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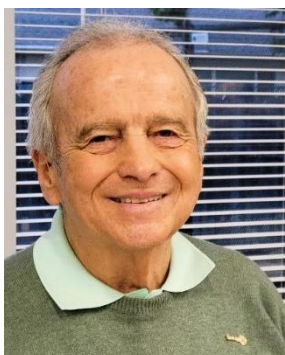
VALENTINE'S DAY There are a number of stories associated with Valentine's Day. One legend has it that there actually was a man named Saint [Valentine of Rome](#) who was imprisoned for ministering to Christians [persecuted under the Roman Empire](#) during the third century. According to an early tradition, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer and performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry by the Roman emperor. An 18th-century embellishment to the legend claims he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution.

MORNINGRITUAL

the Pledge



4-Way Test



Mystery Greeter



Thought for the Day



People will throw stones at you. Don't throw them back. Collect them all and build an empire.
Morgan Freeman



Today's Guests

JOE HANKO



LANCE CHANEY



IAN WETHERALL



TODAY'S SPEAKER



Today's speaker is **Tina Sweeney**, Scholarship Coordinator of the Rotary Club of San Felipe, who brought us up to date via zoom on the status of the annual scholarship program. Tina said that they are sponsoring 64 students this term and our members are sponsoring 30 of those students by donating \$250 to each. As we all know, high school is not free in San Felipe, so all of our members are encouraged to participate in this scholarship program. Tina also announced that they are going to sponsor an art contest and the theme is My Hero. It is still not too late to sponsor a student.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

TINA SWEENEY joined the Rotary Club of San Felipe on January 14, 2013, and is a Paul Harris Fellow. She became the Youth Development Coordinator in March 2013 and has held that position to this date. Tina retired from Northern California Power Agency as a Dispatcher/Scheduler in, 2010. She is married to Mike, and they have three adult children and two grandchildren. Tina was raised in Modesto, California.

BOOK DONATION

At the end of each presentation, the speaker signs a book that Bill Selb selects and then donates to the Clayton Public Library.



CLUBNEWS

Community Services: BOB HUCK

Bob Huck reminded us of the following events: Home Team will meet Saturday, February 24 and Adopt-A-Street will commence in April. The next White Pony Express event will take place February 21. Let Bob know what projects you want to participate in: bhuck10@sbcglobal.net



Charitable Fund: CARS 2nd CHANCE



Larry Hutchings presents Walnut Creek Rotary Club president Gordon Carlson and member Marcia Gerg a check for \$755.50 for a car Marcia donated to Cars 2nd Chance.

District Conference: FIELD OF DREAMS

Don't miss your chance to join us for the Field of Rotary Dreams District Conference held **April 26-28**, in Sacramento. Register now. For current information and updates on the conference website, check out www.rotary5160.org.

Grant Status: ART IN A BOX



Joan D'Onofrio reported that the third box assembly took place Saturday, January 27th (building and gluing) and Saturday, February 8th (stuffing). The volunteers who helped us were from the Rotary Club of Concord Diablo and included Lee, Rocky, Edi, Beri, Nancy, Roya, and Kanwal. The last 125 boxes will be assembled in May.



Also on hand today were Clayton and Caril, Larry, and Lois

HAPPYBUCKS

Barbara Reifschneider



RICHARD LUECK was so happy this morning as he had so many happy bucks. First of all, Richard didn't tell anyone, but he went in and had his heart valve replaced. It is working so well now he actually looks younger. Richard gave 100 bucks to the club and two happy bucks for just being here.

MARY ANN KEMNITZ Mary had a happy 10 bucks for Richard's heart valve replacement. She and Dave also went to Simi Valley to visit their grandson. While visiting Simi Valley, they visited the Rotary club there.



SUSI LIM was a bit grumpy because she was out of electricity for 24 hours during that wind storm. On a happier note, Susi's daughter had to wait in a waiting room in a hospital in Jackson California. The waiting room had a sign stating that the waiting room had just been refreshed by a local Rotary club.

Raffle Winner: MARY ANN KEMNITZ



THE GALLERY

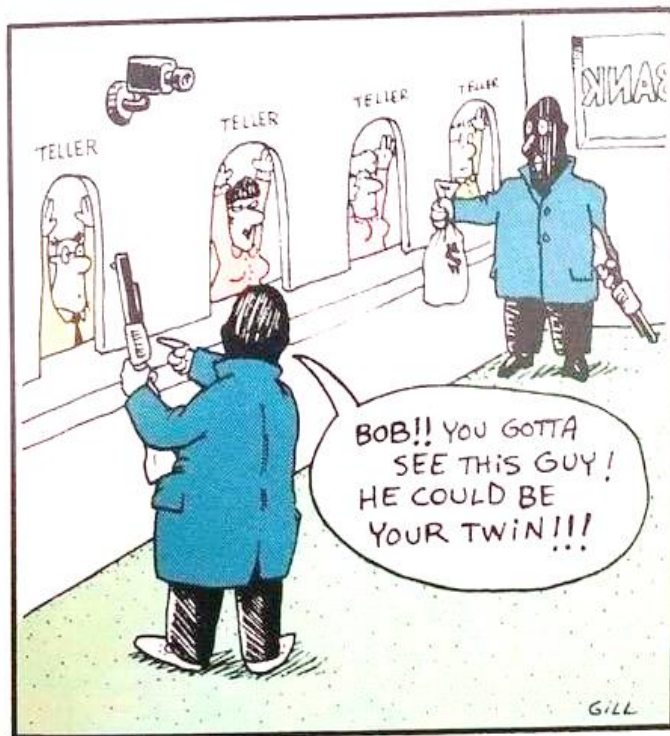
THIS IS A KOOKABURRO



From **Bo Morse** our fellow Rotarian from the land down under. She is with the Australia Rotary Club of Paddington D9620 WASHRAG Water and Sanitation & Hygiene Queensland & The Northern Territory.

FUNSTUFF

BILL SELB



... that's all folks