

# Rotary

Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill



**The PLEASANTREE**  
**JANUARY 30, 2025**



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**FEBRUARY IS  
PEACE AND CONFLICT  
PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH**



*"It isn't enough to talk  
about peace. One must  
believe in it. And it isn't  
enough to believe in it.  
One must work at it."*

**Eleanor Roosevelt**

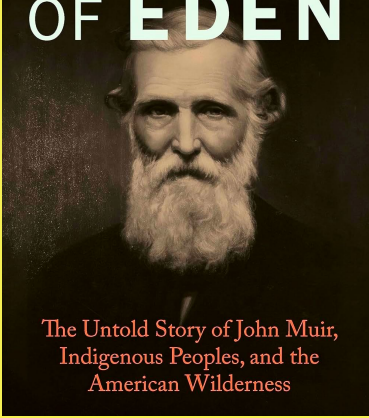


**This Week**

**OFFSITE**

ROBERT AQUINAS McNALLY

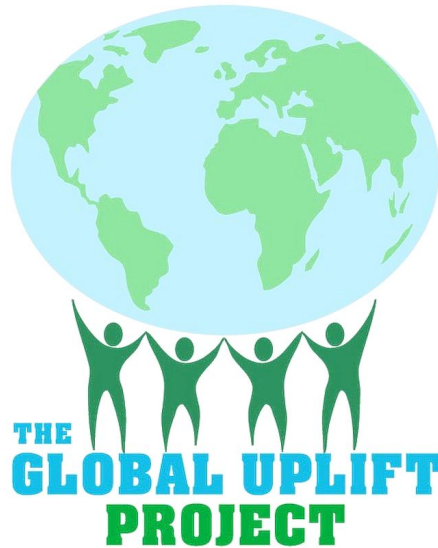
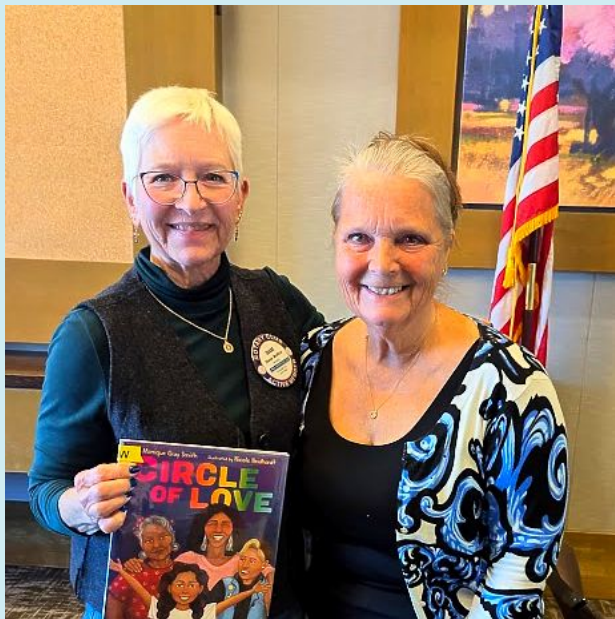
# CAST OUT OF EDEN



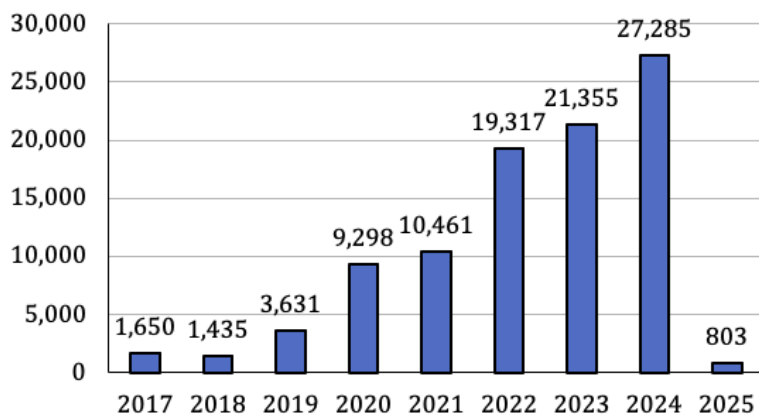
The Untold Story of John Muir, Indigenous Peoples, and the American Wilderness

# Campbell Theatre

Robert McNally, local author "Cast Out of Eden: The Untold Story of John Muir".



## Save a Girl Kits Distributed by Year

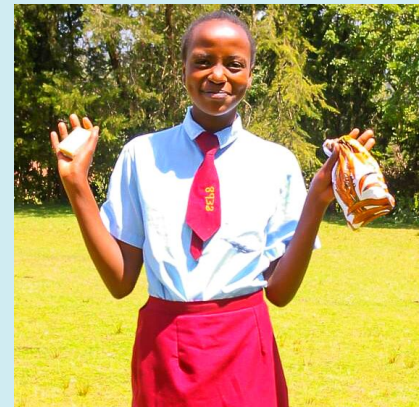


Last week, President Diane led our meeting, and we were privileged to hear from **Brenda Birrell** of The Global Uplift Project (TGUP). This nonprofit, founded in 2007, is dedicated to uplifting marginalized communities worldwide. Over the years, TGUP has completed 505 projects across the globe—140 in Kenya, 80

in Nepal, 40 in Nicaragua, and 30 in Uganda. These initiatives have built classrooms, water wells, computer labs, libraries, latrines, and distributed an unbelievable 95,000 sanitation kits through their Save a Girl™ Project. Collectively, their efforts have transformed the lives of over three million people.



