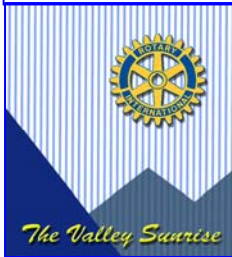
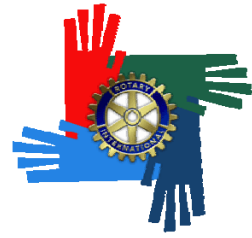


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President Barbara Reifschneider called the meeting to order amid the pandemonium of our Breakfast feast. **Dave Moore** gave us our inspirational thought and Bible reading. "Cause he knows all the words", **Johnnie Morgan** lead us in our pledge. He knew all the words too.

For Visiting Rotarians, one table had FOUR!
Bill Magladry, Hillary Bechelli, and Joe Bechelli of the West Calaveras/Valley Springs Club,



neighbors of Chuck's friend **Dr. Jim Green** currently serving in Zambia and **Randy Walker** of the Walnut Creek Sunrise club were present to bear witness to our weekly follies.

Guests; why none other than Zambian Nurse **Lois Nelson**, more to follow. **Steve Weir** gave a report from the Auction Acquisition Committee (AAC). Hand outs included registration forms, solicitation letters, team members and candy packets for anyone wanting a trinket to approach potential donors.





Under Happy Bucks, the greenbacks flowed: **Bill Fuller** donated for the return of his son from Afghanistan (Bill visited our world traveler in Texas), **Zoomie, Bill Selb, Ken Moon (with furniture to donate) Dr. Al** (for D&H Auto – **Dave Kemnitz**), and **Richard Lueck** all donated. (Apologies to anyone I missed, as I forgot I was the cub reporter and I am doing the notes to this point from memory. Not a good thing for a guy who forgot he was the reporter!



Ken Nishimori reported that the Charitable Fund donated \$800 to the Clayton Library, via **John Wolfe**.

For jokes, (we really miss **Mureleen**), **Larry Hutching** told us of the Jewish Dog who could speak, but, alas, was hard of hearing...

For the Food Pantry, **Hugh Toloui** reported that **Jorg, Irene** and himself sorted food last week. More volunteers were solicited. (**Hugh**, who has had a goatee for all the time he's been in the club, shaved it off! And, everyone noticed...his new jacket! (You can fool some of the people....))



Ken then called upon **Bill Selb** to ask the question of the ages, how much did we make on the Pancake Breakfast, to which bill asked; "How much did we make on the pancake breakfast? (Is that redundant, is that redundant?) Seems that we netted just under \$4,000. Also, seems that the story is one of club members donating various parts of this program.



As we had a program from **Lois and Fred Nelson** on their medical mission to Zimba, Zambia to work with honorary CVCSRC member, **Bud Tysinger** at the IVV (International Vision Volunteers) eye surgery program. **Lois and Fred** tried out their "dog and pony show" (more like monkeys and zebras) for the first time.

Zambia is a land locked nation in Africa, with the distinction of being politically "at rest". (We could only dream.)

The IVV "operates" five times a year for two week periods. With the average annual income in Zambia of \$397, you know that such volunteer services are greatly needed and appreciated. Seems the people are very grateful and travel with family to wait patiently to be patients!



THE FOUR WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Lois and Fred indicated that they celebrated their 47th Anniversary in Zambia (and managed to score some sparkling wine to celebrate; it should be noted that the wine was not originally designed to sparkle, but such is the luck of the **Nelsons!**)

It should also be noted that the **Nelsons** had to endure a 14.5 hour flight to South Africa, then to jump another flight to Livingstone Air Port. (It should also be noted that the **Nelsons**, in true Rotary tradition, paid their own way for this two week volunteer mission. Not all was work. Livingstone is but one mile from Victoria Falls, and the mist is visible from downtown Livingstone.



Zimba is a real place, here is the sign. Pictured are **Dr. Bud Tysinger Red Bluff Rotarian** and **Rotarian Sheila Hurst PP Redding West**.

There are "lots of churches" in Zambia, British is the official language, so of course, and we could not understand the natives at all. (Why can't the British learn to speak proper English?)

Fred was often seen in "scrubs" which scared the children, heck it scared all of us. To think Fred practicing medicine, wow!

Fred and Lois came to town when the main water source was out! They showed modern buildings at the clinic, and thatched roof, mud huts as well. Seems that the Japanese and Chinese are building roads into the wilderness. Hay, we could use some help here!

Nurse Lois signed in patients. **Fred** worked at a Lens meter a machine that read the prescription of eye glasses and indicated their usage. Seems that "Team Tysinger" brought some 1,300 pairs of prescription glasses for distribution. Patients were from 10 months to 94 years. We saw a photo of the library (That **Chuck Graham** arranged to stock with books!)



We learned of the Livingstone Rotary Club. And, we learned of **Chuck Graham** funding Nurse Lee's training Mongo School of Nursing in Zambia! (Here she is at a local Internet Café sending **Chuck** email. What else?)

We saw of the other "medical" program (no not the new national medical program, this was the witch doctor's hut.)

Lois and Fred remarked that one patient, after surgery shouted out "I can see, I can see, God Bless, now I can go home and take care of my animals." Dr. Bud says that is why he has been doing this at his own expense for over 25 years.

They reported that AIDS is a major problem in Africa. Many children are orphaned and are taken care of by older siblings some as young as 14.

THE FOUR AVENUES OF CLUB SERVICE
CLUB — VOCATIONAL & YOUTH — COMMUNITY — INTERNATIONAL

Chuck also reported that **Dr. Jim Green** conducts a dental clinic at the IVV Clinic. Dr. Jim PP Antioch now also in West Calaveras/Valley Springs Club also sponsored a Zimba girl, Brenda, to dental School in Zambia. He has had the pleasure the last two weeks of sitting in the corner watching her work in his dental chair as a licensed Dentist. It doesn't get much better than that. This is what Rotary is all about.



Have you ever seen an Ophthalmologist assisting a Dentist? Only in Africa and it was FREE.

For our drawing, the \$259 was waiting for tix 950987 to claim the prize. **Bob Hooy**, in absence, was represented by **David Moore**. Better luck next time!



The Book signing, top of page three, was "American Classical Music".

Bye Now see you next Thursday.