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BOARD MEETINGS

8/8 Board Meeting 7 AM
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MEET THE NEW 2023-2024 BOARDS OF DIRECTORS



President Bob Sundberg, President of Norcal Molecular, LLC, is a member of the Paul Harris Society and is our new President. Bob is a 20-year Rotarian who is not new to this position as he served as our 2011-2012 president.

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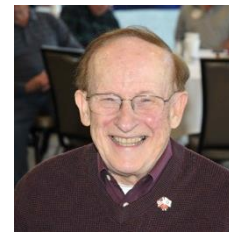
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THE SPEAKER

Alison Bacigalupo

ALISON BACIGALUPO, COO of Clayton Valley Charter High School, spoke to us today about the history of how Clayton Valley High School became a charter school and the role she played in it.



Clayton Valley High School (CVHS) was founded in 1958, as part of the Mount Diablo Unified School District (MDUSD) that served areas of Clayton and Concord as a regular public high school for more than 50 years. Converting CVHS into a charter school was first suggested in 2010. A petition was submitted to MDUSD on June 9, 2011, and the proposal was debated for several months. Part of the controversy was that CVHS students who did not wish to attend a charter school would be sent to other MDUSD high schools. The MDUSD Board of Trustees initially approved the proposal, then reversed its decision on November 8, 2011. Supporters of the charter movement filed an appeal with the Contra Costa County Board of Education, and on January 11, 2012, overturned the district's decision and approved the charter. As part of the transition, CVHS closed on June 30, 2012. Clayton Valley Charter High School's first school year was 2012–2013. This never would have happened if it weren't for the persistent dedication and team work of parents and teachers led by Alison.

About the Speaker

ALISON BACIGALUPO is the Chief Operations Officer of Clayton Valley Charter High School who has lived in the East Bay Area for over 25 years. She's an interior designer by trade and the mother of two sons. Alison was always active in her children's schools and classrooms. When the boys entered high school, Alison began working with a small group of teachers and staff who were instrumental in converting Clayton Valley High School into Clayton Valley Charter High School. Alison is a member of the Clayton Valley/Concord Rotary and serves as the Scholarship Committee Chair.



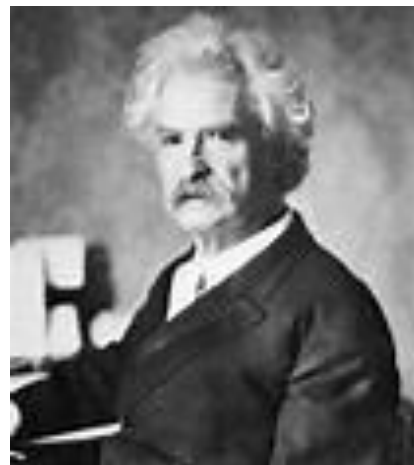
MORNINGRITUALS



Barbra Reifschneider led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Larry Hutchings** recited the Four-Way Test and **Russ Anderson** was the Mystery Greeter.

Thought for the Day

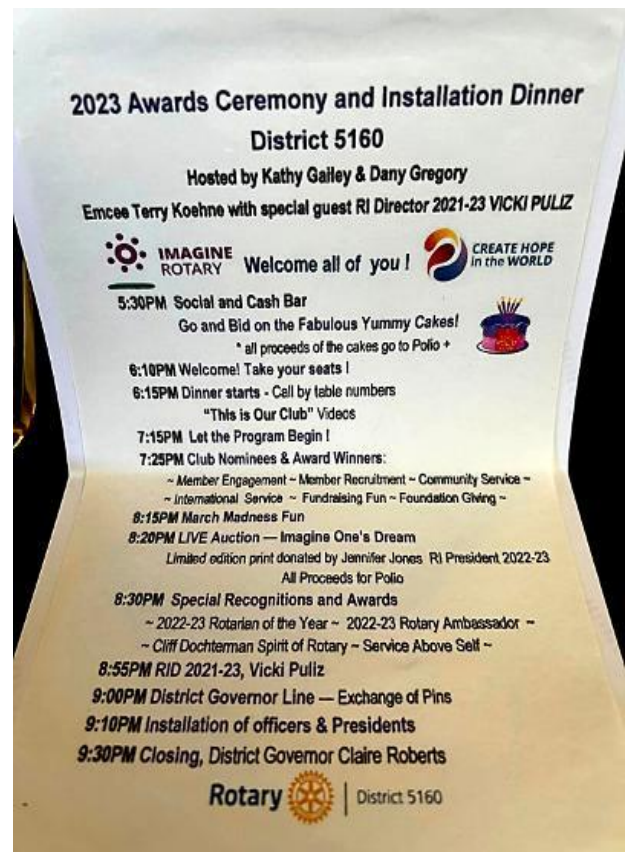
Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. —Mark Twain



