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BOARD MEETINGS

11/14 Board Meeting 7 AM
11/15 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM



MEET THE MAYOR LAURA HOFFMEISTER



President Bob Sundberg introduced us to **Mayor Laura Hoffmeister** as today's speaker. This year is her sixth time serving as Mayor of Concord and the fifth time she has spoken before our club. The Mayor is a powerful speaker and generated a stimulating question and answer session when she spoke about the status of the homeless situation.
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MORNING RITUAL

ERIC REHN

MAYOR HOFFMEISTER

ALISON SPARKS

BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER



The Pledge

The 4-Way Test

Thought for the Day

Mystery Greeter

A Thought from Alison

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace." --Jimi Hendrix

Guest

ASHLEY JO WATSON is a new member of the Pleasant Hill Rotary who attended our meeting so she can earn her blue badge.



TODAY'S SPEAKER

Mayor Laura Hoffmeister

Mayor Laura Hoffmeister is a lifelong Concord resident and has served our community for many years. She was elected to the City Council in 1997 and has been reelected six more times. This year is her sixth time serving as our Mayor. Regionally, she currently represents Concord on the County Connection Board of Directors, the Contra Costa Mayors Conference, and she serves on the City Infrastructure and Franchise Committee. She has previously represented the East Bay on Statewide city organization committees, known as Cal Cities, for Land Use, Environmental, and Economic Development Policy, as well as the Bay Areas Association of Governments, East Bay Economic Development Alliance, and is the Past Chair of the Contra Costa Mayors Conference.

Prior to her election to City Council, Mayor Hoffmeister was a member of multiple boards and commissions that included serving as Chair of the Redevelopment Advisory Committee and serves as Vice Chair of Concord's Design Review Board. She has also served on the boards of the Concord Historical Society, American Association of University Women, and is a graduate of Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce's "Leadership Concord" Academy.

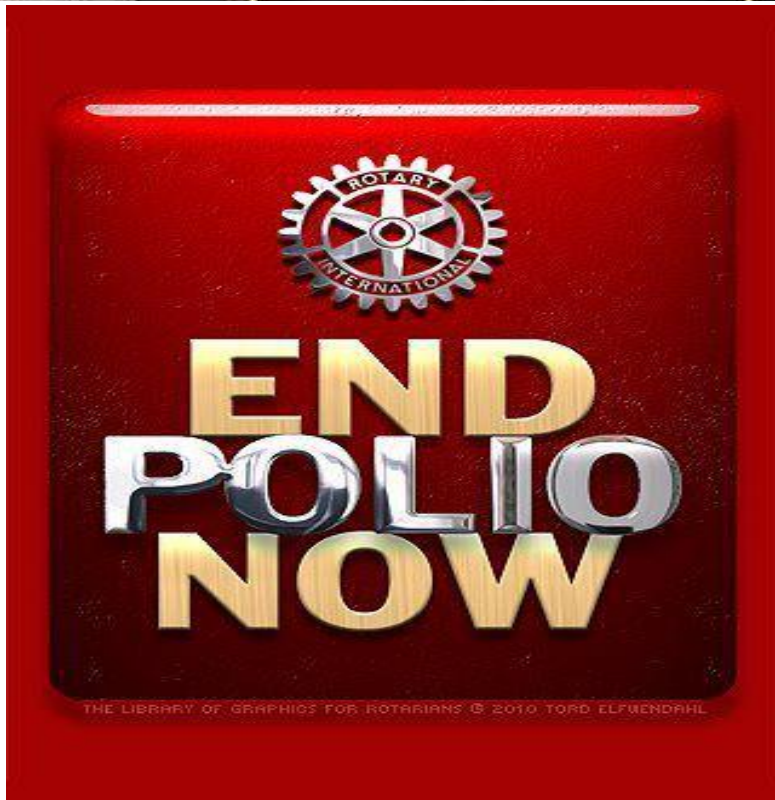
She is an active supporter of multiple veterans and support organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1525, Blue Star Moms, and Diablo Valley Veterans.



As a result of her extensive service to our community, Mayor Hoffmeister was a recipient of the Contra Costa Women's Hall of Fame Community Leadership Award and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in City and Environmental Planning from the University of California, Davis.

