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MEETINGS

Board 6/13
Buttercup 7am

Charitable Fund
7/12

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER



BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER is not only our Club Services Director but our Sunshine Ambassador as well. She joined Rotary on February 1, 2001, and was instrumental in becoming our Club's first female President 2009-2010. Barbara was **Rotarian of the year in 2007** and is a Paul Harris Fellow. As our Club Service Director, she is our consummate party planner and organizer of our racetrack and bocce ball events. She also writes the Happy/Grumpy Bucks column in this newsletter. After a lengthy career with Pacific Bell, she retired and joined Trader Joe's where she worked for the past 14 years. Barbara grew up in San Mateo. She and husband, Mark, live in Concord.

MORNINGRITUAL



Bob Sundberg led us in the pledge and **Larry Hutchings** was the **Mystery Greeter** and made a killing. **Hugh Toloui** gave the **Thought for the Day**. **Susie Lim** did the **Four Way Test**. Our guest was also our speaker **Chief Richard McEachin**.

Thought for the Day is from **benefactor Hugh Toloui**:



Aging is unavoidable,
but getting old is optional.

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

Richard McEachin.

Today's speaker, **Chief Richard McEachin**, believes small town policing is about service and keeping the community running smoothly. He expects to keep revelers safe at Clayton's yearly main events, Oktoberfest and the Art & Wine Festival. He said, "It takes a special kind of officer to work in a small community." "You've got to really want to get out there and be involved in the community and not just respond from call to call." McEachin is more civic-minded than City Hall-minded. He speaks about working in Clayton with sincere fondness, punctuated with respect for those in his employ.

He shared that he is proud to lead a really enthusiastic group that loves serving this community. His plan s to keep everybody happy and enthused as far as their patrols and interaction with the public.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Chief Richard McEachin was born and raised in Antioch and graduated from Antioch High School. He attended the Napa Valley College Police Academy in 2003 and has been a Police Officer since then. After 11 years in Clayton, He went to Oakley when they first formed their own PD. In 2018, he was hired by the City of Dos Palos as their 18th Police Chief. He was hired in November of last year by the City of Clayton to return as their 17th Police Chief. He has 2 grown children and no grandchildren yet.



CLUBNEWS

UGANDA MOSQUITO NETS: *We Did It*

Larry Hutchings announced that we passed the hat and earned over \$500 which means **Torsten Jacobsen** will match it and send the money to Uganda. They can 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.



POLIO: *Have You Donated?*

Rotary Foundation Director Susie Lim showed us a video made for World Polio Day 2022 in Pakistan, We learned that as of December 2022, there were only 30 cases of polio reported;

2 Afghanistan
20 Pakistan
8 Mozambique

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"

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. We are in the final stretch. Remember for every \$3 you give it 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.



RUN FOR ROTARY: *City Council*

Jeff Wilson our Membership Director, Run for Rotary Chair, and Pancake Breakfast Co-chair gave a stunning presentation before the City Council and here is what he said:

"My name is Jeff Wilson, I am a resident of Clayton and a Broker Associate with Keller Williams Realty, but real estate is not the reason for my being here today. I want to thank Mayor Wan for inviting my Rotary Club, known as the Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise Rotary Club, to speak with you all this evening. With me is Robert Sundberg, our club's incoming president.



The purpose of our being here today is, ultimately, to bring awareness of our club to the residents of Clayton by speaking a bit about the projects we work on both locally and around the world. Many of my fellow residents are aware of the 4th of July Pancake Breakfast that we host each year, and that we have been hosting for almost three decades. This is a fundraiser for our club that helps us raise money for the projects we are involved in. Some of those projects include:

Adopt-A-Family Program: Our club supports several needy families with gifts and food items on holidays.

Camp Venture (business/entrepreneurship): Camp Venture is a 4-day, summer camp/entrepreneur experience for incoming senior high school students. It is designed to help teach the students how to run their own businesses after graduation.

Clayton Library Foundation: Each week the regular speakers at our club sign a book that is donated to the Clayton Library in lieu of a speaker's gift. The club provides the books at the direction of the Clayton librarian then completes the process by giving the book to the library.

