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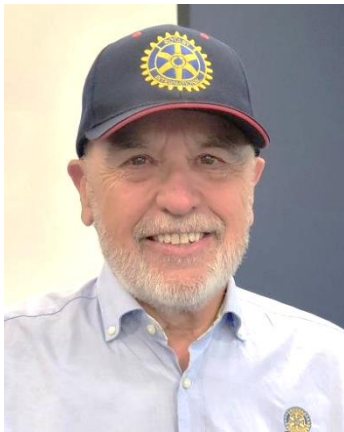


# INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY

## MEN OF ACTION

On November 19, International Men's Day celebrates the positive value men bring to the world, their families, and their communities. Today we highlight the positive role models in our club and raise awareness of their contributions. Our club is the lucky recipient of the talents and accomplishments of the men who honed their skills in the business, educational, and volunteer services world, and put them to use in our Rotary Club in particular and Rotary International in general.

**ROBERT SUNDBERG** joined Rotary in 2002 and is currently the 2023-2024 President which is the first time in our club's history that any member has served two terms. During his 21 years as a member, he served six years as Co-Treasurer (with Jorg Westerheid), was the 2011-2012 Club President, the Sergeant-at-Arms, served on the club's Charitable Board as Director and Chairman, and is a member of the Paul Harris Society.



Robert was born and raised in the hills of El Cerrito in the San Francisco Bay Area. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of San Francisco where he majored in Business Administration and minored in Macro Economics. He was employed by the Carrier Corporation as a Sales Engineer and the Flowserve Corporation as the Northern California regional Operations Manager.

Since 1999, he is the owner, operator, and President of Norcal Molecular, the exclusive contracted northern California distributor for Belzona, Inc. to specify and supply engineered repairs, coatings and protective linings for process equipment in primarily the power, water, O&G, marine, and food processing industries throughout northern California. He was a member of E Clampus Vitus, served as a coach and umpire for the local baseball little league, coach for AYSO soccer, President of the St. Bonaventure Parish Council, President of the Pacific Energy Association, and Docent at the Blackhawk Auto Museum.

He has three children, Christina, Deanna, and Paul and six grandchildren, Amy, Michael, Olivia, Mila, Noah, and Liam. He is currently married to Karen, and has three stepchildren, Brandon, Sharon, and Joseph and two step grandchildren, Hanna and Camille.

Robert's hobbies, interests, and activities are travelling and exploring internationally and within the US, along with vintage and classic cars, boating (power and sail), water skiing, snow skiing, golfing, camping, river rafting, and hiking.

**JOHN WENZEL** joined Rotary in 2014 and is our club's current International Services Director, Facebook Webmaster, and a member of the Paul Harris Society. He was the **2016 Rotarian of the Year** and serves on the Charitable Board. John is the CFO and Co-Founder of Archvest Wealth Advisors, a fee-only financial planning firm in Concord. This is where he demonstrates his passion for financial planning through his commitment and service to all the company's clients. When he came into the field, over 16 years ago, he was struck with a conviction that individuals should be able to receive professional advice for a reasonable cost. He discovered that the financial planning field is riddled with advisors who do not clearly serve their clients' best interests.



As a result, John came into the financial world determined to make a difference. With his years of professional advising experience and financial knowledge, he brings a unique and objective perspective to all his clients' financial plans by truly understanding their circumstances. He received his BS in Financial Services from San Diego State University and holds a certificate in Financial Planning, is a Registered Advisor with the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (NAPFA), an association exclusive to fee-only firms, attained his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification—the highest standard for planners in the industry—and served on NAPFA's West Region board. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Kristyn, and lives in Clayton with their three children.

**JEFF WILSON** joined Rotary in 2018, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and serves on the Board as the Membership Director. He is the fundraising Chair of the annual Fun Run and Co-Chair of the Clayton community Pancake Breakfast. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Genetics from UC Davis. Jeff began his real estate career as an appraiser in 2005 but soon realized he really loved personally communicating with his clients and the selling and buying experience. Now he focuses 100% on serving his clients as they go through the process of selling and buying their homes. Over the years he has developed a network of service providers that have become invaluable in serving his clients. Jeff, his wife, and their two daughters who, through his work, his hobbies, and his involvement in Rotary, are his number one purpose for making our world a safe and better place for them. The family lives in Concord.



