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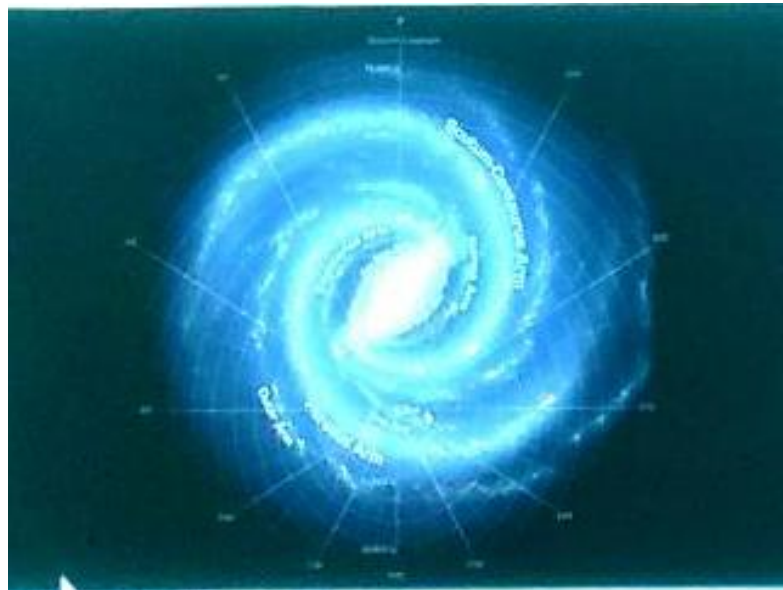
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#### BOARD MEETINGS

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

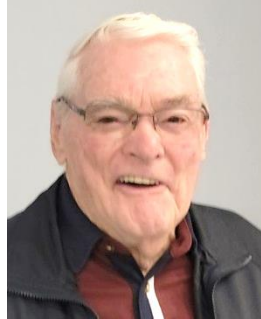


## TO INFINITY AND BEYOND Interesting Presentation



Can you identify these objects? You would be able to if you were present at this morning's meeting.

# MORNING RITUALS



**Vicki Sexton** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **Don Ouimet** recited the Four-Way Test. **Susie Lim** was the Mystery Greeter and earned \$4 while **Jeff Wilson** read the Thought for the Day for **Julia Kitay**.

## *Thought for the Day*

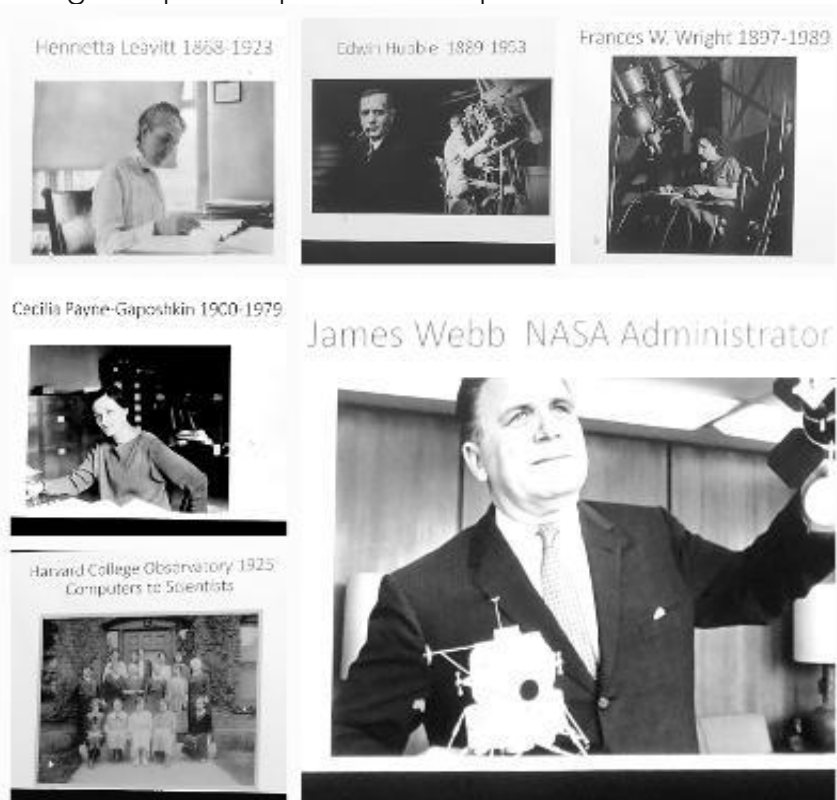
"Service to humanity is the highest form of worship."—Abdul Baha



# THE SPEAKER

This morning **Larry Toy**, past president of Lamorinda Village and former chief executive officer of the Foundation for California Community Colleges, presented an amazing lecture with photos of our galaxy and the brilliant people who made their information and inventions available to us.

