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MEETINGS

Board 7/11
Buttercup 7am

Charitable Fund
7/12

AND THEY'RE OFF



JULIA FARTHING KITAY

Director Jeff Wilson is happy to report that all volunteers for the Father's Day Run today showed up at the lower lot baseball field of Clayton Community Park and the race got off to a great start. The race started at 8am and the kids run at 9:30am. Awards were presented at 10am. This is the first year we are holding this event and is the culmination of a year and a half of planning. We are hopeful that this can turn into one of our biggest fundraising events ever in the years to come.

The really big news this morning is the fact that our prospective member, **Julia Farthing Kitay**, donated \$2,000 to this event!!!! This is an incredible donation, so when you see her again, please let her know how appreciative we are. She will be submitting her application for club membership soon.

Thanks everyone for all for your help!

MORNINGRITUAL



Visitor Dave Kemnitz led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **Bill Selb** was the Mystery Greeter and author of the Thought for the Day. **Eric Rehn** recited the Four Way Test.

Thought for the Day is from **Bill Selb**:



Whatever women do, they must do it
twice as well as men to be thought
half as good.
Luckily, this is not difficult.

--Charlotte Whitton 1896-1975

Canadian feminist and first woman mayor of Ottawa

And don't forget, they do it backwards and in high heels.

Our guests: Dave Kemnitz, Julia Kitay, Jeff from Shanghai, Speaker Tamara Steiner, Ian Wenzel, and members of the Odyssey of the Mind Team.



JEFF

JULIA



IAN WENZEL



TAMARA STEINER

TODAY'S SPEAKERS

Tamara Schneider

Today's speaker, **Tamara Schneider**, Editor and Publisher of The Pioneer, told us The Pioneer is a print newspaper and source of LOCAL news for Concord and Clayton. Their professional editorial staff covers city hall, politics, people, sports, performing arts, schools and recreation. Look for columns from local writers on design and decor, hiking, real estate, technology, history, births and deaths. Special features and columns by locals include astrology, gardening, technology, golf, real estate, investing, health, movies, religion and relationships. Several special sections throughout the year include Automotive, Senior Living and Weddings. The Pioneer is locally owned and published by our lifelong residents Tamara and Bob.



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER



Tamara Schneider, born and raised in the Bay Area, graduated in 1978 with a BA and MBA in Political Science from Cal State Hayward. She and her husband, Bob, owned and operated Pacific Business Center in Pleasant Hill. The business was fun, but she really wanted to get to work with a hot cup of coffee, wear jeans and take her dog Lucky with her. They bought the Clayton Pioneer in 2003 that is now known as simply The Pioneer. They expanded into Concord with The Concordian in 2007, into Pleasant Hill in 2021, and are celebrating their 20th anniversary this year. She and Bob, a retired banker, have been married for 47 years, have six children, ten grandchildren, five great

grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild between them. Morgan Territory in Clayton has been home for 50 years. She is a compulsive hiker, and, when not at her computer, she's somewhere on the mountain with Lucky.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND: *The Team*



John Wenzel brought the Odyssey of the Mind team to speak to us today. They participated in the jam-packed **Odyssey of the Mind World Finals** in Michigan and told us about their experiences and all the fun they had. Here are some of the photos they showed us.



CLUBNEWS

Academy Awards & Installation Banquet

More than just awards, July 8th is an event full of wonder and excitement. An in-person event that all members will enjoy with takeaways to add to each of our Rotary Journeys. Carrying through with the themes of the 2022-23 and 2023-24 Rotary years, July 8th is the event of the Rotary calendar not to be missed. Here are the highlights:



An exquisite 1920s locale in Sacramento, the Historic Elks Tower

- Walk the red-carpet gauntlet beginning at 5:15 PM
- Mingle with old and new friends while eying the Hollywoodesque vibe
- Ogle over and bid on the dessert auction treats offered by each of our 12 Assistant Governors to add to your table's dining experience.
- Search for surprises and tokens of appreciation that await our assistant governors/executive team members (remember the collages of each club Presidents' social-media life unveiled?) and "walk of fame stars" for our current club presidents.
- Enjoy a multi-media program honoring our nominees and award winners in seven distinctive categories, along with special awards and recognitions
- Celebrate the transition in leadership at the District and Club level (infused with humor and merriment).

RI President Jennifer Jones – Historic Auction Item: If that's not enough to grab you, we will be displaying a special art piece for auction created by *RI President Jennifer Jones' brother, renowned artist Darren Jones*. Only six hundred copies exist in the world. Funds raised go toward the End Polio Now campaign. One million dollars has been raised to date. Our room block has been expanded at the Sheraton Grande Sacramento hotel, with rates set at \$169/night. We have been notified that we will not be able to expand the block at this rate a third time – so do not miss out!

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Mureleen Benton

Just heard from **Mureleen Benton** who was our 2012-2013 President and Editor of this newsletter. She informs us that she uses many of our jokes since she is the joke teller for her club, the Coeur d'Alene Sunrise Rotary. She said, "We LOVE our home and new location."



POLIO: *Have You Donated?*

Rotary Foundation Director Susie Lim reminded us that the legacy of our work to eradicate polio won't be just the elimination of the disease. Our legacy will also be how the tools we created and the lessons we learned are used to save lives from other preventable diseases. In Zambia, the tools and lessons from the work to end polio are already being used in the fight against malaria. She showed us a video made for World Polio Day 2022 in Pakistan and learned that as of December 2022, there were only 30 cases of polio reported: two in Afghanistan, 20 in Pakistan, and eight in Mozambique.



