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Board Meeting 7 AM
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2023

A Wildly Productive Year

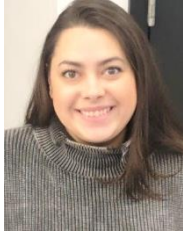
MEMBERS IN ACTION



ORGANIZING TEAMS

Meet the members who made the food boxes, Bell Ringing, filling art boxes, throwing a holiday party happen. And they did it within days. Enjoy the photos of each event.

Holiday Food Boxes



Bell Ringing



Art in a Box



Holiday Party



CLUBNEWS

Bell Ringing: BOB HUCK—December 7



BELL RINGING: Bob just got word from the Major that the annual Salvation Army bell ringing event at the Clayton Safeway on December 9th generated \$746.37. All of you who participated in the event will be considered for a promotion: **Bob Sundberg, Barbara Reifschneider, Vicki Sexton, Irene Davids-Blair, Ken Nishimori, Julia Dawson, John Wenzel** and his children **Elyse** and **Ian**. Elyse sang a few songs that charmed the folks donating. It seemed that a \$5 donation was the new \$1 donation.



ELYSE, IAN, VICKY SEXTON, JOHN WENZEL

Food: HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES—December 5, 6, and 7

HOLIDAY FOOD PROGRAM: 250 boxes were filled and delivered to the Monument Crisis Center Thursday, December 7th and if you recall, last year our club purchased, packaged, and delivered 175 Holiday Boxes to the MCC. This year our very ambitious **President-elect Molly Bacigalupo** challenged us to 250 boxes.

Past President Mary Kemnitz reported: “Once again the CVCS Rotarians kicked off the holiday season this past week by participating in the Monument Crisis Center Holiday Box Donations event. Several Rotarians and volunteers met Monica Fraga at WinCo last week with their trucks at the ready to transport the groceries to the Clayton Valley Charter Administration meeting room.

Wednesday, December 6th We had 6 trucks volunteer to transport the food and we used 5 of the trucks! With the trucks unloaded, Molly, Monica, and their band of Interactor Elves put the boxes together and created an assembly line of food.

Thursday morning found us packing boxes instead of holding our regular morning meeting. Together with the members who attended and the help of the Interactors we couldn't have done it without them. There were so many pieces to put together to make this a successful project, but everything came together perfectly. **At 9 PM that evening 250 food boxes were successfully delivered to the Monument Crisis Center.”**

Thanks to the following for the generous donations to this project:

- >CVCS Charitable Board will match donations to \$3500
- >Lehmers/Russ Anderson \$500.00
- >Molly Bacigalupo/Palm Terrace Apartments \$2500.00
- >Steve Weir and John Hemm \$500.00
- >Julia Kitay \$3500.00
- >Mary and Dave Kemnitz donated all the boxes \$475.00



FOOD PICK UP



PUTTING THE BOXES TOGETHER



THE ASSEMBLY LINE AND THE PACKING





IT SURE DOES TAKE A VILLAGE



*...AND OFF
THEY GO TO
THE MCC*



Art: ART IN A BOX—Nov. 30 & Dec. 7

Another 125 boxes were assembled and filled in early December with the help of **Peggy Cabaniss** and **Skip McCowan**, members of the Rotary Club of Lamorinda Sunrise, along with **Lois Nelson, Carol Worsdell, Clayton Worsdell, Barbara Reifschneider, Susie Lim, Kristen Noonan, Torsten** and **Tineke Jacobsen, John Wenzel** and his daughter **Emily**. **Rosie Reid** picked up the art filled boxes and distributed them to homeless/foster students in time for the December 19th Family Fair sponsored by HOPE the organization for families in need. **Joan D'Onofrio** and **Lois Nelson** were invited to attend the event and personally gave the boxes to the children. Another 125 boxes will be assembled in January with the help of members from the Concord-Diablo Rotary and the final 125 will be assembled in May.





Party: LETS CELEBRATE—December 14

In early Dec, **Vicki Sexton** and **Susie Lim** decided we should have a holiday party. They immediately reserved a room, planned a menu, hired a caterer, booked the Clayton Valley Women's Ensemble to entertain us and invited Santa Claus to drop in and get the five children who attended the party to tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Oh, yes, Clayton and Jeff put in their requests too.

SETTING UP THE BUFFET TABLES



LINING UP FOR THE FOOD



TIME TO FEED AND ENTERTAIN US: the Clayton Valley Women's Ensemble



SANTA AND HIS HELPER DROPPED BY & TOOK REQUESTS



JEFF ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD THE FUN RUN NEXT YEAR & CLAYTON ASKED FOR MORE MEMBERS TO HELP MAKE THE MORNING COFFEE



Last Event of the Year: WHITE PONY EXPRESS

White Pony Expresses is a food rescue program, where surplus food is delivered to organizations that serve those in need. Originating as a program of the local faith-based group, Sufism Reoriented, White Pony Expresses expanded rapidly. The 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. Our members, **Bob Huck, Jeff Wilson, Clayton Worsdell, Vicki Sexton** and **Larry Hutchings** participated in the White Pony's food sorting program Thursday, the 20th and was our last event of 2023.



The Food Bank: PASS THE HAT

Bob Hooy reports: "Thursday evening was a fantastic holiday party! Thank you to our party organizers, Vicki Sexton, Susie Lim, and the dessert providers. Special thanks to Vicki for arranging a visit from Santa and his helper. The kids' reactions to Santa were priceless.