Here are a few of the slides and a comment from Torsten Jacobsen during the question portion of the presentation.

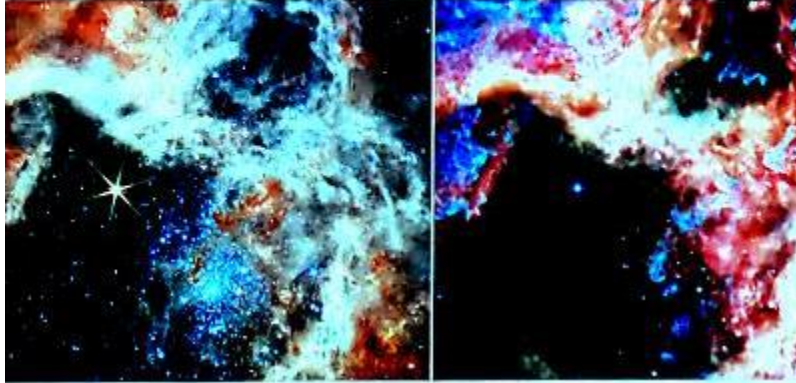


This is what Torsten had to say at the end of the speakers presentation: *“My question is based on discussions during a series of astronomy lectures at the Chabot Space and Science Center. Though one fully understands the great fascination and curiosity of space exploration and its many rewards, the point was brought up that this comes at a truly astronomical cost, for example, the astronomical costs of the James Webb project and landing attempts on other planets such as moon or mars done in large part for international political prestige. While at the same time we are not spending what is needed down here on earth to rapidly preserve this planet including even our oceans which according to one of America's most famous oceanographers Sylvia Earle there are large areas of ocean bottoms that have yet to be explored and more critically while the oceans account for about 60% of our oxygen, the microbiomes of oceans that are the ultimate sources of ocean life and ours are undergoing critical change. A dilemma of resources for sciences down through the ages which our speaker fully understood. Regarding comprehending infinity our speaker correctly expressed that certain parameters of our cosmos are beyond human comprehension and infinity is only one of them.”*

## Tarantula Nebula – Milky Way

NIRCam

MIR



## Stephan's Quintet (Quartet)



### *About the Speaker*

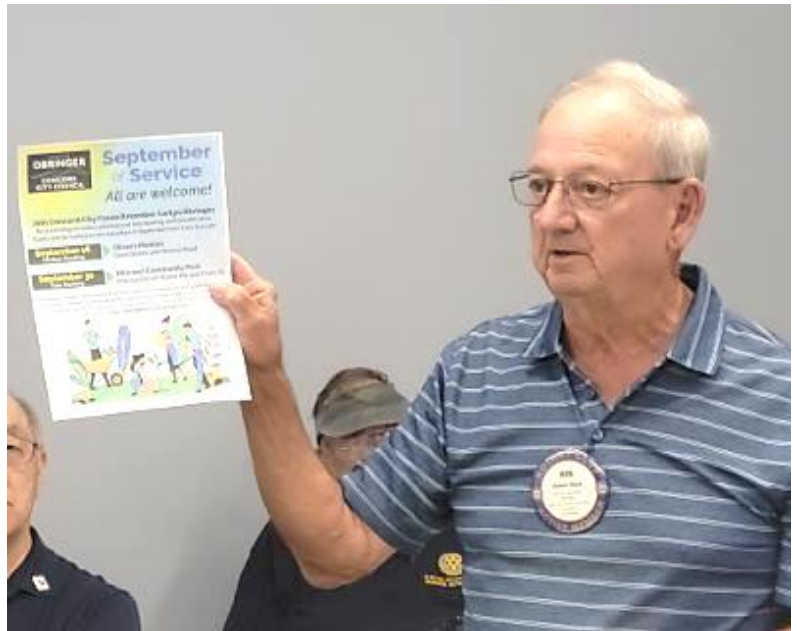
**Larry Toy** was president of Lamorinda Village from 2019-22. The last decade of his career was as the founding President/CEO of the Foundation for California Community Colleges, the statewide foundation supporting the over 100 community colleges and 2,000,000 students in California. Prior to that he was a professor of astronomy at Chabot College for 28 years. Larry served on the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and served as Board president. He served on the California Council of Science and Technology, and was a founding member of the Chabot Space and Science Center Board, in Oakland, CA. He has a Bachelor's Degree from Harvard, Master's and PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, all in astronomy.