CLUBNEWS

DISTRICT AWARD: *Larry Hutchings Honored*

Mary Kemnitz reported from District 5160's Installation and Awards Banquet that the Ambassador Award was presented to **Larry Hutchings**. District 5160 recognized a Rotarian as the first time ever Rotary Ambassador. Congratulations to Larry for his work spreading the word about Rotary and the Rotary Foundation that lead to a significant contribution to the Rotary International Foundation. Larry has been a dedicated member of our club since 1991 and has served as our club President, Charitable Board President, and International Service Director. Larry's leadership, commitment, and substantial involvement with Rotary have been an inspiration to fellow club members and all Rotarians who know him. Here is Larry accepting the honor and award from DG Suzanne Bragdon and Vicky Puliz. is the Rotary International Director and member of the Sparks Rotary Club.



COMMUNITY SERVICES: *Back in Business.*



HOUSEHOLD TASKS

Director Bob Huck was happy to report that the Home Team will be out and about helping seniors with household tasks on Saturday, July 29. Let Bob know if you want to help. Let Bob know if you know anyone who needs help.

BACK PACKS NEEDED

Bob said we will be partnering with the Concord Family Justice Center for backpack contributions to pre-K and second graders starting now. Bring as many bags as you can to our Thursday meetings. Flyers are on the table for complete information.

RIDE FOR ROTARY: *Vroom, Vroom, Vroom*

Torsten Jacobsen reported that District 3181 in Southern India has a truly unique and inspirational annual event called Ride for Rotary in which I participated in 2020 wherein 38 Rotarians from 17 countries participated. With a donation to their district charitable fund, one gets a week and a half 100% sponsored tour through gorgeous countryside with everything covered motorcycles with full take home gear, or car, lodging, meals culture and entertainment, visit to multiple clubs and projects etc. Not a cent (or rupee) spent. The next event will be in January. Clayton and I will present a short video at the next meeting. it is quite easy and efficient to visit the project in Uganda on the way and enjoy what that country also has to offer.



MESSAGE FROM THE RI PRESIDENT: *R. Gordon R. McNally*



"As we begin this journey together, I take inspiration from Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, who in the 18th century spoke of all the world becoming kin, promoting "Sense and Worth, over all the earth. This has long been my call to action, and I share it now with you.

Let us build peace within and spread it freely. Let us create belonging and imagine the future of Rotary afresh. Let us work together joyously as we Create Hope in the World."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SAN FELIPE: *Student Orientation*



Tina Sweeney, Rotary Club of San Felipe Scholarship Coordinator, reported that Saturday they held the first-year students' orientation. They received certificates for uniforms and shoes/socks, received a scientific calculator and were reimbursed 461 pesos they had to pay for testing to get into high school (receipt required). We talked about grades and that they needed to do community service through the Interact Club. (Sponsored by our Rotary Club). Here are photos of that day and information about your new student Angel Yael Atondo Lopez.



UGANDA: *Here Come the Boys and Soap*



Deb reported that two baby boys were born yesterday. One weighed in at 3.4kg (7lb 4oz) that was one of the smallest ever at our clinic. Both mothers and their babies are in good condition. Looks like now is the time for boys to be born.

THE SOAP PROJECT IS A SUCCESS

The interactors from SSAKU Secondary School in Nsawo village made liquid soap using simple solutions. They shared the soap with two neighboring primary schools, and the clinic. Thanks to **Haakon** and **Siri**. (**Torsten and Tineke's grandchildren**) who came up with the idea and funds to sponsor the project. Haakon and Siri through their mother, Dr Annelise Gaaserud, have pledged to keep supporting the project in abide to improve sanitation in schools and also reduce the risk of disease. We are very thankful on behalf of the Nsawo Community.

Deb and Herb said, "Wishing you all the best at the pancake breakfast."

