

2023 - 2024

NEWSLETTER STAFF

Editor: Joan D'Onofrio
Photo Essayist: Clayton Worsdell
Copy Editor: Lois Nelson
Historian: Rich Lueck
Reporter: Barbara Reifschneider
Reporter: Bill Selb

DISTRICT 5160

District Governor: Claire Roberts
Assistant DG: Cathy Durfee

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Bob Sundberg
President-elect: Molly Bacigalupo
Treasurer: Vicki Sexton
Secretary: Ken Nishimori
Sergeant-at-Arms: Russ Anderson
Vocational: Eric Rehn
New Generations: Molly Bacigalupo
RI Foundation: Susie Lim
Membership: Jeff Wilson
International: John Wenzel
Club Services: Barbara Reifschneider
Community Services: Bob Huck

CHARITABLE BOARD

President: Bob Hooy
Vice President: Russ Anderson
Treasurer: Vicki Sexton
Secretary: Mary Kemnitz
Irene Davids-Blair
Jeff Wilson
Bob Sundberg
Bill Selb
Hugh Toloui

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Programs/Speakers: Mary Kemnitz
Webmaster: John Wenzel
Historian: Rich Lueck
Scholarships: Alison Bacigalupo
Fundraising: Jeff Wilson
DV8 Ambassador: Mary Kemnitz

CONTENTS

Morning Ritual
Announcements / News
International News
Happy Bucks

BOARD MEETINGS

8/8 Board Meeting 7 AM
9/13 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM



WE DID IT ART IN A BOX AWARDED A DISTRICT GRANT

THE TEAM THAT MADE IT HAPPEN



PEOPLE OF ACTION

It does indeed take a village to come up with an idea, research it, and follow through to completion. That is precisely what these members did that led to receiving a district grant enabling our club to bring art into the world of homeless children.

MORNINGRITUALS



Barbra Reifschneider led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Ken Nishimori** recited the Four-Way Test and **Mary Kemnitz** was the Mystery Greeter. **Don Ouimet** gave the Thought for the Day.

Thought for the Day

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. —Helen Keller

Today's Guests



Scholarship winner Daniel Tejeda and his mom Cindy Brown Tejeda

THE SPEAKERS

Gary Parkhurst and Mike Brandy

Gary Parkhurst and **Mike Brandy** are both volunteers with the nonprofit Mount Diablo Interpretive Association (MDIA) founded in 1974. The association assists the California Department of Parks and Recreation in maintaining and interpreting of Mount Diablo State Park for 700,000 visitors each year. MDIA is currently leading a campaign to raise \$3 million to replace the existing aging trailer in Mitchell Canyon that currently serves as the Mount Diablo Visitors Center with a modern new Education Center.

Replacing the current 25-year-old portable trailer that currently serves as a visitor center with a more spacious, permanent, ADA-compliant Education Center will significantly increase access to Mount Diablo State Park for people of all backgrounds and abilities, and particularly for public school students. The new Educational Center would make it possible to accommodate school field trips to Mount Diablo State Park for the first time. Additionally, the center would provide indoor and outdoor education, natural history, and environmental science opportunities to all visitors, which are currently not available.

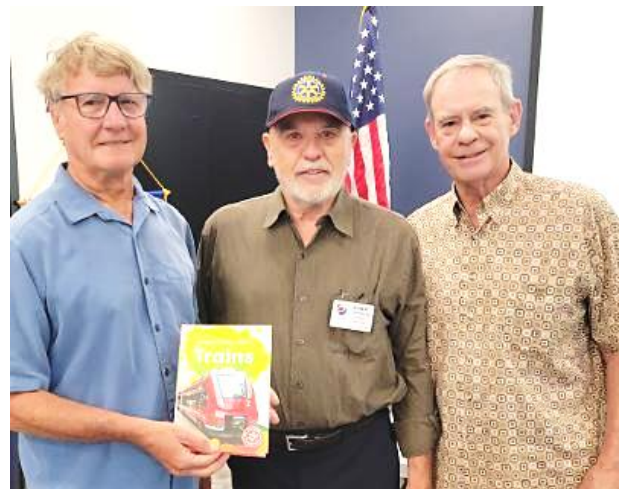


Moreover, the new building's energy-efficient, environmentally responsive design will serve as a model for structures located in urban-wildfire interface zones—a consideration of increasing importance due to California's expanding fire season.