# CLUBNEWS

## COMMUNITY SERVICES: *Home Team*

**Bob Huck** The Home Team will be every other month. The next one is September 30.

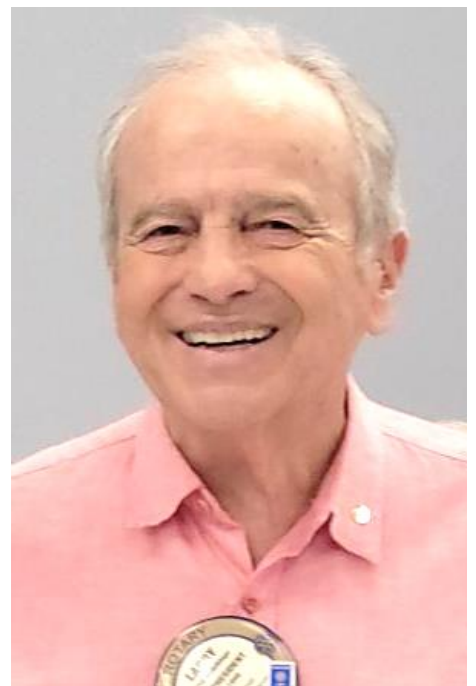
There will also be the Concord Community Project on 9/16 where median and tree planting will take place. So far **Irene Davids- Blair, Mary Kemnitz, Rich Lueck, and Clayton Worsdell** are attending. Let Bob know if you will be participating. [Bobhuck10@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Bobhuck10@sbcglobal.net)



## CHARITABLE FUND: *Larry Hutchings Reporting*

**Ambassador Larry Hutchings** reported that the Charitable Fund Board met on Wednesday and the ratified the bylaws for the new nonprofit corporation Cars 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance, Inc. It also received extensive financial and investment reports from Renee and John. At the next meeting the board will be considering a proposal that a percentage of any future donations, except restricted funds, be set aside for the investment account, in order to build up the corpus. In addition, it will consider whether to change the investment strategy going forward. He also reported the Julia Kitay donated \$1,500 to Uganda of which one-thousand will go to the salary of one worker and five hundred for nets.

Larry also reported that Julia is donating 500 boxes of colored pencils and 500 erasers to the Art in a Box project.



## TREASURER REPORT: *Vicki Sexton Reporting*

**Treasurer Vick Sexton** asked the membership to be aware that new statements for September will be sent out and reminded those who are way past due to please pay up.

Remember to fill out the Reimbursement Request form with your receipts attached..



## MAUI DISASTER FUND

As 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 the Rotary District 5000 Foundation, a relief fund has been established. **Foundation President Dave Hamil** and Treasurer **Sharon Amano** will handle all donations. A committee has been organized to find the greatest needs for distribution of monies. A single fund will be the most helpful over time to provide the most significant benefits.

## CARS 2<sup>nd</sup> CHANCE: *Great News*

**Mary Kemnitz** announced today that the Cars 2nd Chance website launched last Saturday. She said: "We began the website project last February by completing a "Creative Brief" about the organization under Chuck Yaeger's guidance. Chuck is District 5160's Digital Media and Marketing Chair and a member of our project partner, Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary. Tom Guyette/Lamorinda Rotary then led the design team working under Simone Linton's of SML Digital Marketing's guidance. We also relied heavily on Daniel Kodam of D-Kode Technology and longtime Danville Sycamore Rotarian and Cars 2nd Chance supporter. Daniel came in when we needed help putting together the donor entry portal and all the coding involved on the back end. We started with a website committee of 5 and for the last couple of months we were down to Tom, Simone, and me. Tom Guyette deserves kudos for the many, many hours he spent on this project and also for his unbelievable organizational skills and attention to detail." Check it out at <http://www.cars2ndchance.org>