Book Donation

The Mayor autographed the book that will end up on the shelves at the Clayton Public Library.



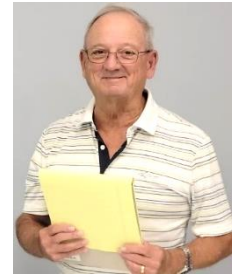
Get ready for World Polio Day, 24 October

President Bob Sundberg reminded us that World Polio Day, 24 October, is right around the corner. As a club, you can help us achieve our goal of a polio-free world by sharing the latest polio updates with your club members and in your community, as well as by continuing to raise funds for PolioPlus. Every dollar raised is matched 2-to-1 up to US\$150 million. Next week **Rotary Foundation Director Susie Lim** will present details of World Polio Day.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

WHITE PONY EXPRESS

Bob Huck reported that Larry, Susie, and Vicki showed up this morning and got the job done.



ARCHVEST OPEN HOUSE: *John's New Office*



Webmaster John Wenzel announced that his new Archvest office is hosting an open house on Friday, November 3rd from 3PM-6PM. They will have drinks and the whole family is welcome to stop by and see their new office which is located at 1390 Willow Pass Rd., Ste. 930, Concord, CA 94520.

ART IN A BOX: *Recognition*

Editor Joan D'Onofrio announced that our project is being recognized by the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness as part of Homelessness Awareness Month. The Council will be recognizing those nominated with a reading of name and presentation of certificate at their November 2nd meeting which will take place in the Administration Conference Room at 1025 Escobar Street in Martinez.

Molly Bacigalupo will have more details on preparation of the upcoming Xmas food box program.



CELEBRATIONS: *Length of Service*

KEN NISHIMORI



HERB MUYINGA



MONICA FRAGA



JEFF WILSON



KEN NISHIMORI is a **43 year** member. He was with the Concord Rotary before joining our club in 1980. Ken is a three-time Rotarian of the Year, was the longest serving Rotary Foundation Director, and currently serves as our club's Secretary.

HERBERT MUYINGA of the Muyenga Rotary Club of Uganda is a **33 year** member with whom we work closely, and he attends our Zoom meetings faithfully every month.

MONICA FRAGA was the 2021-2022 President and celebrates her **12th year** of service. She was the Secretary of the Board of Directors and the Charitable Fund, is a Paul Harris Fellow, was the 2015 Rotarian of the Year, and is proud to see her daughter Molly Avilez Bacigalupo become a Rotarian and is the current President-Elect of our club.

JEFF WILSON hit his **5th year** and is a very busy member. He serves on the board as the Membership Director, was the Chair of the Father's Day Fun Run fundraiser and Co-Chaired the Pancake Breakfast this year. Jeff said his involvement in Rotary is his number one purpose for making our world a safe and better place for his children.

BATTER UP

DG Claire Sammon Roberts announces the following:
"The 5160 District Conference's "Field of Rotary Dreams" is scheduled for April 26-28, 2024! The Grand Slam Conference hotel is the Holiday Inn Downtown and is located steps away from the historic Old Sacramento Waterfront District. We are setting up the playing field for fun, fellowship and the opportunity to exchange ideas with other Rotarians! An opportunity to create hope in the world and your club to achieve lasting change. Whether you're a rookie or a seasoned player, there will be something for everyone.

Be an MVP at our District Conference because it will be a Grand Slam!"



HAPPYBUCKS

BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER



RUSS ANDERSON was a happy camper today and gave a happy buck. Russ was happy because our wonderful mayor, Laura Hoffmeister was able to take our abuse at this morning's meeting.

VICKI SEXTON gave a happy buck this morning because she was happy to be on American soil and back from Morocco. Even though Vicki brought back an intestinal bug from her days in Morocco, she



was still happy to be back.



JOAN

D'ONOFRIO had a happy buck in honor of her best friend since kindergarten, Mary Lou Smith of New York, because she donated \$100 to the Art in a Box program. Here is a photo of Joan and Mary Lou on Joan's wedding day. Mary Lou was her maid of honor.

THE Raffle

Rich Lueck is the Winner



THE GALLERY

Look where Clayton and Carol are.



Barbara Reifschneider grew this euphorbia plant otherwise known as the Crown of Thorns.



FUNSTUFF

BILL SELB



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

