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BOARD MEETINGS

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



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED MOLLY RECEIVES HER BLUE BADGE



CONNECTION – ENGAGEMENT – ACTION

Molly Bacigalupo has only been a member for one year and seven months and she not only just received her blue badge, but she serves on the board of directors as president-elect for 2024-2025 and is the New Generations Chair. She brought the Interactor's club back to life and is on the team that just won the Art in a Box grant.

MORNING RITUALS



Monic Fraga led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, recited the Four-Way Test, and also was the Mystery Greeter. **Vicki Sexton** gave the Thought for the Day.

Thought for the Day

**Dreaming is the
beginning of getting
everything you want.**

-Annette White

THE SPEAKER

Archwest Wealth Advisors

Today's speaker is **John Wenzel** the CFO and Co-Founder of Archvest Wealth Advisors, a fee-only financial planning firm in Concord whose services include estate, insurance, investment and tax planning. This is his ninth year of business with the firm where he demonstrates his passion for financial planning through his commitment and service to all the company's clients. When he came into the field, over 16 years ago, he was struck with a conviction that individuals should be able to receive professional advice for a reasonable cost. He discovered that the financial planning field is riddled with advisors who do not clearly serve their clients' best interests. As a result, John came into



the financial world determined to make a difference. With his years of professional advising experience and financial knowledge, he brings a unique and objective perspective to all his clients' financial plans by truly understanding their circumstances. John's presentation covered a market review, the cash trap, I bonds, and the digital legacy,

www.archwest.com



About the Speaker

John received his BS in Financial Services from San Diego State University and holds a certificate in Financial Planning. Prior to Archvest, John worked as a Financial Advisor at a Registered Investment Advisory firm. He is a Registered Advisor with the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (NAPFA), an association exclusive to fee-only firms. John also attained his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification—the highest standard for planners in the industry—and served on NAPFA's West Region board, as well as committees for national conferences, professional development, and education.

John joined Rotary in 2014, became our club's webmaster, was the 2016 Rotarian of the Year, and serves on the Charitable Fund Board. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Kristyn, and lives in Clayton with daughters, Emily (10), Elyse (4), and son Ian (8). He is actively involved in Northgate Church and enjoys photography, mountain biking, and golf—when given the opportunity.



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.



The Home Team event has been cancelled for this month.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

President Bob Sundberg and **Membership Director Jeff Wilson** 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.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST: *Thanks for a Job Well Done*

Bill Selb reported that our Pancake Breakfast was a great success. Bill and the committee chair, Jeff Wilson, sent thank you letters to COSTC, US Bank, Ouimet Brothers Funeral Chapel, Archwest Wealth Advisors, Grocery Outlet, Lucky's stores, and Safeway and thanked Ed's Mudville Grill and LA Veranda Café for helping with restaurant facilities and supplies. For all their labor and hard work thanks went out to the Clayton Valley Village group, Boy Scouts Troop 484, and HOSA,



Bill reminded us that over 900 adults and children attended and approximately \$7,000 was raised.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UGANDA: *Nets and Antiretroviral Therapy*

Deb reported: "We are also happy to report that Nsawo RCC Medical Center was accredited by the local government to provide antiretroviral therapy to patients with HIV and tuberculosis diagnoses at no cost. Therefore, we are going to be able to take care of more patients in need of the services with support from the local government."



Over the weekend 40 mosquito nets were distributed to residents of Nsawo Village thanks to the donation from Torsten and Tineke Jacobsen. Deb said, "Thanks so much for EVERYONE'S support. Together we are improving the lives of the less privileged."



CREATIVE FRONTIER

THE EVOLUTION OF THE FOUR WAY TEST

By Edi Birsan

Concord Councilman, Game Designer, independent business owner in the maritime container inspection industry, and one of the best-known American players of the game Diplomacy.

In the beginning: “Will you believe that She made me do it?” **Adam**

1800 B.C. “What’s with these 10? Can’t you do it in 4? No one will remember 10.” **Moses**

500 B.C. “Does it have Length? Does it have Width? Does it have a Hypotenuse?” **Pythagoras**

40 B.C. “Can I reach it? Can I see it? Is it mine?” **Jules Caesar**

1095 A.D. “Did I say it? Did you hear it? There are no further tests.” **Pope Urban II**

1206 A.D. “Is it mine? Is there resistance? Are there survivors? Ask me if I care?” **Genghis Khan**

1812 A.D. “Is it part of France? Is it in France now? Is it really snowing?” **Napoleon Bonaparte**

1838 A.D. “Can we prove it? Will it benefit the species? Is that monkey talking to me?” **Darwin**

1876 A.D. “Is it useful? Can I have a patent? Will it make lots of money?” **Thomas Edison**

1905 A.D. “Does the formula work? Is it relative to the speed of light? Will it make a really, really big boom?” **Albert Einstein.**

1932 A.D. “Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?” **Herbert J. Taylor**

CREATIVE FRONTIER

This is a new feature in our weekly newsletter. It is intended for our worldwide readers to contribute their writing, artistic, and photographic talents for all to enjoy. How fortuitous that we begin this feature with the Four Way Test thanks to the talents of Councilman and Rotarian, Edi Birsan.

HAPPYBUCKS

BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER

RICHARD LUECK was a bit grumpy this morning, but happy that his ordeal is over. Richard had his knee replacement, not too long ago. Richard went for a check up on his knee and he was greeted with an elevator that was not working. His appointment was on the fifth floor. So how did Richard get to his appointment?



JOHN WENZEL was really happy this morning. John gave \$100 for Past President **Mary Kemnitz's** Paul Harris for everything she does.



John also gave 100 bucks to **Jeff Wilson's** Paul Harris, whom we all know deserves it after all the work he did on the Fun Run, the Pancake Breakfast, and bringing in a new member.



THE RAFFLE

...and the winner is
Ken Nishimori



THE GALLERY

This photo was sent to us by Mary Lou Smith, one of our readers, who lives in New York—yes, we have readers everywhere and they contribute.



FUNSTUFF

BILL SELB

Americans: We walked on the moon

Also Americans:





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