About the Speakers

Gary Parkhurst is a member of the Mount Diablo Interpretive Association and docent at the Mitchell Canyon Visitors Center. His MDIA involvement also includes participation with interactive exhibits like the tarantula exhibit in the fall and assisting in both day and night hikes from Mitchell Canyon. Gary is a retired Sales Management Executive, spending the last 15 years of his career in the technology sector. In addition to his current role with MDIA, Gary also serves as a docent for Old Borge's Ranch, providing ranch tours to 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade schoolchildren throughout Contra Costa County.

Mike Brandy has been a volunteer on Mount Diablo since 2016. He serves on the MDIA Board, is a docent at the visitor center in Mitchell Canyon, and works on trails and park cleanup projects. For the last two years he has served as the co-chairperson of the committee to build a new Education Center at Mitchell Canyon. Prior to retiring, he was Vice Chancellor of Administration for Foothill De Anza Community College District.



CLUBNEWS

COMMUNITY SERVICES: *Backpacks Needed.*



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

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

President Bob Sundberg and **Membership Director Jeff Willson** will be speaking to the Clayton business and Community Association (CBCA) at the Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church next month. Their topic will be a presentation about all our club has done, is doing, and will be doing in the future.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: *Daniel Tejeda*



ALISON BACIGALUPO

DANIEL

CLAYTON WORSDELL

CINDY TEJEDA

David Tejeda, Clayton Worsdell's grandson, was awarded our club's annual scholarship and will be attending Western Washington University majoring in business.

THANK YOU: *From the Bottom of Our Hearts*



Bill Selb has been sending out letters of thanks to the people and organizations who did so much to help our Pancake Breakfast be the big success it was. He hopes to reach everyone so if you have anyone that you want him to thank, contact him.

PAUL HARRIS: *Way to Go, Susie*



Today **Susie Lim** was honored as a Paul Harris plus 1 fellow after only being a Rotarian for two years. She also serves on the Board as the Rotary Foundation Director.

NEW MEMBER: *Julia Kitay*

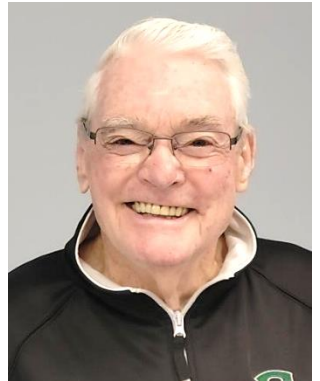
Membership Director Jeff Wilson announced the newest applicant, **Julia Kitay**, is now an official new member. She lives in Concord and her classification will be property owner.



LET'S CELEBRATE

Length of Service

DON OUMET, 36 years, has seen it all and done it all but did you know that he was born in Canada. When he was eight years old, his parents moved to Chateaugay, New York and he graduated from St. Joseph's Academy, located in Malone, New York. Next month Don will celebrate his 85th birthday.



EWA SOBILO, 14 years, served on our Club as the Group Study Exchange team leader for Japan, is a member of the Paul Harris Society, and member of the Concord Ambassadors Sister City Organization. As a child, Ewa lived in Gdansk, Poland, the hometown of the Polish Solidarity movement. She and her husband are owners of the Moose Metal Company that specializes in metal sales and fabrication.



SUSIE LIM, 2 years, graduated from El Cerrito High School and attended UCSB where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree focusing on speech and hearing. Today she became a Paul Harris + 1 Fellow. She worked as a bookkeeper. has been volunteering at the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop since 2014 and serves as the Rotary Foundation Director. Susie and her two children live in Walnut Creek.



SOPHIE DEBORAH LUYIIMA KUKUBYA, 17 years, is known to us as **DEB**, is a member of the Rotary Club of Muyenga, Uganda. She is currently the International Services Director involved in various local and international projects since 2012 that include the building of a Pediatric Clinic, Adopt-A-Village, the Nsawo/SSAKU school computer lab, and the Nsawa RCC Medical Center. Deb was born and raised in Kampala and has been married to Hood for the past 20 years. Hood is the charter President of the Rotary Club of Wobulenzi District 9211. They have four children.

