THE VALLEY SUNRISE

4/11/2024

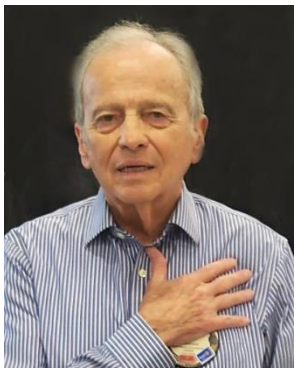
WHO SAYS WE AREN'T FUN

A TRUE MEMBER OF ACTION

Yes, indeed, that's Jeff Wilson. our master juggler and club fundraiser. Rumor has it that Jeff plans to take his juggling act on the road to raise more funding. Go Jeff.

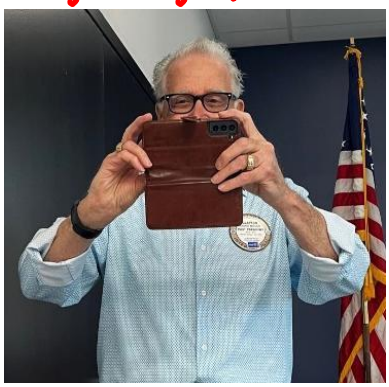
MORNING**RITUAL**

The Pledge



4-Way Test

Mystery Greeter



Thought for the Day

"It is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change."

–HRM Queen Elizabeth

Guests

SPEAKER DAWN MANLEY **HAL REYNOLDS MEMBER OF SAILING VESSEL AROPA**

TODAY'S**SPEAKER**

Dawn Manley, our guest speaker, brought back memories this morning about the organization that meant so much to our club. We were so happy to help lead the fight to end hunger in partnership with our community and in service of our neighbors in need. We all remember those early morning treks we made to the food bank once a week for years. This photo should jog your memory. Yes, that is Bob Huck in the barrel.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dawn Manley has been with the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano's development team for a little over two years. She is the Food & Fund Drive Coordinator and oversees the food drive and virtual fundraising activities. She also partners with many of the community service clubs, schools, and religious organizations to share their work and empower them to connect on a deeper level.

She is a native Californian and graduated from Cal State East Bay where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science. She worked in the non-profit industry for over 20 years, beginning with 18 years at Lindsay Wildlife Experience in Walnut Creek, where she worked with and managed their captive wildlife collection and provided environmental education to visitors of all ages.

.BOOK DONATION

The speaker signed her name inside the book, and Bill Selb will get it to the Clayton Public Library.

CLUB**NEWS**

Community Services: BOB HUCK

Bob Huck reminded us that the White Pony Express meets from 9 to 11 am on April 17. A program for Earth Day on April 20th is in the works. Information regarding Markham Park, and the butterfly gardens is also being considered.

Fundraisers: JEFF WILSON

Jeff informed us that he has raised $1,000—so far. The CBCA (Clayton Business Community Business Association) generously donated $750 to our running event and Invited us to attend their Art & Wine Festival on April 27 and 28.

Rich Lueck informed us that his family's www.RPHope.org walk is also that weekend so you can do both. take a photo of wherever you are and post it at www.RPHope.org . Last year they had participants registered in 12 countries. This effort is to support research for improving the eyesight of those with RP like one of Rich's granddaughters.

Two sponsorship letters, for both the Father's Day 3 Mile Run and the Pancake Breakfast events are available that you can use to reach out to local individuals and companies and pull in sponsors for the events. Please let Jeff know the companies and individuals you reach out to so he can keep track. Letters are available at the meetings as well.

Here is what we still need for the Pancake Breakfast

11 gallons of syrup
1 Largish ladle
2 plastic pitchers
Sign for ticket purchase
7 rolls of brown ground cover paper
6 Aluminum pans (large heavy duty)
1 gallon bleach
1400 juice cups
2 fans
extension cords (Rich?)
small bill change (Irene?)
2 fire extinguishers

That should do it! The job sheet will come out soon.

Art in a Box: NEED YOUR HELP

Okay guys, this is it. We will be assembling the last 125 boxes and will have fulfilled our agreement to create 500 boxes and distribute them to the homeless students in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District. But we need help. We will meet on May 4th at Joan's house beginning at 10 am. Please let us know if you will lend a hand.

May the fourth be with you.

Spirit of Rotary: IRENE DAVIDS-BLAIR

Irene addressed us today and reviewed her tenure during the past 16 years that she was a member. She expressed her feelings about our club, both the good happenings and the not so good. All in all, she is very impressed with what we do and are planning to do not only in our community but in countries all over the world. Basically, our club is a keeper.

Irene joined our Club on January 25, 2008. Three years later, she became 2011 Rotarian of the Year, and it wasn't long before she became our 2014-2015 president. Irene's presidential year also saw the club achieve the coveted title of "The Cliff Dochterman, Spirit of Rotary Award," which is an outstanding honor, considering that there were 71 clubs in our district at the time all vying for that award. She is a member of the Paul Harris Society, a major donor, and her husband, Max, is also a Paul Harris Fellow. Irene is the manager of U.S. Bank in Concord where she has served for over 25 years. She is originally from Durban, South Africa and became a U.S. Citizen on September 27, 2022.

