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## BOARD MEETINGS

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



## Celebrating the Play Structures & Equipment Grant



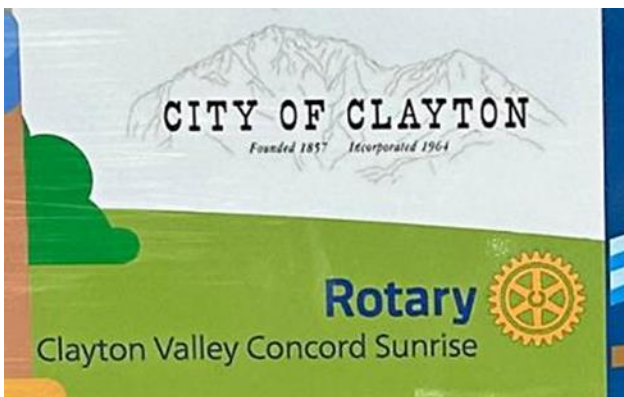
LARRY, BOB HUCK, BOB SUNDBERG, VICKI, MARY, MAYOR JEFF WAN, RICH

It was during **Treasurer Vicki Sexton's** 2020-2021 term as President that the Clayton Community Park's playground structures were discovered to be in significant disrepair. This was a perfect opportunity for Rotary to step up and do something about it. It took a very long time to apply for a district grant, but it paid off. Along with donations from three Rotary clubs—Davis, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek and the approved grant--\$25,000 was raised. Here are the members and the Mayor posing proudly with the new playground equipment.



Rotary raised \$25,000 to help with funding the re-do of the play structures. The Children's play areas within Clayton Community Park consist of a 2-5 age group section and a 5-12 age group section, each with age-appropriate children's play structures and equipment. Because of wear and tear and general aging (the play area is approximately 15 years old), the City of Clayton will be replacing the 5-12 age group children's play equipment and the rubberized or "resilient" surface in this section. Funding from Prop. 68 will provide about \$170,000 of the estimated \$235,000 project cost.

The remainder will be funded by the City of Clayton and by local community groups. There are 38 components to the children's play structure/equipment; Clayton Valley Concord/Sunrise Rotary Club has committed to the purchase of ten of the thirty-eight component equipment pieces. All Equipment must be 100% ASTM, CPSC and ADA compliant. Clayton Community Park, located at 7411 Marsh Creek Road, in Clayton, is a 42-acre park that consists of baseball and soccer fields, large and small group covered picnic areas, and two children's areas with play structures and equipment. There are also restrooms, parking areas, open spaces and a trail that connects to the East Bay Regional Park trails system and the Mt. Diablo State Park trails. Clayton Community Park is the largest of the City of Clayton's parks and has a high rate of use by thousands of residents and local community members.



Our club logo is located on the sign.



# MORNINGRITUALS

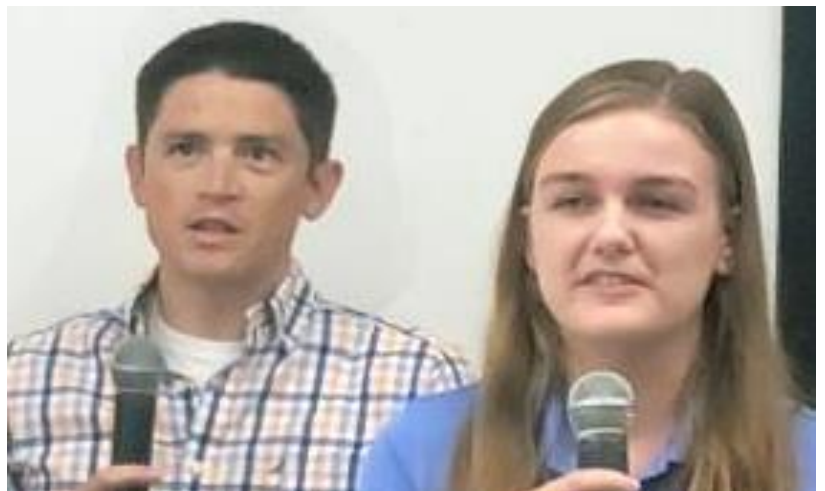


**Ewa Sobilo** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **Irene Davids-Blair** recited the Four-Way Test. **Torsten Jacobsen** was the Mystery Greeter while **Russ Anderson** gave us the Thought for the Day.