Happy Birthday

CLAYTON WORSDELL our photographer extraordinaire celebrated his **81st** birthday Friday. Clayton with his camera is what makes this newsletter possible. Let's face it, you can skip over the words, but everyone looks at the pictures. So, thank you, Clayton. Thank you also for serving on our board, being president in 2016-2017, and was Rotarian of the Year twice. He has been a member for 15 years.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SAN FELIPE: *Student Update*



Tina Sweeney and Alma Saldana, Rotary Club of San Felipe Scholarship Coordinators, reported that this is such a busy and exciting time of the year. Tina said "We have been to this year's graduations from high school and have just finished getting our new students enrolled for next year. It is because of such wonderful sponsors as you that we get to celebrate these successes with our local youth. Thank you for all that you do to help our community."

Once again, thank you so much for helping our local youth continue their education and work towards a better future. Without you many of our students would not have the opportunity to continue their education."

Final Grades:

Ambar Romo Alvarez 9.3 Graduated
Moises Cordero Arciniega. 7.6 (suspended)
Allan Mauricio Hernandez Lopez. 8.2
Beatriz Ramos Montoya. 8.9
Oscar Navarro Rodriguez. 8.0

Nathaly Cervantes Reyes 8.3
Oscar Carrillo Diaz 9.3
David Nolasco Yocupicis 8.1
Janett Pineda Claidez 8.4
Johanna Salvador Martinez

Ambar Romo Alvarez



Hernandez Lopez



Torsten Jacobsen said it is gratifying to get grade reports from Tina regarding the students they are sponsoring in our efforts helping under privileged students meet their academic aspirations, Tineke and Torsten are thrilled to know that the students they are sponsoring are pulling top grades which will qualify them for higher education.

HAPPYBUCKS

BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER

TORSTEN JACOBSEN is happy that he will be heading off to Seattle to join up with members of Tineke's Dutch family who have arrived to bicycle down to California along a coastal route. Based on a presentation, he was very happy to not be a male tarantula who after being celibate for a year underground must then come up and pursue a beautiful female who then would proceed to kill him and eat his remains!



CLAYTON WORDSELL is still happy for the scholarship his grandson was given from Rotary.

IRENE DAVIDS-BLAIR had a happy two bucks and a very long story about the Pancake Breakfast sausage dilemma fiasco. Seems the sausage was missing in action for a short time but Irene and everyone else found out about it and wanted to help. Long story short is we got all of the sausages we needed, and they were delicious.



MARY KEMNITZ had a happy five bucks today. Apparently Bob Sundberg's neighbor details car. He says it makes him relax so the neighbor detailed a car donated through cars 2nd chance and it sold for \$6,500 bucks.



THE RAFFLE



THE GALLERY

Pipe Organs growing on the side of Vicki Sexton's house. They were given to her from Steve Weir.

HERE TODAY, GONE TOMORROW



These are in Rich Lueck's gardens, also from Steve.



Thanks Steve Weir

FUNSTUFF

BILL SELB

I can't believe I
forgot to go to the
gym today.
That's 7 years in a
row now.

Saw a store that has
a sign that reads,
"We treat you like
family!"

Yup, NOT going in
there.

SENIOR STUFF

A woman on the phone to her friend: "I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising and I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over."

Forgetful senior citizens

There was an elderly couple who were in their old age and noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down, so they don't forget. They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "You might want to write it down," she said. The husband said, "No, no, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream." Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top." So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where's the toast?"

A senior citizen drove his brand new Mercedes to 100 mph, looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a police car behind him

He floored it to 140, then 150, ... then 170, ...

Suddenly he thought, "I'm too old for this nonsense !"

So he pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the police car to catch up with him .

The officer walked up to him, looked at his watch and said,

"Sir, my shift ends in ten minutes.

Today is Friday and I'm taking off for the weekend.

If you can give me a good reason that I've never heard before for why you were speeding I'll let you go."

The Man looked very seriously at the police man, and replied :-

"Years ago, my wife ran off with a policeman, I thought you were bringing her back."

The Cop left saying,

" Have a good day, Sir"



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