Junior Optimist Baseball League: We donate money to the league, and they provide surplus or outdated equipment and uniforms that we in turn donate to our Twin Club project in San Felipe, Baja, Mexico.

Rotary International Polio Eradication Program: Since its beginning in 1987, our club has been donating to The Rotary Foundation for the worldwide eradication of Polio. Each member has pledged to donate at least \$100 a year and so far our club has donated over \$145,000.

International Vision Volunteers: We support a Rotarian run Eye Hospital in Zambia, Africa treating thousands of eye patients annually.

Adopt-A-Village Project: Since 2011, our club and three Ugandan clubs have adopted the 2,500 residents of the Nsawo Village--, through a series of Rotary global grants and district grants to establish and sustain health and education programs. We have recently completed construction on a pediatric clinic which was much needed in that area.

San Felipe, Baja Mexico: We've partnered with our twin club to establish and support a cancer screening clinic and hospice. Thousands of local men and women have used the screening facility over the years. In addition, we have provided scholarship support for high school students to help further their education.

Local Park Programs and Street Improvements: Markham Park, Concord, is an environmental project where we help restore the plants and the grounds in the gardens of Markham Park, through the donation of labor and money.

All of these projects require money. This is why we have such fundraisers as the Pancake Breakfast, and we look forward to everyone's support in our fundraising efforts. Our next fundraising event will be on Father's Day. You all may have heard of our 5k Running event that will support the PFC's for both Diablo View Middle School and Mount Diablo Elementary. This is an inaugural event, and we initially had a goal of raising \$10,000-15,000 from this but being that it is the first year we are holding this event, we may not get close to that! We need both registrants as well as sponsors, so if anyone here, or joining us via zoom owns a local business, it might be a good opportunity to get your name out there!

In closing, I want to formally invite our City Council, city employees, and the residents of Clayton to join us in one, or more, of our weekly meetings at 1300 Alberta Way in Concord every Thursday at 7am. Our upcoming speakers will be Chief of Police Richard McEachin, this coming Thursday, and Mrs. Steiner with the Clayton Pioneer on the 15th. Thank you, once again, for your time and allowing us to spread the word about our club. Our goal is to grow our club so we can be even more successful with our charitable projects."

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP: *Pancake Breakfast*

Jeff Wilson said the Boy Scouts, the Village People, and HOSA students will be helping. He stressed the need for sausages. Only five weeks left. Be sure to let Jeff know how you can help.

UGANDA: *A Boy at Last*



Deb Luyiima and **Herb Muyinga** reported that finally a bouncing baby boy was born yesterday to a 24-year-old mother of three—and here he is:



PROMO DEMO: *Holy Cow, that was fast.*

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. Let us know if you/guest are coming.

Saturday, June 24 at 5:30 PM \$35 per person Dinner from the Back 40 Barbeque

ROTANSAT WORK

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

Pleasant Hill and Martinez to be determined.

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



BOB SUNDBERG had a Happy 10 bucks this morning. Bob accompanied Jeff Wilson to Clayton city Council meeting and was blown away by the report Jeff gave to the Council members regarding the run/walk event. It was awesome.

RUSS ANDERSON had a happy buck this morning because the Concord police department called him once again. No, he didn't get up and run to his place of business. He went back to bed instead.



ALISON BACIGALUPO was 10 bucks happy this morning, and we all know why. Molly and Cameron tied the knot this weekend and made it official.



CELEBRATIONS

Length of Service



MARY KEMNITZ 8 YEARS



RUSS ANDERSON 11 YEARS

...AND THE WINNER IS

Torsten, Julia, and Ken were the actual winners, but they didn't show up, so it went to Alison.



FUNSTUFF

MEET THE SAUSAGE QUEEN OF 2023



SHE WILL BE CROWNED AT THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Clayton Worsdell said, "Here's a memory! Fun times at the Food Bank. Dec 31, 2013. With Hugh's family from Vienna. This is about the Vienna Sausages we were talking about at the meeting. Bob's "hat" is an upside-down Santa candy bowl."



“Only three more meetings.”



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...That's all folks.