**CLAYTON WORSDELL** was a two time **Rotarian of the Year in 2013 and 2021** who joined Rotary in 2009 and served as the 2016-2017 President. He is a member of the Paul Harris Society, served on the Board, but we all know Clayton as our newsletter staff photographer, who photographs all of our club's programs and activities. Clayton was born in Pittsburgh, PA where his dad was a preacher who moved the family around a lot; in fact, between 1950 to 1960 they moved six times. They moved so often that AFTER his junior year in high school, he ended up moving again and graduated from a rival high school. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Army where he met and married his first wife. They moved to St. Paul and Clayton went to work for 3M. Their first child, Elaine, was born on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and President Kennedy was assassinated



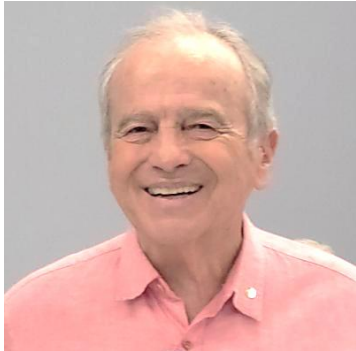


that Friday. The three of them moved to Indiana and Clayton got a job at Bethlehem Steel. They had a son, and eventually divorced. While living in Phoenix, he met and married Carol who brought her two children into the marriage. Between the two of them, they have four children who produced six grandchildren and a great granddaughter. From Arizona they moved to Concord. In 2008 he retired from Yardbirds while his wife, a court reporter, retired in 2021.

**ROBERT J. HOOY** joined Rotary in 1998, was the 2008-2009 President, and is a Paul Harris Fellow. He was born in Oakland, earned his B.A. from UC Davis, his J.D. from the University of San Francisco and was admitted to the California Bar in 1985, the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, the U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. His memberships include Rotary International and the State Bar of California Business Law Section. His principal areas of practice are Civil Litigation, Employment Rights, Medical Malpractice, Product Liability, Business, Trusts, Wills, and Estates. Bob previously worked with his father, William J. Hooy, who was also a member of our Rotary Club for 20 years. Hooy & Hooy became a third-generation law firm when his son, William, joined the firm. Bob and his wife, Sue, have three children, three grandchildren, and live in Concord.



**LARRY HUTCHINGS** joined the Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise Rotary Club in 1991, when the club was just 4 years old. In recent years he has been our club's International Service Director and Chair of the 501c(3) Charitable Foundation. In 2023 Larry was selected as District 5160's first Rotary Ambassador.



He is a Paul Harris Fellow, and this year marks his 32<sup>nd</sup> as a Rotarian. Larry served as President in 1998-1999, and that year was responsible for the first international matching grant for our club, which has gone on to sponsoring many more global and district grants for beneficiaries in Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Uganda, Ethiopia, and Zambia. He is most proud of our club's long involvement with and support of Uganda's Nsawo Village Adopt-a-Village project and the resulting maternity, HIV, and pediatric clinics. In the mid 2000's he served as chairperson of the District 5160 global grants and district grants committees, and chair of the Youth Exchange Outbound Committee. In recent years he has been Clayton Valley's International Service Director and a three time **Rotarian of the year in 2000, 2022 and 2023.**

Larry was born in Marin County, graduated from Reno High School, received his B.A. at the University of Nevada Reno. He received his J.D. at UC Berkeley Law (formerly known as Boalt Hall) and was admitted to the California State Bar in 1967. He was also admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court, Northern District and Central District of California. He began practice as Chief Deputy Public Defender for San Joaquin County. Larry has practiced law in Walnut Creek for many years. His principal areas of practice are Trusts, Wills and Estates, Trust Administration and Probate, Business Transactions and Sales, and Real Estate. He lives in Rossmoor with his husband Dennis Clark and their cat, Lincoln.

**ERIC REHN** joined Rotary in 2012, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and was a member of the Board where he served as the Vocational Services Director. He presently serves on the City of Concord Homeless Strategic Plan Committee.



Eric moved to Northern California in 2003 and has worked on over 400 commercial real estate transactions, representing landlords, tenants, sellers, buyers and investors in Contra Costa, Napa and Solano Counties. He specializes in industrial property types. Current projects include multiple industrial buildings, land and office properties, as well as investment offerings and cannabis-related real estate markets.

Eric continued his commercial real estate education by achieving the coveted CCIM designation for investment expertise. He has been involved with the CCIM organization since 2012, serving as the Northern California chapter president and as treasurer for two terms. His past membership on the East Bay Leadership Council's Land Use and Environmental & Manufacturing task forces kept him at the forefront of current political issues affecting commercial property in the market. He served as a consultant to the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative for Contra Costa County and serves in the Contra Costa County Taxpayer's Association.