Brenda shared a startling truth: more than 20 million girls in the developing world drop out of school each year because they cannot manage their periods. According to UNICEF, this number might climb as high as 50 million. But the good news? This is entirely preventable. Through the Save a Girl™ program, TGUP provides adolescent girls with washable, reusable cloth sanitary kits, enabling them to stay in school and pursue their dreams. Each kit costs just \$6 to make, lasts three years, and is given free to the girls. For just \$2 a year, these kits offer one of the most powerful returns on human investment imaginable—empowering girls to stay in school and change their futures. The impact of this program moved everyone in the room. **Bob Lamson**, who had earlier won \$60 in the Club Raffle, was so inspired that he donated his entire winnings to the Save a Girl™ Project. Moments like these remind us of the profound difference we can make when we come together for a cause.



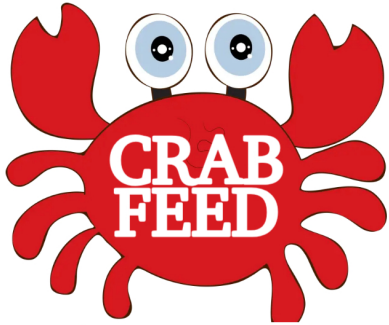
## LIONS CRAB FEED

Last Saturday night a very large contingent from our Rotary club attended the 2025 Pleasant Hill Lion's Club Crab Feed, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to empowering our fellow service club and enhancing our shared community. We proudly stand together, knowing the funds they raise uplift our community. The crab was truly exceptional!









PH LIONS CLUB

SAT. JANUARY 25

PLEASANT HILL SENIOR CENTER  
233 GREGORY LANE, PLEASANT HILL  
EVENT BEGINS @6:00PM  
TICKETS \$75



# Happy Dollars



**STEVE LACK**  
Generously donated \$250 to the RI Disaster Relief Fund in celebration of the incredible voyage he and Sheryl took on the Coral Princess spanning 5 countries (Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica,

**KEN HOUSELD** Ken shared that he had been away for four months caring for his son, Steve, who underwent surgery for a broken leg. He donated Happy Dollars as a heartfelt gesture of gratitude for his son's

**BOB LAMSON** Talk about a lucky duck! Bob swooped into the Rotary meeting like a golden ticket winner, snagging not just the raffle ticket but also the prized yellow golf ball. In a twist of charitable karma, he didn't pocket the \$60 cash prize for himself -

Guatemala and Mexico)  
and two seas transiting  
the Panama Canal

recovery.

nope, he handed it right  
over to the Global Uplift  
Project faster than you  
can say "community  
spirit"!"

**SAVE THE DATE**





Happy Valentine's Day

*please join us for a*

# **VALENTINE'S**

*Special Meeting*

**Thursday FEB 13 12:30 PM**

**Spouses and Partners Welcomed!**

PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY CENTER  
PLEASE RSVP-Jocelyn  
at  
[info@thereiteco.com](mailto:info@thereiteco.com)

**ONLY 7 WEEKS UNTIL**



**NIGHT OF IRISH MERRIMENT**

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# St. Patrick's Day 2025

**Saturday, March 15, 2025 5:00 pm**

*Zio Fraedos ~ Pleasant Hill*



**Proceeds go directly to Community Scholarships and Organizations that help further our mission of serving our local, and global communities ~ Previous recipients include:**

*Monument Crisis Center ~ LN-4 Prosthetic Hand Project ~ College Park High School ~ Choice in Aging ~ High School Scholarships  
Rotary Camp Royal ~ Boy Scout Troop 401 ~ American Cancer Society ~ Meals on Wheels ~ White Pony Express ~ Youth Homes  
Honduras WASH ~ \$25,000 Pleasant Hill Rec & Park Building Fund ~ \$10,000 YMCA Building Fund ~ Pleasant Hill Gazebo*

**Tickets: \$75.00 per person      Table of 8: \$550.00**

**Includes: Music, Dinner, Live & Silent Auction, Door Prize Raffle & MORE!**



To purchase tickets or sponsor, contact us at: [RotaryClubPH@yahoo.com](mailto:RotaryClubPH@yahoo.com)

**Cash, Check, VISA, or Venmo!**

*(Please include the names of your guests, and your sponsorship level, in your Comment area)*

Proceeds are directed through the **Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill Foundation**

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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS





