

## 125 STUDENTS IN UGANDA RECEIVE HYGIENE KITS



**Deb Luyiima** reported that the Melissa Prandi Children's Foundation fundraiser event raised enough money to prepare 125 children's hygiene kits. Today, they were distributed to eager students at Kaswa Muslim Primary School. The children and school management are overwhelmed with gratitude. This highlights the critical need for continued support in promoting hygiene and health among these young children.

# MORNINGRITUAL

*The Pledge*



*4-Way Test*



*Mystery Greeter*



## *Thought for the Day*



*"I run a lot. Some might say I run too much. When I was in college I was running a track race making laps around the track. I was in the lead and not feeling great. A friend/teammate of mine was standing on the inside of the track, and I ran past him one lap and shook my head at him. The next time I passed him he called out to me "you are doing better than you feel." It made me realize I was, in fact, doing really well and it gave me the extra boost I needed to finish strong and win the race. The moral of the story is you should sometimes take a step back and realize you might be doing better than you feel in life and things will be ok. Just keep moving forward."*

*--Jeff Wilson*

# TODAY'S SPEAKER

## POLIO

District Governor-Elect **Joy Alaidarous** spoke to us about polio and talked about her experiences having had polio in her youth. It was very timely as World Polio Day is annually observed on October 24. This day commemorates global efforts toward a polio-free future, as well as the selfless sacrifices of those working on the frontline of the battle to eradicate polio from every corner of the world. Polio is contagious due to the ease with which the poliovirus spreads. Although the virus is now exceedingly rare because of modern interventions, it can impair the brain regions that govern respiration, resulting in death. Polio, which has no recognized therapy, can be avoided through vaccination.



## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

**Joy Alaidarous**, District Governor-Elect, is an Educational Psychologist who works in the public schools and maintains a limited private practice. Upon retirement in 2010, she moved from Southern California to Rossmore but continued to work as a private contractor for another 10 years. Shortly after moving to Rossmore, she became a Rotarian and within three months she became the club secretary. Four years later she was the president, the Fab 5 Foundation Rep, and eventually became an Assistant Governor. Joy also has written district grants, a Global Grant, and served on the Grants Review Committee. She is a member of the PolioPlus Society, the Bequest Society, and is a Major Donor. She has three daughters, two granddaughters, is an avid reader, swims for exercise, and is a world traveler.



## BOOK DONATION

Joy signed the book that Bill Selb will deliver to the Clayton Community Library.

# LET'S GET STARTED

## *Announcement*

**Governor Daniel Gerald** announced that Beri Kasper will be the District 5160 Governor for 2027-2028. "I also wanted to say how incredibly excited we are to know that Concord Diablo Rotarian Beri Kasper has now officially joined the governor line and will be District Governor 2027-2028. Beri was duly selected by the District Nominating Committee and with no challenges having made within the proscribed challenge period, according to the rules of Rotary International, she is now the official District Governor Nominee-Designate for District 5160. Please join me in congratulating her."



## *Community Services:* BOB HUCK

**The White Pony Express** food sorting will take place Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am to 11 am at 2470 Bates Avenue, Concord. Volunteers, so far, are Bob Huck, Barbara Reifschneider and Susie Lim.

## *Friday Night Live:* JULIA KITAY

Club Services Director Barbara Reifschneider announced that on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> we will be celebrating FNL at Julia Kitay's house at 1001 Rolling Woods Way, Concord. As per usual, it starts at 6 pm and is a BYO pot luck affair.

## *Raffle Winner:* BOB HUCK



# C2C: CAR RAFFLE FUNDRAISER



**Larry Hutchings** reported that the **Blackhawk Museum** is hosting the 2024 All British Motor Show on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Cars 2nd Chance has been invited to bring the 1969 MGB car to the event and set up a booth to sell raffle tickets. We will need volunteer ticket sellers from our club to help.

We will be selling 600 tickets at \$100.00 each. The vehicle was donated by a long time customer of D&H and he had recently invested \$20K in restoration. The vehicle, the classic British 69 MGB, has 15K original miles on it." Tickets are being printed and the drawing will be held on December 31<sup>st</sup>—last day of the year.

## *Blast from the Past:* MURLEEN BENTON

When Murleen was a member of our club, she was the 2012-2013 president, a Paul Harris Fellow, member of the board, and the 2001 Rotarian of the Year. Best of all she produced our club's newsletter: The Valley Sunrise, and even though she moved to Idaho, she still receives a weekly copy. When asked if she is still a Rotarian, this is what she said: "Yes, I'm a member of the Coeur d' Alene Sunrise Rotary and we meet every Tuesday at 7 am. I'm on the board and love my club that is 51 members strong. I'm a volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association and speak at Rotary and Kiwanis clubs or anyone that will have me. I facilitate at caregiver support groups each month, and I am the local district representative with the CART Fund that provides funding for cutting edge research to cure Alzheimer's disease. It started in South Carolina and is pretty popular in that region of the US. Joe and I are loving life here in the Pacific NW."