# HAPPYBUCKS

BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER



**TORSTEN JACOBSEN** had a very grumpy buck and told us why. It seems that the Catholic Church in Uganda has blocked our clinics distribution of condoms-which are a vital factor in multiple types of disease control. The church claims that it is simply forbidden to have birth control because it is a form of murder though no child is conceived when used! Go figure. But on purely medical grounds it should move forward.

Then he told us about the evening symposium at Sunol Wilderness Preserve that he attended which was to study and observe multiple species of bats in flight, our most important pollinators and insect consumers. Look it up and take your family and kids.

**MONICA FRAGA** gave 20 sad bucks today. Monica's father has congenital heart failure, and she says he might need a pacemaker. It sure is a sad buck because if that wasn't a bad enough report, her dog had to have a leg amputated.



# THE RAFFLE

...and the winner is  
**ALISON BACIGALUPO**



# THE GALLERY

This is Barbara's cat named Merry Christmas but was called Merry for short. Merry was visited by the travelling veterinarian and everyone—including Merry—agreed that it was time for her to embrace her final destination. Merry, was 14 years old when she died on Tuesday.





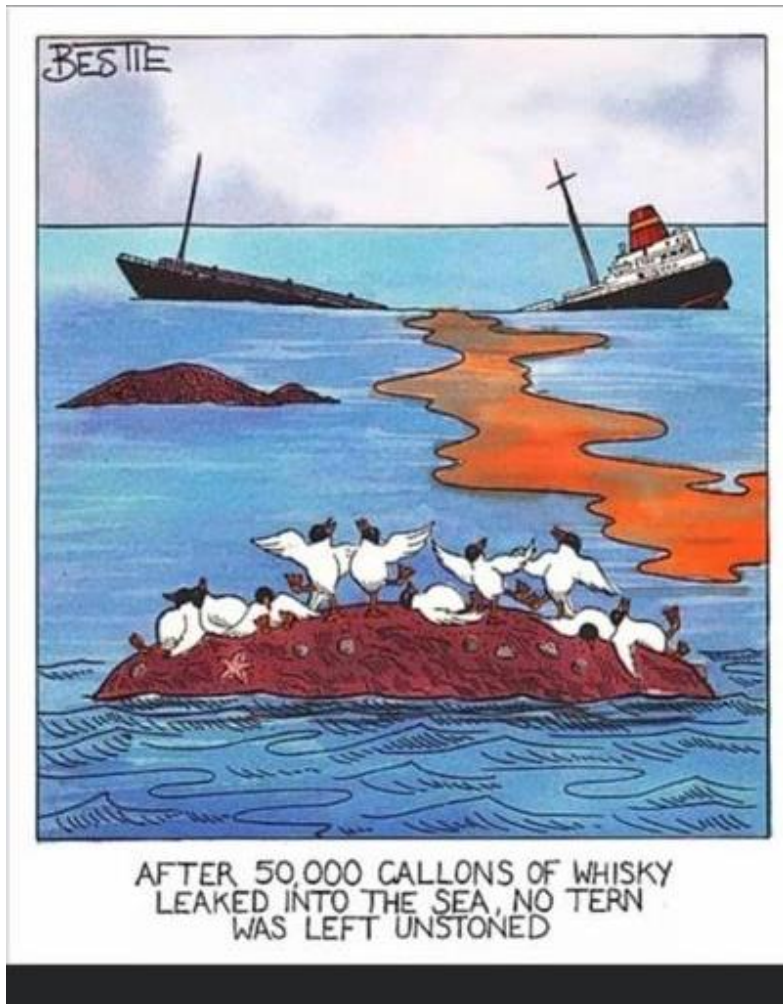
## BLUE MOON

Clayton took this photo as the Blue Moon shone brightly in the night sky. It is a monthly Full Moon—the second Full Moon in August. And no, it does not turn blue.



# FUNSTUFF

BILL SELB



## A Senior's Version of FACEBOOK

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.



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

*... That's all folks*