**SUSAN WOOD**  
**FEB 1**



**ALLEN VINSON**  
**FEB 12**

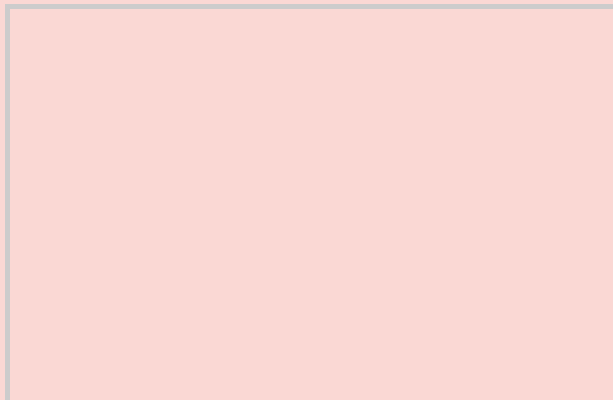
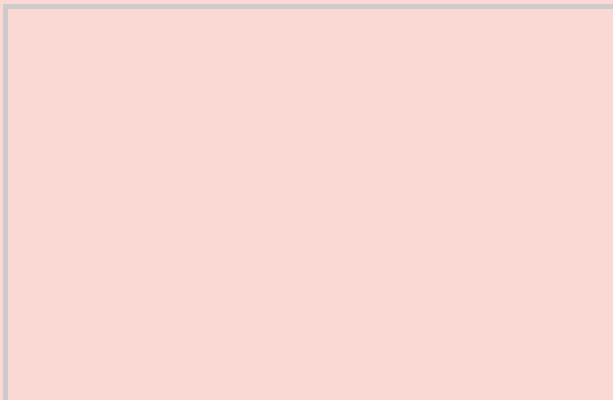


**MICHAEL SAENZ**  
**FEB 18**



**MICHELLE LACY**  
**FEB 26**

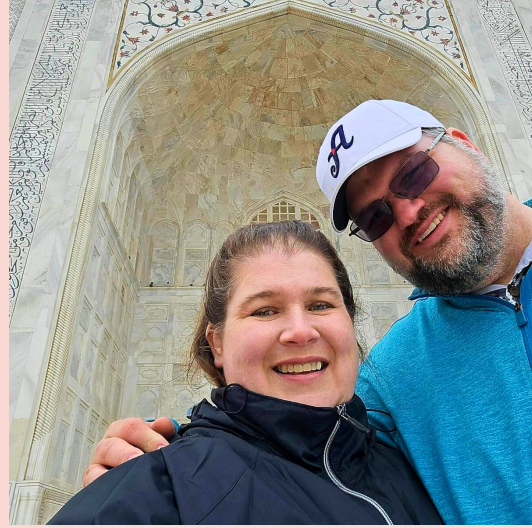
*February Anniversaries*







**SUE & CHARLIE NOACK**  
**FEB 14**



**MICHAEL & TRISHA KASIN**  
**FEB 18**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



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## Activity Schedule

**THUR**  
**JAN 30**

**OFFSITE MEETING**  
Campbell Theatre  
Author Robert McNally  
"Cast Out of Eden"

**THUR**  
**FEB 6**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
In the McHale Room PH Community Center  
PROGRAM -Brian Reisinger-Author  
Land Rich Cash Poor: My Family's Hope and the  
Untold Story of The Disappearing American Farmer.

Starting 12:30 PM

**TUE  
FEB 11**

**BOARD MEETING**  
**To be Determined**

**THUR  
FEB 13**

**SPECIAL Valentine Meeting**  
In the McHale Room PH Community Center  
PROGRAM - To be Announced  
Starting 12:30 PM

**THUR  
FEB 20**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
In the McHale Room PH Community Center  
PROGRAM - How Paul Harris Started Rotary  
Starting 12:30 PM

**THUR  
FEB 27**

**OFFSITE MEETING**  
Location to be Determined

**THUR  
MARCH  
6**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
In the McHale Room PH Community Center  
PROGRAM - Linda Hamilton  
How to Create Your Own Story  
Starting 12:30 PM

**THUR  
MARCH  
11**

**BOARD MEETING**  
**To be Determined**



**THE MAGIC  
OF ROTARY**



**Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick**

**District 5160 Governor Dan Gerald**

**District 5160 DV8 Assistant Governor Cathy Durfee**

**Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill Board of Directors 2024-25**

**President Diane McRice President Elect Jocelyn Reite**

**Past President: Michael Moore President Elect Nominee TBD**

**Club Treasurer: Kim Grossberg**

**PHR Foundation Chair Mark Hinds TRF Chair: Jim Bonato Secretary -  
Mike Maxwell (Interim)**

**SGT at Arms: Lou Rossi & Jan Passanisi**

**Membership Co-Chairs - Allen Vinson & Mike Maxwell**

**International Service Chair: Susan Wood**

**Environmental Service Chair: Bonnie Hazarabedian**

**Community Service Chair: Bonnie Hazarabedian**

**Youth Service & Interact: Matt Rinn & Troy Jones**

**Public Image: Faye Donaghu**

**Vocational Service Chair: Jeff Clark**

**Social Chair: Cara Leyva**

**Action Plan Champion: Mike Maxwell**

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