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BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meeting 7 AM
Charitable Fund 5:30 PM



2024 Getting Ready for Another Wildly Productive Year



Newest member, **Julia Kitay**, received her Rotary pin and has donated mega bucks to many of our club's projects. She put together hygiene kits for the Monument Crisis Center this Saturday at her home. **Vicki Sexton** and **Susie Lim** attended and helped assemble the kits.

MORNINGRITUAL

Leading us in the Pledge



Thought for the Day



“Anyone who lives within their means suffers from a lack of imagination.”

— Oscar Wilde



The 4-Way Test

The Mystery Greeter



CLUB ASSEMBLY

Community Services: BOB HUCK



Bob said the bell ringing generated \$746.37, a Home Team is in progress, the Adopt-A-Street will commence in April, and we need volunteers for the Youth Homes project. The next White Pony Express event will take place February 21. This organization has rescued more than 25 million pounds of food—the equivalent of 21 million meals and delivered over 1.5 million items of clothing, books, educational toys, and emergency supplies. Let Bob know what projects you want to participate in: bhuck10@sbcglobal.net

Membership: JEFF WILSON

Jeff is very busy with fundraisers, membership, and the Pancake Breakfast. He is still working on the Fun Run for this year and has been reaching out to the members of our club who do not attend meetings. He suggested having a poker night and perhaps an auction. The issue of corporate membership is also being explored.



New Generations: MOLLY BOCIGALUPO

HOLIDAY FOOD PROGRAM: Molly reminded us that 250 boxes were filled and delivered to the Monument Crisis Center Thursday, December 7, 2023. She was pleased that 25 Interactors participated. Here are the Interactors she oversees.



Treasurer: VICKI SEXTON

Vicki said we have \$17,000 in the bank and she will be stepping down as our treasurer at the end of this term. The board is considering hiring a bookkeeper which will make the treasurer position much easier. We are looking for one of our members to take over either position. Vicki will still serve as the Charitable Fund Treasurer



Sergeant-at-Arms: RUSS ANDERSON



Russ circulated a sign-up sheet for the "Thought for the Day" volunteers. He contacted the Boy Scouts who are interested in working with us on projects our club will be pursuing. They are already on board with the Pancake Breakfast.

Secretary: KEN NISHIMORI

As our new secretary Ken mentioned that he has held many positions in our club during the 44 years he has been a Rotary member—in fact, Ken served as President, Rotary Foundation Director, Charitable Fund Treasurer, Club Service Director, Newsletter Editor, and also served as a District 5160 Area Foundation Representative—but this is his first time as Secretary.



Rotary Foundation: SUSIE LIM



Susie said \$3,000 was raised for the PolioPlus Foundation. She will hand out Paul Harris pins at next week's meeting.

Club Services: BARBARA REIFSCHEIDER



As is her duty, Barbara announced the following length of service celebrations:

Torsten Jacobsen joined 1/1/2004 and is a **20 year member**

Bob Sundberg joined 1/9/2003 and is a **21 year member**

Steve Weir 1/1/1996 and is a **27 year member**

Joan D'Onofrio 1/16/2014 and is a **10 year member**

Irene Davids-Blair 1/25/2008 and is a **16 year member**

Frank Westphall 1/30/2004 and is a **20 year member**

And here are the members celebrating birthdays:

Bob Hooy's birthday was Saturday the 6th

Bob Sundberg's birthday is today Sunday the 7th

Barbara Reifschneider's birthday will be Wednesday the 10th

Grant Update: JOAN D'ONOFRIO



Another 125 boxes were assembled and handed out at Family Night by the Mt. Diablo Unified District HOPE organization. Joan D'Onofrio and Lois Nelson were invited to help at the event and personally hand the boxes to the students. They are now in the process of putting another 125 boxes together that will be given to unhoused students in grades 5 through 8. The boxes will be assembled on January 27 with the help of members from the Rotary Club of Concord-Diablo.

San Felipe Scholarship Program: RICH LUECK



The Gracie/Kuchy Sanchez Youth Education *Matching Program* is an ongoing project of the Rotary Club of San Felipe and our club, supervised by the San Felipe Club's Youth Development Committee. This program is designed to assist the families of High School students of San Felipe, Baja California, Mexico.

The cost to sponsor one student per year for a three-year high school is only \$250.00 USD per year. Your sponsorship will provide the required uniform including shoes, exam fees, school fees, books and school supplies each year. Sponsors are asked to commit for a student's entire three-year high school experience so that the sponsor and student continue together as one through graduation.

The requirements for the students to continue in this program include good attendance, seeking tutoring assistance, if necessary, no drugs or alcohol, participation in community service projects, good citizenship, and prompt completion of all assignments. The student's progress and performance are checked at mid-term and at the end of each semester. We continually assist in the communication between students and sponsors through distribution of newsletters and by sending each sponsor a copy of their student's grades. We also hold an event in San Felipe each fall so that parents, students, sponsors, and Rotarians can all get together. If you want to sign up, contact Rich: rich.lueck@gmail.com

Club Website: JOHN WENZEL

Wow, what an amazing presentation of the new website that **Webmaster John Wenzel** redesigned. John changed the entire look of the original website and demonstrated an excellent grasp of graphic design.

John also told us that If you are seeking a District or Global Grant during 2024-2025, register now for the January 27th (8:30am-12pm) if you intend to attend the District 5160 2024 Grants/Foundation Training Day.

Each club that wants to apply for a District or Global Grant needs at least one person to attend; and it is strongly encouraged that the person who will be completing the grant and the President-Elect attend the training. For more information, contact: daniel@geraldi-law.com



THE GALLERY

Good Morning

Do things for people

NOT BECAUSE OF WHO
THEY ARE OR WHAT
THEY DO IN RETURN,
BUT BECAUSE
OF WHO YOU ARE.

Rotary

Club of Delhi Southex



To koala lovers everywhere, enjoy this photo sent to us from Bo Morse our fellow Rotarian from the land down under.



FUNSTUFF

Bill Selb



...That's all folks