

Rotary

Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill



The PLEASANTREE AUGUST 8, 2024

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AUGUST 8

MEETING

Tom McHale Room PH
Community Center

**SARA BRADFORDCASA OF
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

GATHER: 12:15 PM

Meeting Starts 12:30 PM

(Thank you to Allen Vinson for his reporting and photos last week)

Last week, our Rotary club witnessed the power of compassion and service in action.

Prez Diane, led a meeting that touched hearts and opened eyes to a world-changing initiative.



Jeff Behring shared the inspiring story of the Wheelchair Foundation. Born from a single act of generosity by his father Ken in 2000, this organization has blossomed into a global force for mobility and dignity.

Imagine a world where 100 million people yearn for the simple freedom of movement, their potential locked away by circumstances beyond their control.

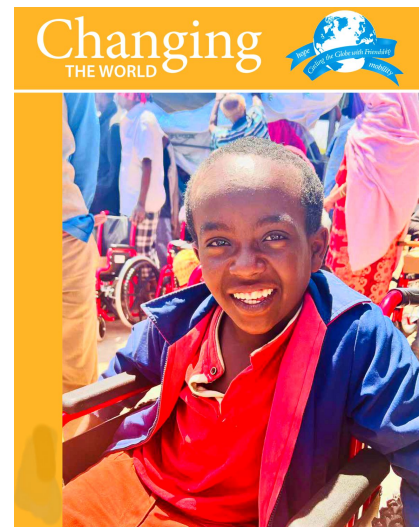
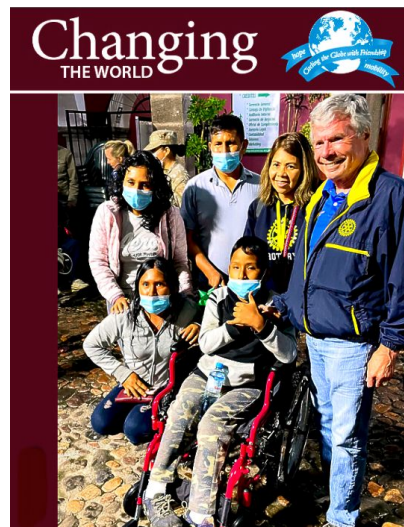
Now picture the transformative impact of 1.2 million wheelchairs, each one a key to unlock a life of possibility.

Rotary clubs worldwide have played a crucial role, contributing an astounding 20% of these life-changing gifts.

The Wheelchair Foundation's ingenuity shines through in their approach. By designing rugged, durable chairs tailored for challenging environments, they've created a \$600 solution available for just \$200.

Every chair represents not just mobility, but hope, independence, and a chance at a fuller life.

As we reflect on this presentation, let us be inspired to action. District Governor, Dan Gerald's goal is for District clubs to work together to raise the necessary funds to purchase 10 containers of wheelchairs that District Rotarians will then provide to countries in need as part of an international service project.



The Rotary Foundation

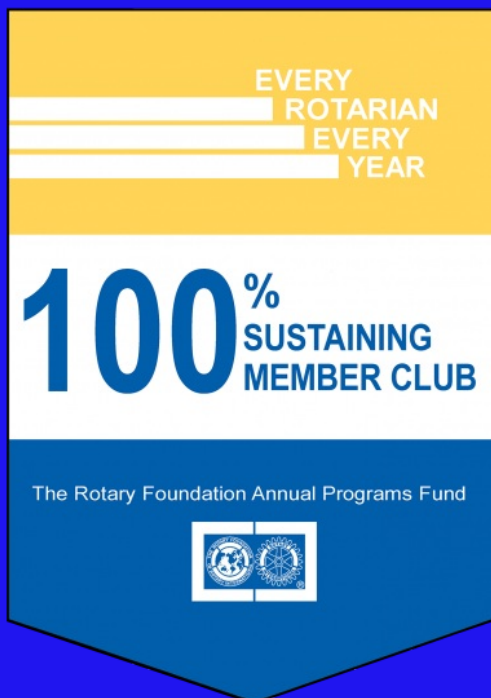
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YEAR

CONGRATULATIONS

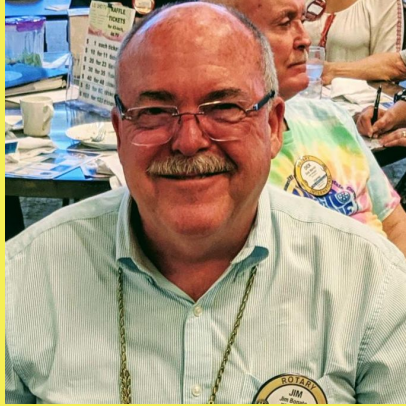
Congratulations to our members, we exceeded our \$20,000 Goal of donating to The Rotary Foundation by over \$2,000 and we have earned another Every Rotarian Every Year Award by having all our members Contributing to TRF! **THANK YOU TO JIM BONATO OUR TRF CHAIR FOR LEADING THE CHARGE!**



Thank
you

*HAPPY DOLLARS &
HAPPY TIMES*





JIM BONATO
Donated \$HD to Jeremy Carlson's PHF to recognize the great time the Bonatos had on Jeremy's cruise last year.

THANK YOU FROM MEALS ON WHEELS! A big thank you to you and the Pleasant Hill Rotary for being there every week! You all have provided an extraordinary service with your commitment to our mission.

LYNDA PLUMMER
Donated \$HD to celebrate in advance the Federal Reserve's decision to lower interest rates! Let's raise a glass (and our wallets) to lower rates and cheaper loans!

Upcoming Events



Join your fellow PHRC Rotarians for a fun opportunity to help with our Pop-Up Tent at National Night Out **THIS**

Tuesday, August 6 from 6-8PM

You can assist with:

- A) Setting up
- B) Staffing
- C) Taking down the tent

This is a great chance to connect with neighbors and friends while promoting our Club as the fun and friendly choice in the community.

• BOCCE CHALLENGE •

9:30 AM | SEPT. 21, 2024 | MARTINEZ WATERFRONT PARK



LET THE BOCCE CHALLENGE BEGIN!

We have fielded two teams of Bocce Players each to play in the Annual Martinez Rotary Bocce Challenge on **Saturday September 21** at the Martinez Bocce Courts

We have had teams for each of the Challenges over the past 15 years (Steve Lack created this event and managed it for the first 5 years). We last won the tournament in 2014.

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Activiity Schedule

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PHRC BOARD MEETING

At the Campbell Theatre Martinez
Sarting at 5PM

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REGULAR CLUB MEETING

In the McHale Room PH Community Center
PROGRAM - Hospice of the East Bay
Starting 12:30 PM

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PAST PRESIDENTS MEETING

At WISE GIRL RESTAURANT
Sarting at 4PM

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REGULAR CLUB MEETING

In the McHale Room PH Community Center

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PROGRAM - Contra Costa Historical Society
Starting 12:30 PM

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OFFSITE CLUB MEETING

AT SKYLINKS AT BUCHANAN FIELD
CONCORD
Starting NOON

5
SEPT

**BOARD MEET WITH
DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

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SEPT

DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT

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PROGRAM - Contra Costa Historical Society
Starting 12:30 PM

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Kalinowski

Margi Alkire
In Memory of
Jim Alkire



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