Eric earned his BS degree in Business Administration from California State University, Fresno. Twenty years prior to receiving his real estate license, he worked in the medical device market as a surgical sales representative, and received numerous awards for sales and marketing performance and was responsible for the worldwide launch of hundreds of products in the minimally invasive surgical market. He lives in Clayton.

**STEVE WEIR** joined Rotary in 1975, is a member of the Paul Harris Society, and served on a countless number of our club's committees and major community projects. He was the Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters for 24 years, President of the California Association of Clerks and Elections, and served as Mayor of Concord in 1980/89. Steve served as a Board Member of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Standards, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Contra Costa Water District.



A sample of just a few of his accomplishments during his four decades in public office include: he championed the project of the popular Central Contra Costa Canal Trail when he sat on the Contra Costa Water District Board; he brokered a regional financial deal enabling BART riders from Pittsburg and the Tri-Valley to get to the San Francisco Airport when he served on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission; he reformed a signature verification process that stopped rejecting hundreds of ballots; and he drew national publicity when he married his longtime partner, John Hemm, in 2008 that sacrificed the couple's privacy but paved the way for others.

Steve is the youngest of five children in a close-knit, blue-collar family that lived in Pleasant Hill. His father was a woodworker who built boats and houses and his mother was an artist and homemaker. The family didn't have much money, but the Depression and World War II had taught them to enjoy one another. He attended College Park High School and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from UC Berkeley. Steve and his husband live in Concord.



**HERBERT MUYINGA** joined Rotary in 1989 as a member of the Rotary Club of Muyenga (RCM) District 9200, boasting 173 active members of which 44% are women. He has held countless positions at both the club and district levels. At the club level, he served as the Interact and Rotaract Officer, International Services Director, treasurer, the Rotary Foundation Directorate, Community Services Director, and held the 1998-1999 club presidency. At the district level, he held the position of 9200 Assistant District Governor for the year 2008-2009, District Conference Officer, Humanitarian Grants Officer, and he is currently a member and advisor to RCM International Services Directorate.

Herbert has been actively involved in the facilitation of several projects that include formulation of project concepts, identifying potential funders, and implementation including but not limited to "Nsawo Adopt a Village" in Uganda, Group Study Exchange Programs and Vocational Training Teams (VTTs). He has attended nine Rotary International conventions as he continues to diligently subscribe to giving to the Rotary Foundation with more than \$10,000. Herbert is a major donor and continues to receive club memorious awards attributed to his dedication of Service Above Self.

He completed his university education at Uganda's famous Makerere University with a degree in economics majoring in international procurement and finance. He is a partner and works with a Netherland's procurement-based firm which holds offices in Europe, Asia, and Africa and is the country director for PEJA Uganda based office for the past 23 years. His official Rotary classification is International Procurement Services. Herbert is the father of six children, five girls and one boy. Herbert enjoys travelling, socializing, and loves soccer.

**ROBERT (BOB) HUCK** joined Rotary in 2011 where he currently serves on the Board as the Community Service Director, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and enjoys participating in numerous Rotary activities.



Bob was born in Grand Junction, Colorado and grew up there. He graduated from Colorado State University in 1970 with degrees in Psychology and Business. He began his career in the grocery business, that actually began while he was in high school, at a locally owned chain called City Market, later bought by the Kroger Grocery. After college, Bob worked his way up through store management, merchandising, and operations. He transferred to Fry's Food Stores, also Kroger owned, in the Bay Area in 1985 as Vice President of Operations, and just four years later Fry's was sold to Save Mart Supermarkets

based in Modesto. Bob spent the next 21 years as Director of Operations before retirement in 2010.

He is currently an active member of SIRS, a social retirement organization, enjoys playing golf three times a week, and plays in two Bocce Leagues, and enjoys gardening. He and Aleta were married in 1971, have a daughter and two sons, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Bob and Aleta have lived in Clayton since 1985.

**RICHARD LUECK** joined Rotary in 1995, was the 2001-2002 President, International Community Service Director, and was **Rotarian of the Year in 2004, 2008 and 2017.**



Rich served on many club committees including the CVCSR Foundation BOD and had perfect club meeting attendance from 1995 to 2021. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and was a member of the Home Team, served on "Every Fifteen Minutes" High School Substance Abuse Program, the Monument Crisis Center, the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties, the Salvation Army food and Christmas gift distribution, and the Pleasant Hill and Clayton Relay for Life.