Happy Birthday: JULIA AGUILAR

JULIA AGUILAR, 2019-2020 President, is a music teacher and Adjudicator for the National Guild of Piano Teachers. She is a 5th generation California-born Rotarian related to Silas Tinker whose brother came over on the Mayflower from County Cork, Ireland. Her dad was a cop and her mother a watercolor artist. She attended College Park High School and studied music at Holy Name College but ended up going into industrial sales for 16 years. From there she sold commercial real estate, was a title company sales rep, and had a Postal Annex for several years. Finally, she decided to devote her career to teaching music full time.

HAPPY**BUCKS**

BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER

VICKI SEXTON who is now touring New York was happy last week because she took the final antibotic pill at the meeting. Now that she is touring NY she experienced the eclipse and had this to say: "*Although it was cloudy, we saw it as the clouds would move above. It was odd when the sky turned to night. All the street lights turned on. Temps dropped. And then it was day again. Sent from my iPhone.*"

TORSTEN JACOBSEN, at last week's meeting, donated on behalf of Flor who was so delighted that she was able to convince the ophthalmologist who did Hugh's lens implants to put one lens on backwards to improve their relationship, since it had improved Hugh's insight and hindsight; or so he claims. Ahem.

RICH LUECK had a happy buck this morning. Rich wanted to remind us that it is free to sign up for the RP walk and gave a two dollar bill just for good luck.

SUSIE LIM had a happy buck today! Susi has just returned from the happiest place on earth, known as Disneyland. She had a great time with her grandkids and spent all of her happy cash.

MONICA FRAGA had 40 happy bucks to dispense. Nine dollars went to the Food Bank and the other 37 went to honor Irene's speech.

JOAN D'ONOFRIO was one buck happy to show us her artwork from the class she took at the Clayton Public Library on money laundering—only kidding. The class was called envelope art. Google it.

LARRY HUTCHINGS was 10 bucks happy as he talked about the grant for a mammography machine and the clubs that are helping with funding. He also mentioned Uganda and the sewing center and various machines needed for coffee production that we may raise funds for.

THE**GALLERY**

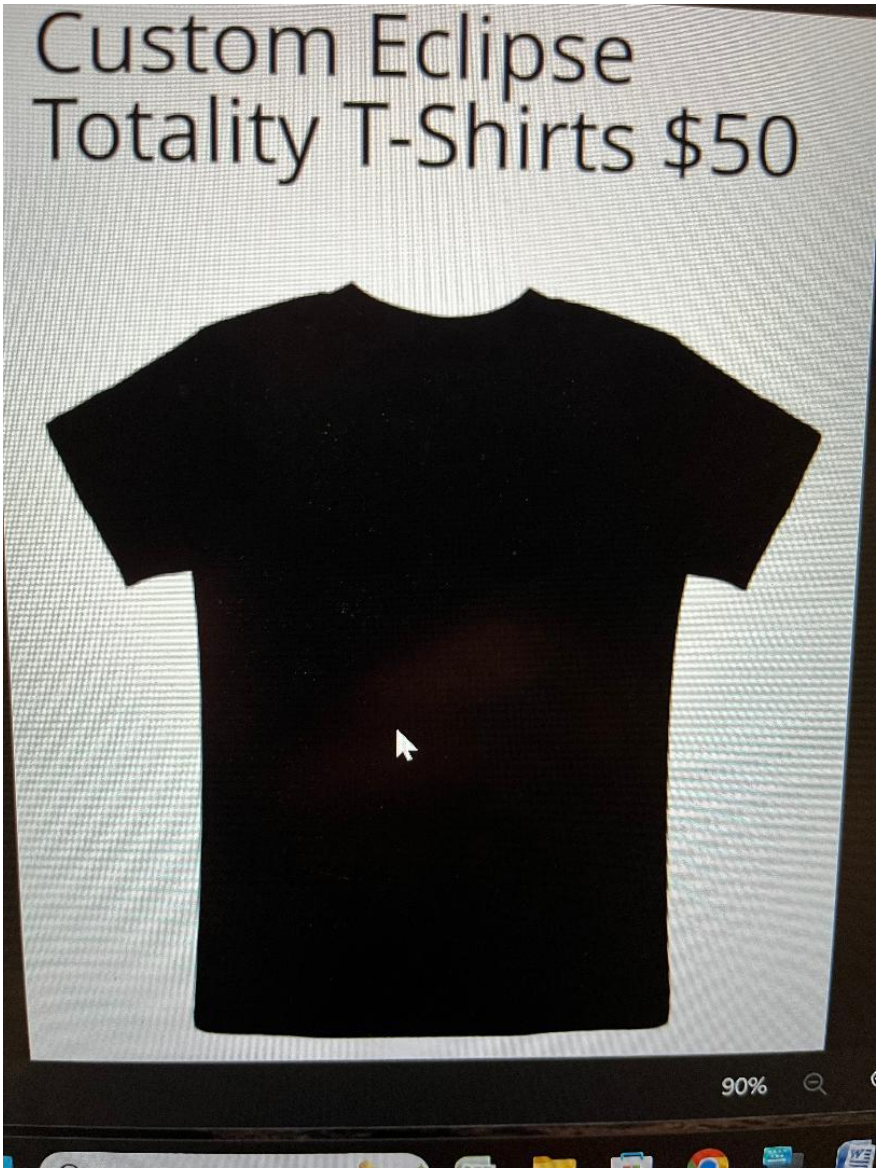
UNBELIVABLE

Rich Lueck sent us this photo of the total eclipse of the cat.

Check out this cherry blossom photo sent to us by Honorary Member Lois Nelson from Takayama, Japan.

FUN**STUFF**

BUY THEM NOW—THEY'RE GOING FAST



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