART IN A BOX: *The Grant*

Turn to page 15 in the Diablo Gazette that published our houseless children and art supplies project. **John Wenzel** prepared the application and sent it to the District Grant Committee. Now we wait.



THE NEW DG WILL VISIT ALL CLUBS



The 2023-24 DG Claire Robert's will be visiting all Rotary Clubs and has sent the dates and times of her visits to all club secretaries. Please check your version for accuracy. And confirm that this date works for you and your members. A reminder will be sent out 3-4 weeks prior to Claire's visits to confirm the meeting location and other logistics. If you have an event on your calendar that you would like Claire to attend, please let her know at your earliest convenience as her calendar books up fast.

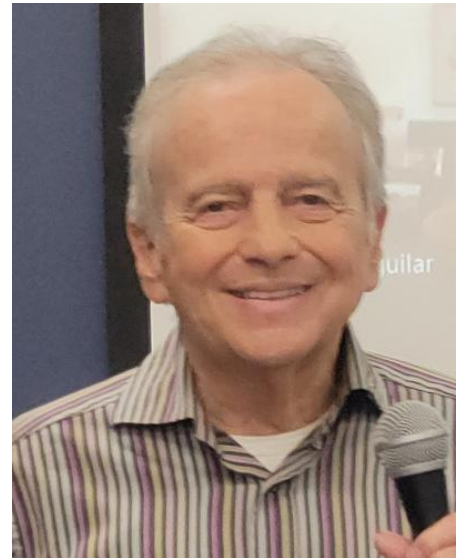
HAPPYBUCKS

Barbara Reifschneider



VICKI SEXTON is back, and she is way happy. Her granddaughter will be graduating from Clayton Valley High School this weekend and her sister is visiting. She is thrilled to be back doing her treasury duties, so she gave a happy buck!

LARRY HUTCHINGS gave a happy five bucks for his two-week vacation in England. While he was there he visited friends and he enjoyed seeing the sites.



CLAYTON WORSDELL had 10 Happy bucks this morning for Carol 's ongoing recuperation. She's getting stronger and stronger every day. The good news is her scans came back cancer free.



JOHN WENZEL was happy this morning and gave a buck for the Odyssey of the Mind program that we sponsored. The event was massively successful.



FUNSTUFF

Bill Selb

GUESS WHO WON THE RAFFLE?



I think I'm
approaching
my "Best if
Used By" date.

Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.

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Everybody knows somebody that has a car they don't need. Tell your friends about how we administer this vehicle donation program with volunteers so that the charity they choose gets the highest value. Donate online at Cars2ndChance.org or call for more information: (925) 326-5868.

... That's all folks.