# INTERNATIONAL **UPDATES**

## *Uganda:* NSAWO CLINIC UPDATE



**Deb Luyiima** is pleased to share the latest progress on the maize mill storage building construction project.

*"We are happy to report that the roofing is now complete, fabrication of shutters is currently underway, and the floor cementing is also progressing well."*

*Thanks to all of you and your clubs for your contributions. Your partnership is going to transform so many lives."*



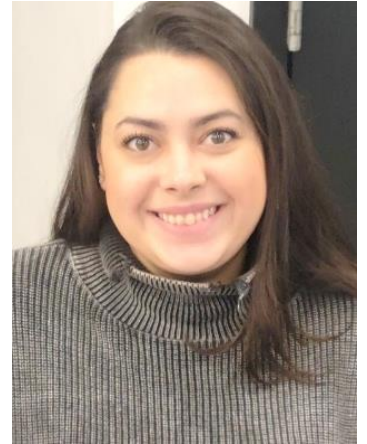
# HAPPYBUCKS

BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER

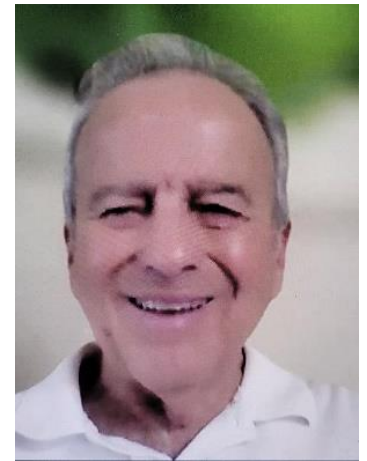


**Julia Kitay** was very 100 bucks happy! Julia has been building schools in Uganda by constantly donating money. She already built the first school. The second school is being built and the third one will be in the near future.

**Molly Bacigalupo** had a happy buck this morning because the weather is changing, and it is now raining. Yesterday was the first fall day weatherwise.



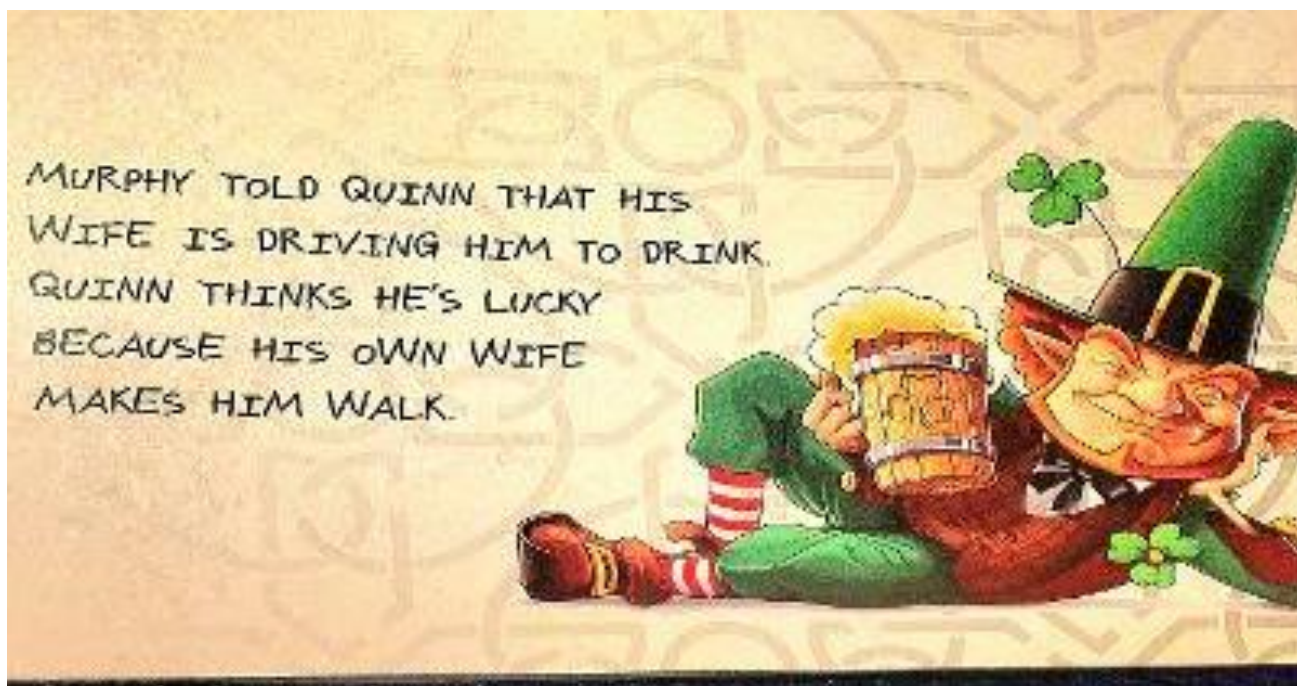
**Larry Hutchings** was happy for people who will be selling the raffle tickets at the Blackhawk Museum.