During his 26 years as a Rotarian in our club, Rich is particularly proud of the relationship he conceived with the San Felipe Rotary Club starting in 2003. He personally was responsible for setting up the connection with what we now refer to as the San Felipe Twin Club while continuing to perform countless volunteer programs with our club. Among just a few of his accomplishments include collecting eyeglasses so kids could see well enough to go to school, delivering a mammography machine donation arranged by Torsten Jacobsen and delivered it to the Mexican border in his car trailer. He also delivered a 15 passenger van to an orphanage in San Felipe for use removing children from their homes due to abuse, delivered over 50 walkers, crutches, and wheelchairs to people that could not afford them, and arranged for the donation of high school football and baseball equipment that helped the high school team win a division championship. Rich also continues to support and participates in the San Felipe Cancer Center and Cancer Walk program.

Since high school in San Felipe is not free, Rich set up a tuition program with our members and Cars 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance to provide funding for high school students through the scholarship matching program. He is the 2022-2023 chair of the program, and 52 students are receiving funding from our club.

Rich was born in Whittier, CA. He attended Mt San Antonio and Cal Poly Pomona and worked at Date Palm, Indio News (he was their first news carrier), the Pomona Progress-Bulletin District Manager and Promotion Manager, the Orange County Register District Manager, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Aberdeen Daily World, Vallejo Times Herald, Oakland Tribune, and San Francisco Newspaper Agency (Examiner/Chronicle). He earned his Real Estate License in 1981, then was Broker co-owner of CENTURY 21 Diablo Valley Realty 1988-2017. Rich and Pam have been married for 39 years, They have a blended family of 6 children, 13 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and lives in Concord.

**KEN NISHIMORI** joined Rotary in 1980 as a member of the Concord-Diablo Rotary Club in Concord. In 2000, after having served as Club and Charitable Foundation Treasurer for 19 of his 20 years, Ken left that club and joined ours.



With Clayton Valley, Ken has served as our Club President (2010-2011), was Rotary Foundation Director (2012-2022), Charitable Fund Treasurer (2004-2010), Club Service Director and newsletter editor. He is currently the Club Secretary. In addition, he has been active at the District level serving on the District 5160 Grant Review Panel and also as a District 5160 DV8 Area Foundation Representative. Ken is a member of the Paul\_Harris Society, a Major Donor, and was a three

time **Rotarian of the Year in 2003, 2015 and 2021.**

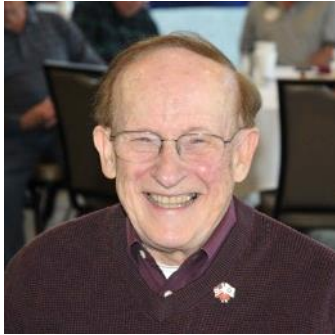
After graduating from the University of California, Santa Barbara, Ken began his working career as an enlisted person in the U.S. Air Force, serving his 4-year enlistment in warm and sunny



Honolulu, Hawaii. This was followed by a five-year stint with the Internal Revenue Service in San Francisco, where he was a Revenue Agent auditing individual and business taxpayers. Upon completion of his time with the IRS, Ken became a Certified Public Accountant (now retired) and opened an accounting practice first in Concord and then moving to Walnut Creek. As a sole practitioner CPA, Ken provided tax and accounting services to individuals and small businesses. The business was started in 1980 and closed in 2019.

Ken and his wife, Phyllis, are both UC Santa Barbara graduates, which is where they met. They married in 1970 and have two sons, Daniel and Robert. Both of their sons are also married, and each has a son and a daughter. Ken and Phyllis are longtime residents of Concord.

**BILL SELB** was introduced to Rotary by his barber, Dick Pugh. Together they joined our Rotary as charter members in 1987. During those 36 years, Bill participated in countless club activities. He was the 1999-2000 President, the year our club was named Best Club in the District, was the **1990 Rotarian of the Year**, and is a Paul Harris Fellow. But Bill's favorite year was 2002 when he took over chairmanship of the Pancake Breakfast that became the City of Clayton's annual Fourth of July tradition. After 20 years feeding the residents of Clayton, Bill relinquished that role last year. As a member of the Concord First Presbyterian Church, he has fed the needy through Loaves & Fishes, was an elder on four occasions, served as deacon several times, was head usher for 30 years, and has been a member of the choir for 26 years.



