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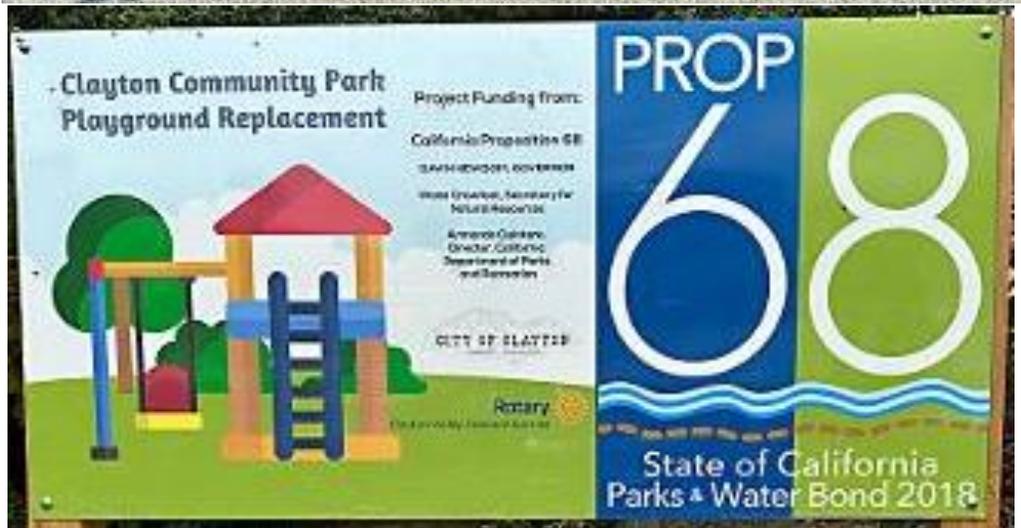
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BOARD MEETINGS

10/10 Board Meeting 7 AM
11/15 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM



A CLUB OF ACTION

Today we held a BBQ meeting and celebrated the completion of the donation grant for the children's play structure restoration and improvements for Clayton Community Park.

PLAYGROUND GRANT: *We Did It!*



Past President and current **Treasurer Vicki Sexton** saw the need to fix up the playground at Clayton Community Park during her reign as president three years ago. She made contact with the state and local governments and applied for a \$25,000 District Grant. Guess what? It was granted and here are the photo results.



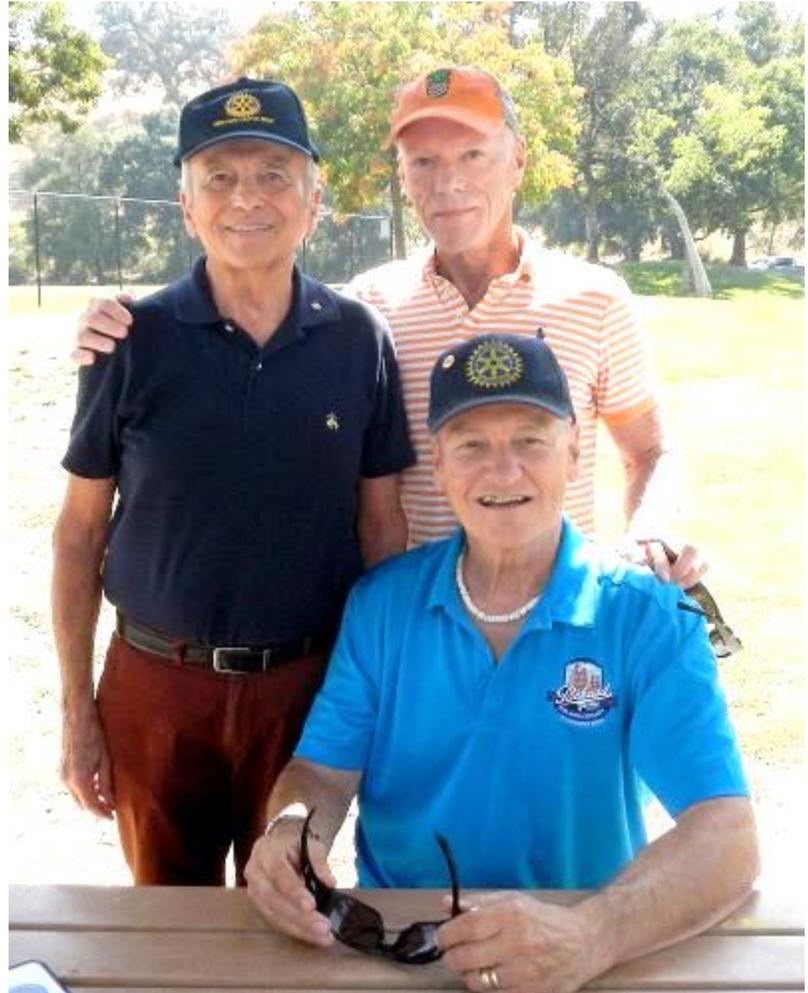
WE'RE NEVER FAR FROM THE 4-WAY TEST



YEARS OF SERVICE: *Thank You Steve Weir*



Ambassador Larry Hutchings presented this trophy to Steve Weir as we thanked him for all he has done for our club and Contra Costa County.