**Clayton and Carol Worsdell** are happily on a two-week road trip in Oregon. First stop was the Tillamook Cheese factory and look what he bought.

# FUNSTUFF

BILL SELB & CAROL WORSDELL



**“THANKS FOR READING”**

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# ONE LAST THING

## *Accomplishments*

It was a very good year. Here are all the things our club accomplished in the 2023-2024 term under the leadership of our president Bob Sundberg. We're keeping this list in the newsletter to remind us of what we have to live up to. **New accomplishments are in red type.**

### Community Service - Local Projects

- CVCHS Art Expo \$1,225 - Alison Sparks
- CVCHS Robotics Club donation \$500
- **Diablo View Parents Club (From 5k Run) – Jeff Wilson**
- **Mt Diablo Elementary Parents Club (From 5k Run) – Jeff Wilson**
- MDUSD **Art In A Box HOPE** – Homeless Children – Joan Donofrio
- Backpacks and supplies for families served by the Family Justice Center, Concord
- San Felipe Gracie/Kuchy Sanchez Youth Education Program \$6,500.00 matching Funds - Certificates for uniforms, shoes & socks. Scientific calculator, and testing costs to get into High School – Richard Lueck
- San Felipe reconditioned laptop computers – Richard Lueck – Johnny Morgan
- Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000.00 – Irene Davids-Blair

### Local Community

- Earth Day – Newhall Park Butterfly Garden 4/18/2024
- Home Team – Bob Huck
- White Pony Express food sorting
- Adopt A Street 4/6/2024 - 10/7/2024
- Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing at Safeway, Clayton (8 volunteers \$744.00)
- Christmas Contra Costa Food Bank Donations – Bob Hooy
- Christmas Monument Crises Center Food Boxes – 250 Total, \$12,000.00
- City of Concord Planting project
- DVC Domestic Violence Legal Clinic donation \$250, Steve Lack
- Clayton Library book donations as speaker's gifts - \$1,000.00
- Clayton Valley Village - \$1,000.00

### International Projects

- Rotary Polio Plus - Goal \$2000, Actual \$3520
- Rotary Intl Annual Fund - Goal \$13,000, Actual - Exceeded
- Oakland Rotary Club's India Indigenous Tribal project \$2,000.00
- Donations to the Maui District Rotary Foundation for the Maui Fire relief.
- Nsawo Village Clinic Children's (5-14 Years of Age) Personal Hygiene Kits (121) - \$5,000.00
- Nsawo Village Clinic other - \$16,625.00
- Nsawo Village general Economic Development - \$29,925.00
- Nsawo Village mosquito nets - \$1,975.00
- **San Felipe Annual Cancer Walk Don't Run Event**
- **Uganda: Save a Girl**

### **District and Global Grants**

- San Felipe Replacement mammography machine – \$125,000.00
- San Felipe/Area Cervical Cancer Testing equipment - \$25,000.00
- **Nsawo Village Coffee huller and maize milling machine - \$20,000.00**
- Art in a Box - \$15,000 – 560 boxes assembled - Joan Donofrio

### **Fund Raisers**

- Pancake Breakfast 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2023. More than \$6,500.00 – Jeff and club
- Father's Day 5k Run 6/16/2024 - \$5,000 so far – Jeff Wilson
- **Cars 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance car donation program and raffle – Mary Kemnitz**

### **Club Socials and Events**

- **Bocce Challenge 9/21/2024**
- **Holiday Party 12/2024**
- FNL – Friday Night Live – John Wenzel, Barbara R, Joan Donofrio
- BBQ in the park – Clayton Community Park, 9/21/2023
- BBQ in the park – Newhall Park
- 2024 Promo/Demo
- Deb and Hood visit planning, scheduling, arranging. – Larry, Hugh, Torsten

### **Notable**

- Website - redesigned by John Wenzel
- Projected 2023-2024 EOY Club Financial balance of more than \$7,500.00
- **Recognition citation was issued by Gordon McNally, RI President, for our club meeting our goals for 2023-2024.**
- **Major Donors, Russ Anderson and Bob Sundberg. Major Donors are those who have donated \$10,000.00 or more to RI.**