Bill was born in Toledo, Ohio in 1936 and attended Toledo University after which he joined his family in the Bay Area. In 1959, he went on to earn his B.S. degree from San Jose State. In 1972 he graduated from John F. Kennedy University with an M.B.A. and received the Wall Street Journal Award for graduating at the top of his class. He worked for Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath and Kaiser Aluminum but had a rewarding career in real estate for the past 35 years. He and his wife, Emily, were members of an active single adults' group at their church and had their first date on December 3, 1966—a date they still celebrate each year. Three weeks later they were engaged, and six months later they were married. Emily's daughter became his daughter, and together they enjoy two great-grandsons, several step-children, and step-grandchildren all of whom reside in the Bay Area. Bill and Emily reside in Concord.

**RUSS ANDERSON** Joined Rotary in 2012. He currently serves on the Board as the Sergeant-at-Arms and is a member of the Paul Harris Society. Russ is a true Californian and has lived in all three of the major cities, Walnut Creek--where he was born, Clayton, and Concord. He was born into the family car business started by his great-grandfather who had him washing cars before he could drive. Throughout high school he worked in his father's dealership on weekends and during summer vacations. When he graduated from Northwood University in Midland, Michigan with a degree in Automotive Marketing, he and his brother and sister took over management of the 96 year old family dealership, Lehmer's Buick GMC in Concord.



He has been SCUBA certified since 1978. His entire family SCUBA dives and they take at least one diving vacation a year together. Russ spends his free time bicycling and tries to ride at least 100 miles per week. He enjoys cooking and making some pretty damn good BBQ. Russ and his wife, Annette, have two grown children, Shelley and Adam. They have been married for 30 years and reside in Concord.



**DON OUIMET** joined Rotary in 1987 as a charter member, is a Paul Harris Fellow, was **Rotarian of the year 1991**, and is an active member of the Concord Chamber of Commerce. He is also an active member of St. Bonaventure Church where he is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus where he has served for 66 years. Donald W. Ouimet was born on September 30, 1938, in Ormstown, Quebec, Canada, the youngest of seven children. The family moved to [Chateaugay, NY](#) in 1946.



He graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in 1957 and joined the U.S. Army where he served from 1958 to 1962 and was discharged with the rank of Sergeant. He went to work in Malone, NY for the Sherwin Williams Paint Company in the Credit and Accounting Department, and it wasn't long before he was promoted to Credit and Accounting District Manager, but he had to relocate to New Jersey, which he did. It wasn't long, however, before his brother asked him to go into the funeral business with him, but it meant moving to California. So, in 1971, after much deliberation, Don packed up the family, moved to Concord, and the Ouimet Brothers Funeral Chapel was established. After 52 years, Don can still be seen directing funerals and comforting families during the most difficult times in their lives. He was honored by the California Funeral Directors Association as the 2021 California Director of the Year.

Don and Bea were married on June 26, 1965, in St. Joseph's Church in Canada. They now reside in Concord where they enjoy spending time with their three children and their spouses, their grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Don, a baseball and hockey fan, says his favorite spot is Lake Tahoe where they enjoy many winter and summer vacations.

**TORSTEN JACOBSEN** has been a Rotarian since 2004, is a member of the Paul Harris Society, and was the **2009 Rotarian of the Year**. Torsten has dedicated his talents, knowledge, and monetary donations to all things medical and spread his volunteerism throughout the world with a focus on site involvement in international health projects and SIGN (Surgical Implant Generation Network) that supplies and trains orthopedic surgeons in developing countries and disaster situations both natural and human caused.



Torsten was born in China, raised in Denmark, attended veterinary school at UC Davis, medical school at UCSF, enlisted as a trauma surgeon for US combat forces overseas, attained the rank of Major, was an assistant professor in the Netherlands, and served 20 years at John Muir.

His Dutch wife, Tineke, is a physical therapist. They have four daughters, three of whom are in the medical field. He and Tineke live in Walnut Creek.

**JOHNNY MORGAN** has been a member since 2003, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and was the **2005 Rotarian of the Year**. Johnny is and has been our savior in the digital world. He keeps our computers up-to-date and on a secure digital path. He and his wife Barbara live in Bay Point.



**FRANK WESTPHALL** joined our club in 2004, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and was the **2017 Rotarian of the Year**. Over the years, Frank put his plumbing skills to use in his work with the Home Team. He and his wife Barbara live in Bay Point.