At the party, Club members answered my call to fund our Club's annual Food Bank donation. I received generous checks from:

- >Bob and Aleta Huck
- >Don and Bea Quimet
- >Bob Sundberg and his business Norcal Molecular, LLC
- >Manica Fraga and her business Travel-to-Go
- >John Wenzel and his business Archvest Wealth Advisors, Inc.
- >Steve and John Weir
- >Irene and Max Davids-Blair



Matching funds are still available! Please let your heart be your guide and donate what you can. No one should go hungry, particularly during this holiday season.

This year the need is probably greater than ever. We hear that all is well. However, we all know that everything costs more than it did last year, or the year before that. While most of us are fortunate enough to have enough to eat, many of our neighbors are not. According to the Food Bank, one in four of our neighbors require help. It is little wonder why hundreds of hungry people line up at food pantries in our area, needing food just to make ends meet. The Food Bank is the source of much of that food as they partner with 260 local nonprofits.

The Food Bank squeezes the most out of, your gift. Each dollar given turns into at least two meals, and 97 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to support food programs. Last year, our Rotary family and our Club gave an astounding \$7,170. Using the Food Bank's formula, our contributions collectively turned into more than 15,000 meals for needy children, adults and families in our community. The Food Bank also earned a distinguished 4-star rating (four out of four) by Charity Navigator, which is a third-party reviewer of nonprofits for accountability, transparency and financial health.

In Rotary, we combine as a community of people of good will to make meaningful differences in the lives of those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Your gifts to the Food Bank will be used to feed the hungry in our county and in neighboring communities. Please give what you can. I know that you will because our Club of proud Rotarians always answers the call.

You can still make a donation. Make your checks payable to the "Food Bank" or to our Charitable Fund with a notation that the gift is for the Food Bank. I would appreciate a heads-up via email so that I can keep an eye out for your donation check. This year, I ask that all the donations be sent to my office at:

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Happy Holidays

THE GALLERY

Recognize anyone?



Good Morning

Do things for people

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

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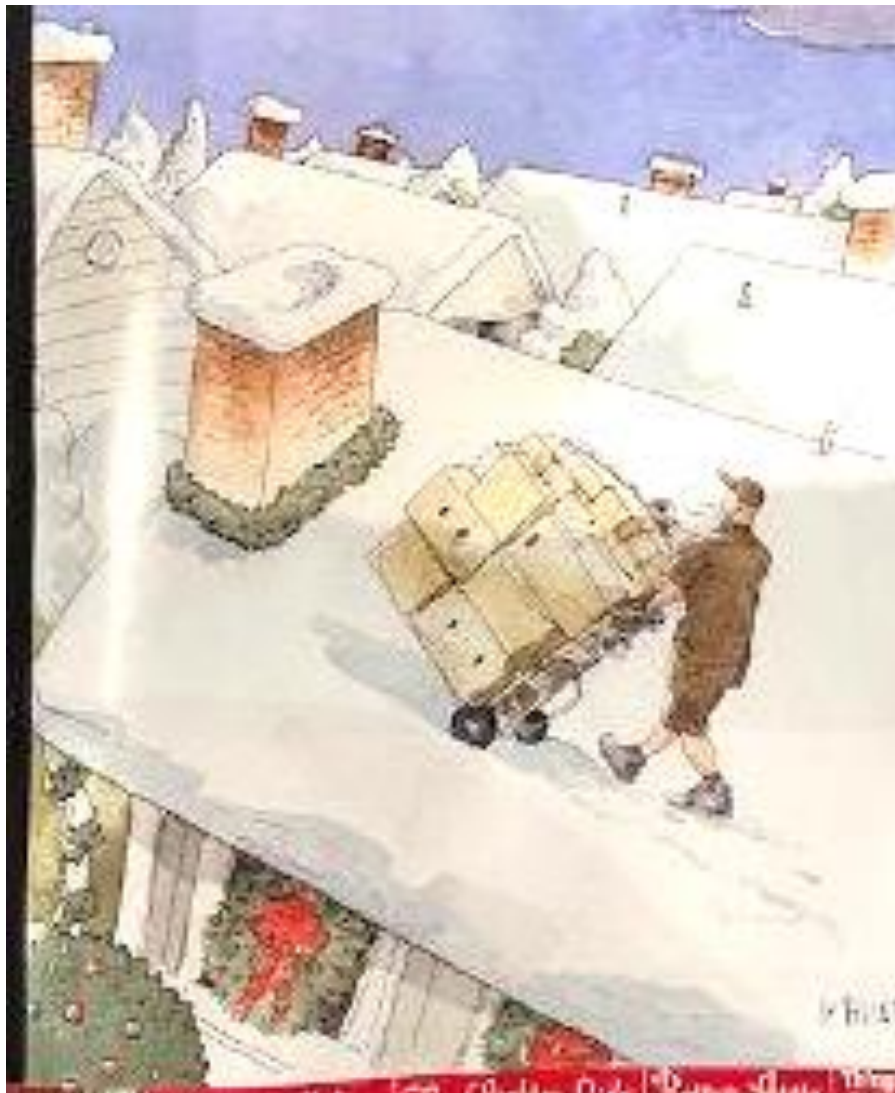
This is how Santa dressed during his tour of duty in Afghanistan many years ago. He is shown here as a Christmas tree ornament.



FUNSTUFF

BET YA DIDN'T KNOW THAT SANTA HAS A PART-TIME JOB

Yup, 'tis true, 'tis true. It seems that after Xmas Santa goes to work for FedEx delivering to the places he could not reach in time. But FedEx has a dress code so Santa can't wear his Santa suit.



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BLAST FROM THE PAST

November 2010: "Turkeys for the Salvation Army"



December 2013: "Bell Ringing"



... That's all folks