As President Jennifer Jones said: "We have never worked so hard to find the cure. We are aggressively going after the virus wherever it takes place and are most definitely on track for the goals that we set for ourselves"



NEXT FUNDRAISER: *Pancake Breakfast*

Jeff Wilson said **Irene Davids Blair** and **US Bank** donated the sausages. Only three weeks left. Be sure to let Jeff know how you can help and if you are attending. the Boy Scouts, the Village People and HOSA students will be helping.

UGANDA MOSQUITO NETS: *Thank You*

Deb Luyiima and **Herb Muyinga** send their thanks for raising funds for the nets. **Vicki Sexton** reported that we passed the hat and, because we earned over \$500, **Torsten Jacobsen** will match it. We will send the funds to Uganda, and they will buy 50 mosquito nets now, then 50 in a couple of months to get them through this rainy season which goes through August.

ROTARIANS AT WORK

PROMO DEMO: *Only One Week Left*

Larry Hutchings reported that this year the party will be held exactly where we had it last year: The Stanley Dollar Clubhouse in Rossmore, Walnut Creek. Let us know if you/guest are coming. **Saturday, June 24 at 5:30 PM \$35 per person.** Dinner is catered by Back 40 Barbeque.

ART IN A BOX: *The Grant*



President Mary Kemnitz worked diligently to garner donations from other Rotary clubs in our area and, man, did she succeed. Here are the donations being made—so far:

Concord Main	\$1000.00
San Ramon	\$ 500.00
Lamorinda	\$1000.00
WC Noon	\$1000.00
WC Morning	\$ 500.00
Concord Diablo	\$ 500.00

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



TORSTEN JACOBSEN is happy to report, having recently returned from San Felipe and our sister club, that our Cancer Center, despite recent financial hardship because of Covid, is doing well and much appreciated by the local community. Now after 17 years, tens of thousands of exams and many lives have been saved. Several influential and prominent locals appreciate the club's enormous benefit to the community and, in fact, this coming year for the first time the president Francisco Sosa, a local resident, is a great guy with a raucous laugh and lots of energy.

BILL SELB was so happy this morning, that he gave five happy bucks. WHY? Because as much as he loved doing and being in charge of the Annual Pancake Breakfast, he's even happier to be an advisor.

JULIA FARTHLING KITAY, today's guest, gave a happy 100 bucks this morning because she really wants to join our club. NOTE: She also donated \$2,000 to the Father's Day Run.



CELEBRATIONS

This Month's Wedding Anniversaries

MARY & DAVE KEMNITZ 50 YEARS



BILL & EMILY SELB 56 YEARS



JOHN & KRISTYN WENZEL 14 YEARS



DON & BEA OUIMET 58 YEARS

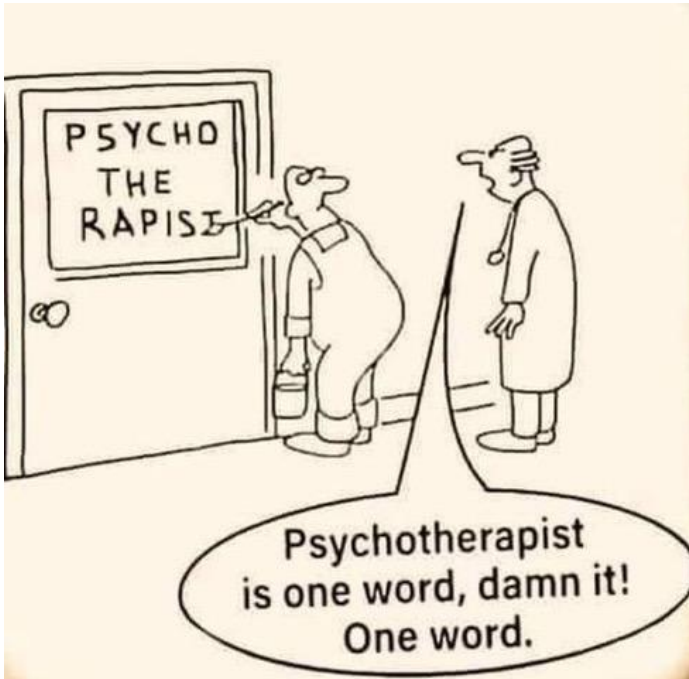


6/26/1965 DON WAS 26 and BEA WAS 21

...AND THE WINNER IS



FUNSTUFF



"The starting pay is \$40,000. Later it can go up to \$80,000. " Great. I'll start later."

Trust science. Studies show that if your parents didn't have children there's a high probability you won't either.

Only in math problems can you buy 60 melons and no one asks, "What is wrong with you?"

When the pool re-opens, due to social distancing rules there will be no water in lanes 1, 3, and 5.

When I get a headache I take two aspirin and keep away from children, just like the bottle says.

Just once, I want the user's name and password prompt to say, "Close enough."

If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed. We're having a meeting.

"Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40-minute flute solo."

I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime.

Tip for a successful marriage: Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she's mowing the lawn.

So, you drive across town to a gym to walk on a treadmill?"

“Only two more meetings.”



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 but wait...

One more thing...

Happy Father's Day

After hearing a Mother's Day sermon in 1909, a Spokane, Washington woman was inspired to create a similar holiday that celebrated fathers. Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in 1882, is recognized as the founder of Father's Day. Dodd, who died in 1978, was raised by a twice married, twice widowed Civil War veteran with 14 children. As a result, she wanted to honor "loving service" of fathers.

In 1910, she brought a petition before the Spokane Ministerial Alliance to recognize "the courage and devotion of all fathers" like William Dodd on June 5, her dad's birthday. The local clergy liked the idea of a special Father's Day service, but couldn't pull something together so quickly, so they settled for the third Sunday in June.