Steve joined Rotary in 1975 and served on countless numbers of

our club's committees and major community projects. He was the Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters for 24 years, President of the California Association of Clerks and Elections, and served as Mayor of Concord in 1980/89. Steve served as a Board Member of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Standards, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Contra Costa Water District. A sample of just a few of Steve's accomplishments during his four decades in public office include: he championed the project of the popular Central Contra Costa Canal Trail when he sat on the Contra Costa Water District Board; he brokered a regional financial deal enabling BART riders from Pittsburg and the Tri-Valley to get to the San Francisco Airport when he served on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission; he reformed a signature verification process that stopped rejecting hundreds of ballots; and he drew national publicity when he married his longtime partner in 2008 that sacrificed the couple's privacy but paved the way for others.

Steve is the youngest of five children in a close-knit, blue-collar family that lived in Pleasant Hill. His father was a woodworker who built boats and houses and his mother was an artist and homemaker. The family didn't have much money, but the Depression and World War II had taught them to enjoy one another. He attended College Park High School and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from UC Berkeley. Steve and his husband, John Hemm, live in Concord.

CHARITABLE MATCHING FUND: *Fun Run*



Membership Director Jeff Wilson announced that the final count of the funds earned from the 'Father's Day Run for Rotary' was \$4512 and will be split between Diablo View Middle School and Mount Diablo Elementary School. Accepting the donations are **PFC Lindsay Ring** of Mount Diablo Elementary and the **VP of Communications Desiree Zee** of Diablo View Middle School.

LENGTH OF SERVICE: *Clayton Worsdell*

Clayton Worsdell, two time **Rotarian of the Year** (2013 and 2021), joined Rotary on September 2009 making him a 14-year member this month. We all know Clayton as our newsletter photographer extraordinaire, but he was also the 2016-2017 club President, is a Paul Harris Society member, and very actively involved in all of our club's programs and activities.



COMMUNITY SERVICES: *Home Team*

It was a tough job, but somebody had to do it. Turns out the somebody's were **Bob Huck**, **Bob Sundberg**, **Clayton Worsdell** and **Susie Lim**. Last Saturday they showed up to plant trees at Grant Street and Olivera Road for the event organized by **Councilmember Carlyn Obringer**.



CARS 2ND CHANCE: *Mary Kemnitz Reporting*



"It was my birthday and I wanted to sleep in or at least relax with my feet up. But my husband had other plans. Seems the Rio Vista Rotary called and asked for a Cars 2nd Chance presentation and so we were on

our way very early Friday morning. Parking at the restaurant and looking out over the sun rising over the Sacramento River made the trip completely worth it! The best was yet to come as Rio Vista Rotary has a spectacular program and one of most vivacious clubs we have ever visited. They also sang "Happy Birthday" to me which made it all the more special. Rio Vista has 20 Interactor members who regularly attend. What a joy to see their shining faces and hear their individual reports on their activities. Then "the pièce de resistance" was the member who presented us with a donation before we left. It was a Ford van. We then made our way to our slip at the Riverboat Marina and enjoyed a weekend with the family. Here is a photo of the Rio Vista Assembly group I shot of the meeting."



THE GALLERY

Mary Kemnitz sent this awesome sunset.



And these excellent shots of Egrets on the river.



Clayton Worsdell sent two shots of Tarantulas in Mt. Diablo State Park that he came across while hiking.



NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE 9/29

Next week we will meet at Joan D'Onofrio's house at 6:00 pm.
3731 Merridan Drive
Concord

We will celebrate Jon and Don Ouimet's 85th birthday.

Remember it's pot luck and there will be a birthday cake

FUNSTUFF

BILL SELB



FIGURE THESE OUT

Scientifically, a raven has 17 primary wing feathers, the big ones at the end of the wing are called pinion feathers. A crow has 16. So, the difference between a raven and a crow is only a matter of a pinion.

I was walking in the jungle and saw a lizard on his hind legs telling jokes. I turned to a local tribal leader and said, "That lizard is really funny!" The leader replied, "That's not a lizard. He's a stand-up chameleon."

The Black-Eyed Peas can sing us a song, but the chick peas can only hummus one.

Then there was the time Fruit of the Loom took Hanes to court... it was a brief case.

I once dated a guy who broke up with me because I only have 9 toes. Yes, he was lack-toes intolerant.

I've started investing in stocks: beef, vegetable, chicken. One day I hope to be a bouillianaire.

I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinzsight.

Did you know muffins spelled backwards is what you do when you take them out of the oven?





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