## *Thought for the Day*

"Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." —Vince Lombardi

## *Guests*



Jody London, the speaker, Adam Scarboro, and Emily Groth.

# THE SPEAKER

**Jody London**, Sustainability Coordinator of the of Contra Costa County Climate Action Plan, was our speaker today. She talked about the work being done now to make Contra Costa a cleaner, healthier place to live and work.



**Jody** is the Sustainability Coordinator for Contra Costa County. Jody's team oversees implementation of the County's Climate Action Plan and serves as staff to the Sustainability Committee of the Board of Supervisors and the Sustainability Commission, a citizen advisory board. Prior to joining Contra Costa County, Jody worked as a consultant to local governments and non-profit organizations on energy issues, in which role she helped form the Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition and the Regional Energy Networks. Her experience includes six years on the staff of the California Public Utilities Commission and working with the U.S. EPA in the Superfund program. Jody's community service includes 12 years on the Oakland School Board, an elected position. She has a BA in English from UC Berkeley and a Master of Public Administration from Columbia University.



# CLUBNEWS

## COMMUNITY SERVICES: *Home Team*

**Bob Huck** The Home Team will be every other month. The next one is September 30. There will also be the Concord Community Project on September 16. Let Bob know if you will be participating. [Bobhuck10@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Bobhuck10@sbcglobal.net)



## MEMBERSHIP: *The Survey and the Maui Fire*

**Membership Director Jeff Wilson** reported that he is busy analyzing the comments/opinions we all provided at the last meeting. It is truly a lot of work.



### THE FIRE

**District Governor Claire Roberts** knows that many of you are eager to help our Maui Rotary families so she is sharing information from **Ted Faigle, District Governor Elect for District 5000**, about how we can support them. The Hawaii Rotary District 5000 Foundation, reports that a relief fund has been established and Foundation President Dave Hamil and Treasurer Sharon Amano will handle all donations. Please consider donating to this special fund <https://www.paypal.com/donate>

Jeff said, "**Tereari'i Chandler**, is a personal friend of my wife and myself. She is the executive director of Waiwai Ola Waterkeepers (<https://waterkeepershi.org/about-us>). She has been fighting for indigenous Hawaiian rights to water in the Hawaiian islands for some years now, and this fire has brought to light what is going on in the area due to the fire in regard to disaster capitalism."

"Our club has been talking about how we can use the money we want to donate to help Hawaii and I know that a lot of organizations are putting money towards disaster relief for residents (which is great!), but I thought it might be good to go further than that, considering there are entities out there that like to capitalize on disasters like these, I would love to see our club support organizations that keep control of the water in Hawaii in the hands of Hawaiians and not corporations. I will reach out to my friend and see if she can recommend an organization to which we can donate in order to help in this regard. If the club would like to simply help with disaster relief, instead, I understand."

# 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.

Everyone **must** fill out the Reimbursement Request Form, attach all receipts, and give 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*



**Herb Muyinga** read about our 'pass the hat' donation and said, "I was very excited reading about further funding for the nets from you guys. In fact, there is almost no ceiling to the amount of nets we need because the village population keeps growing and demand for nets is always on our inventory list. Support from friends like you has been phenomenal. Thanks."

**Deb Luyiima** reported that the Nsawo sewing center will be up and running before the end of this month. Thanks to Melissa Prandi Children's Foundation and The Global Uplift Project for spearheading this. We are excited to keep girls in school by taking care of their menstrual health and hygiene. We shall keep sharing the progress in our monthly zoom meetings.



## SAN FELIPE: *Update*

**Tina Sweeney** reports: "This year's Rotary International theme is '**Create Hope in the World.**'"

This theme fits in perfectly with your sponsorship of our students. You are giving them HOPE for a better future. With your help we are helping the students achieve lasting change in their life.

