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BOARD MEETINGS

9/12 Board Meeting 7 AM
9/13 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM



GRANT PRESENTATION 'Art In A Box'



CONNECTION – ENGAGEMENT – ACTION

Art in a Box was one of the projects honored with a District Grant. Today **President Bob Sundberg** and **Editor Joan D'Onofrio** accepted the check from DGN **Joy Alaidarour**. There are 72 clubs in District 5160 and only 50 applied for grants. Fourteen of the entrants were awarded funding for interesting projects. The District is glad to award these grants thanks to the generous donations of The Rotary Foundation. Much more to come throughout the school year as we work with the Mt. Diablo School District preparing 500 boxes for homeless children.

MORNINGRITUALS



Bob Sundberg led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **Clayton Worsdell** recited the Four-Way Test. **Larry Hutchings** was the Mystery Greeter while **Hugh Toloui** gave us the Thought for the Day.

Thought for the Day

"Aging is unavoidable, but getting old is optional." —Hugh Toloui

Guests



Clayton Gardner former member of our club and DGN Joy Alaidarous member of the Rossmoor Rotary.

THE SPEAKER

What do You Think?

After only five years as a member of our club, **Jeff Wilson** became a member of the board, serves as the membership director, chaired two Fun Runs, and ran this year's Pancake Breakfast. Now he is in the process of conducting a survey and wants to know your thoughts about your service to Rotary in general and in our club in particular. He gave us a four page survey that we all filled out which he will analyze and give us the results.

The Speaker

Jeff Wilson started his real estate career as an appraiser in 2005 and soon realized he really loved personal communication with his clients in the selling and buying experience. Now he focuses 100% on serving his clients as they go through the process of selling and buying their homes. Over the years he has developed a network of service providers that have become invaluable in serving his clients. He is the father of two young daughters who, along with his wife, are the loves of his life. They are his number one purpose for making our world a safe and a better place through his work, his hobbies, and his involvement in Rotary.



Jef was happy to autograph this book that will be donated to the Clayton Public Library.

CLUBNEWS

COMMUNITY SERVICES: *Home Team*



Bob Huck The Home Team will be participating in repairs and tasks September 16th and 30th. Let Bob know if you will be participating. Bobhuck10@sbcglobal.net

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: *Nominations for 2026-27*

Nominations for 2026-27 DG candidates from clubs are now open but only through next Tuesday, August 15. Clubs are limited to one District Governor nomination each year. If there is a qualified member of your Rotary Club that you would like to nominate, contact Mary Kemnitz. If you have any questions, contact **Mark Roberts**, Rotary Club of Lamorinda Sunrise, at markrotary5160@gmail.com Cell: 925-788-5239

C2C

Past President Mary Kemnitz said that c2c just picked up a beautiful Chevy Suburban. We are also looking for volunteers to manage the c2c Booth at the Orinda Car Show on Sept 9.



MAUI FIRE DISASTER: *Please Help*

District Governor Claire Roberts said, "I know that many of you are eager to help our Maui Rotary families so I am sharing this information from **Ted Faigle, District Governor Elect for District 5000**, about how we can support them....I know that more information will be forthcoming as we move forward but for those of you who want to respond now, this is the best way to do so.

Today has been a tragic day for our families and friends on the Island of Maui. The fires across the island have changed lives forever. Truly devastating. Our sympathy, thoughts, and prayers are with everyone impacted.

Because Rotary members are people of action, we can take immediate action. As we come together to recover and rebuild, we need to support each other. We need to Create Hope for Maui. Through our Hawaii Rotary District 5000 Foundation, a relief fund has been established. Foundation President Dave Hamil and Treasurer Sharon Amano will handle all donations."

Please consider donating to this special fund <https://www.paypal.com/donate>

TREASURER'S REQUEST



Treasurer Vicki Sexton has created this new Reimbursement Request Form to be used when you want to be reimbursed for any expenditures.

Please fill it out, attach all receipts, and give it to her for payment.

Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise Rotary Reimbursement Request

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

EXPENSE AMOUNT: _____

EXPENSE DISCRIPTION: _____

BOARD APPROVAL DATE (if necessary) _____

Please attach appropriate receipts.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UGANDA: *We Passed the Hat*



Deb Luyiima and **Herb Muyinga** reported to **Ambassador Larry Hutchings** that all of the funding they had for the purchase of the Malaria nets is gone. They also don't have any more nets left. No sooner said than done. The following members donated: Torsten donated \$500 and Hugh Toloui,, Russ Anderson, Larry Hutchings, immediately threw cash into the hat.

LET'S CELEBRATE

Happy Birthday



Julia Kitay, our newest member celebrates her birthday on the 12th.
Carrie Kroeger 's birthday is on the 14th.

THE RAFFLE

...and the winner is **TORSTEN JACOBSEN**



HAPPYBUCKS

BARBARA REIFSCHEIDER



Talk about bikers. **TORSTEN JACOBSEN** is happy because he and members of Tineke's family, (now in their 70's) arrived in Seattle from Holland with their bicycles, and we all enjoyed a family pylon ride down the Washington, Oregon and Northern California very up and down coast for about 600 plus miles in good weather plus wind. Tineke's sister Nelly is the real "peddle trouper" having biked among other countries throughout Europe: Poland, Romania, Laos, and Thailand. This all underscores Hugh's thought for the day. So just keep pedaling and don't use age as an excuse. Grumpy buck for Don Quimet whose business is dying.

VICKI SEXTON wasn't sure if it was a happy or a Grumpy buck because she had to have her cat put to sleep. The cat was 20 years old and her kidneys were giving out. Then she took her car for a ride and her water pump was on its way out. Vicki was on her way to taking her car in to be fixed when the water pump broke—blew up actually. Long story short, she bought a really nice Subaru in candy apple red.



CLAY GARDNER, a Rotarian from our past, came to visit our club today. Clay and his wife were driving to Yosemite when the AC went out. It was really hot on the way home but all it took was a phone call to **Dave Kennitz** who said to bring it to his old shop where they fixed it and were on the road again! Clay was in this neck of the woods because it was his grandson's birthday celebration.

THE GALLERY

Rich Lueck sent this photo and said, "It's a good year for tomatoes." Check out those beauties.



FUNSTUFF

BILL SELB





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