HAPPYBUCKS

BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER

TORSTEN JACOBSEN is happy to rereport that after nearly 10 years his project with SIGN (Surgical Implant Generation Network) developed affordable instrumentation for skin grafting that is desperately needed around the world. Similar equipment in the US costs over \$11,000 whereas ours now is about \$500 and they will be supplying well over 300 hospitals worldwide in the near future. Initial supply has been distributed with very strong response. In the past year alone, SIGN had nearly 12,000 healed patients, 12 programs started with surgical instruments and orthopedic implants for treating fractures and 46 countries have received shipments.



AMBASSADOR LARRY HUTCHINGS gave a happy buck this morning because he found out that last week we had two possible grants one for the Mahamoe machine in Mexico and one in Uganda for a women's development center.



CLAYTON WORSDELL was 10 bucks happy for the scholarship that his grandson was given from Rotary.



RICH LUECK gave 20 happy bucks just for being back in action.



THE RAFFLE: *Bob Huck*



THE GALLERY

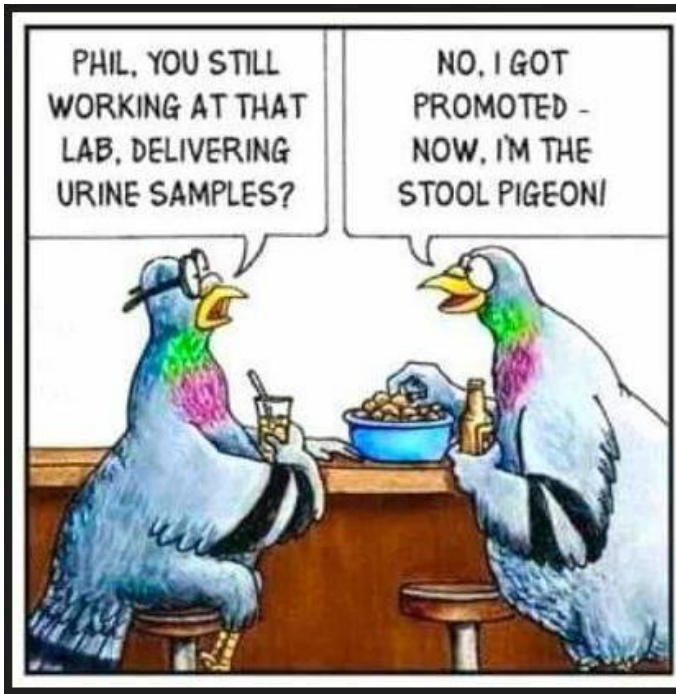
FULL MOON OVER BRISBANE



This photo was sent to us by Bo Morse our Rotary friend in the land down under. Thanks Bo.

FUNSTUFF

BILL SELB



MY KIDS LAUGH
BECAUSE THEY
THINK I'M CRAZY.

I LAUGH BECAUSE
THEY DON'T KNOW
IT'S HEREDITARY.

FUNDRAISER

A doctor, lawyer, and a Rotarian in charge of fundraising all die and arrive at the Pearly Gates about the same time. St. Peter tells them they may each have one thing to take with them to Heaven.

The doctor is first and asks for \$1 million. This is given and proceeds to enter Heaven. The lawyer, not to be outdone, asks for \$2 million. "Very well," says St. Peter and opens the gate to Heaven for the lawyer.

Finally, it is time for the Rotarian, who had just finished a fundraising project for The Rotary Foundation. St. Peter asks him what he would like to take to Heaven. The fundraiser moves up very close to St. Peter, and in a soft voice asks, "It it's not too much trouble, could I just have the names of those two people who were ahead of me in line?"

NOBODY BELIEVES SENIORS

An elderly couple was celebrating their 60th anniversary. They'd been childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood. Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked. They visited the old desk they had shared where Jerry had carved "I love you, Sally."

On their way back home, a truck spilled out a bag of money which landed at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and, not sure what to do there, she counted the money — fifty thousand dollars!

Jerry said, "We've got to give it back."

Sally said, "Finders' keepers."

She put the money into the back of the attic.

The next day, two policemen, who were canvassing the neighborhood, knocked on their door. "Pardon us but did either of you find a bag yesterday? they asked. Sally said, "No." Jerry said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic."

Sally said, "Don't believe him; he's getting senile."

The constables turned to Jerry and began to question him. One said, "Tell us the story from the beginning."

Jerry said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday...."

The first police officer turned to his partner and said, "We're outta here!"



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