Currently there are 222 students receiving scholarships:

High school – 160  
CAM and ESEDIN (special education) - 18  
University - 44

The generous sponsors include:

San Felipe Rotary Club and members - 60  
Other Rotary Clubs – 81  
Individuals – 81

The Rotary Club of San Felipe focuses its efforts primarily on high school students. However, we are branching out to higher education. If you would like to continue to sponsor your student to the University, please ask for information. This year, through sponsors' donations, we have provided uniforms, shoes, books, paid school fees, and purchased school supplies.

If you are going to be in San Felipe this season and would like to meet with the student(s) you are sponsoring, please let me know and arrangements will be made. On behalf of the Youth Development Committee and The Rotary Club of San Felipe; please accept our sincere gratitude for helping the young people of San Felipe!

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at [bajatinas@gmail.com](mailto:bajatinas@gmail.com) "

# HAPPYBUCKS

BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER



**TORSTEN JACOBSEN** mentioned that Tineke's family visited from Holland and traveled throughout the Bay Area primarily by bicycle-and even as far as Santa Clara-using trains and bikes in tandem. Where there is a will there is a way as the saying goes. They came with books and recorded all bike routes in and out of cities. After bicycling all around the region her sister was quite astounded at the extremely heavy traffic and gridlock and while riding the trains found them minimally used and delays with transfers.



**IRENE AVIDS BLAIR** gave two happy bucks today. She's finally back from her very relaxing vacation that was well deserved. She and her wonderful husband Max traveled and cruised through Amsterdam and Switzerland. The highlight was when they were on Lake Como and saw George and Amal Clooney's house. Look closely and you will see George at the window.



**JOAN D'ONOFRIO** was one buck happy as she learned that her life-long publishing friend, Mel Hecker, would be her house guest during the Labor Day holiday. Mel is the Publications Officer with the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC. He worked with Joan at the Oxford University Press, NY, and EMC Publishing, MN.



## THE RAFFLE

...and the winner is **JOAN D'ONOFRIO**



# THEGALLERY

Rich Lueck sent this photo of the sky. Pretty amazing.



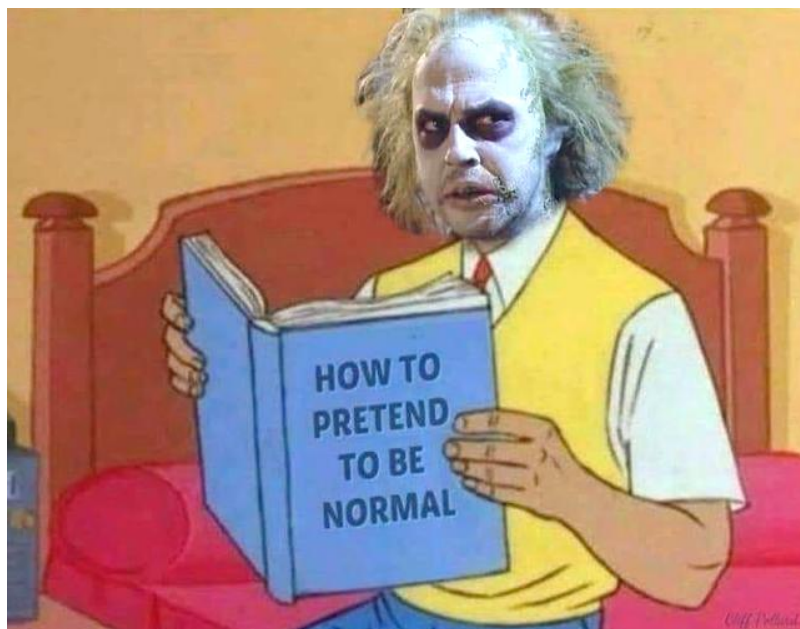
# FUNSTUFF

BILL SELB

## JUST DON'T HITCH-HIKE

I picked up a hitch-hiker the other day. He seemed like a nice guy. After a few miles, he asked me if I wasn't afraid that he might be a serial killer.

I told him that the odds of two serial killers being in the same car was extremely unlikely.





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](https://Cars2ndChance.org) or call for more information: (925) 326-5868.

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

**Date** 8/25/2023  
**Start Time** 6:00 PM  
**Address** 501 Raven Place in Clayton  
**Theme** Barbeque John will be smoking ball tips!  
**John's Phone** 925-212-9930

*... That's all folks*