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SAN FELIPE BANNER



Look closely and you will see exactly what was accomplished in San Felipe this past year. The banner is updated yearly. Yes, that is Torsten Jacobsen on the right making sure the banner was photographed.



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CALL TO ORDER



OUR MEETING HIS WAY

President Tommy Wolf called the meeting to order at 7:15 a.m. Before the usual meeting rituals began, he instructed us to get out our cell phones and log on to Facebook making sure we embrace digital technology. After all, we are neighbors with Silicone Valley.



PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

Don Ouimet led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

FOUR WAY TEST **Russ Anderson** was perfect.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY **Rob Waldman** gave us today's thought:

"A good plan vigorously executed right now, is far better than a perfect plan executed next week."—General George Patton

MYSTERY GREETER

Dave Kemnitz collected exactly \$5.



Don Ouimet



Rob Waldman



Dave Kemnitz

THE NEWS

SAN FELIPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Rich Lueck is delighted to report that the following members are officially San Felipe Scholarship program sponsors:



Fred and Lois Nelson
Torsten and Tineke Jacobsen
Richard and Pam Lueck
Clayton and Carol Worsdell
Hugh and Flor Toloui
Mary and Dave Kemnitz
Steve Weir and John Hemm
Russ Anderson
Irene Davids-Blair and Max
Ken and Phyllis Nishimori
Lisa Truesdell and Steve Jacobsen
Joan D'Onofrio and Susan Bennett



BOCCE EVENT

Ben Wentling said we're all set for the May 19 Bocce event at Martinez Waterfront Park. Please show up by 9 am. Here's the Bocce Team: Fred and Lois, Clayton and Carol, Tommy and Vanessa, Pamela and ken, Hugh and Flor, Don, Bob Huck, Renee and Bill, Barbara and Mark, Lisa and Steve.

CASH 4 CLUNKERS UPDATE

Dave Kemnitz reported that Clunkers brought in \$26,306 since January. He encourages us to attend the Liberty High School's auto shop car show and fundraiser:



...and if you're into pre-'72 American autos, you won't want to miss this classic car show.



COMMUNITY ARTS

Here are the winners of the Clayton Valley Charter High School's Annual Art Expo that we reported on last week. **Tommy** and **Joan** were presenters where over 34 students received awards. Tommy represented our Rotary club and Joan represented the Michelangelo Arts Foundation as they served as co-sponsors.



DIABLO VIEW ROTARY FUNDRAISER: Support our Rotary friends.

Diablo View Rotary Range Day

Clay Shooting, Fellowship, Food
with Sharp Shooter Contest
Saturday, June 2, 2018
10:00 am – 2:00 pm (Lunch provided)
Sharp Shooter Contest 2:00 pm
\$100.00
Register NOW! Only 40 spots!

<http://diablovrotary.org/range-day/>



Only registered shooters may attend this event for safety purposes.
You must be 18 years old or older.
email to learn more: club@diablovrotary.org

KENNEDY-KING MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Fred Nelson and three other members were invited to attend the 50th Annual Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Awards Dinner May 18 at the Crown Plaza Hotel. The program was formed in 1968 as a memorial to Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.--both of whom died that year—to provide equal opportunity in education to deserving students. Since its inception, the Fund has awarded more than 816 scholarships totaling \$4.7 million to outstanding minority community college students in Contra Costa County to encourage completion of undergraduate degrees. Our Rotary supports this organization.

HAPPYBUCKS



John Wolfe is sure happy to be back with his new aortic heart valve securely implanted last week. He said he only spent two night in the hospital and thanked all who extended good wishes to him.



Bill Selb kept us in stitches before he was able to reminded us that the 15th Annual Pancake Breakfast is only three months away. He instructed us to cancel all plans so we will be bright-eyed and bushy-tailed—and available—for the event which falls on a Wednesday this year.



Fred Nelson was relieved to be home after a trip to NY and Connecticut where he endured the worst traffic ever. Said it took them two hours to get to the airport that was only ten minutes away. They don't have BART in Connecticut.



Miles Bell was very impressed with the outstanding service he received at Lehmer's where he got his tires changed last week. He also mentoned how proud and happy that his daughter just graduated from CalPoly with a degree in Environmental Science.



Julia Dawson thanked Barbara for helping her celebrate her birthday. They hit San Francisco running and went to Top of the Mark, Chinatown, the Tonga Room and Hurricane Bar. Best birthday ever, she said.



Ben Wentling, the Bocce guy, said his vehicle conked out, but he was able to replace it with an F1-50 truck that his friend just happened to be getting rid of. He was sorry he did not get to the JOBL event in time for the parade, but he did get there in time to enjoy the happiness the kids displayed.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

SHE DID IT ALL, AND DID IT HER WAY



Program Chair **John Wolfe** introduced the new City of Clayton **Chief of Police, Elise Warren**, as today's speaker. Chief Warren was sworn into office February 20, 2018 after a 28-year stellar multi-faceted career in law enforcement.

Her retirement in February followed a distinguished career with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department where she served in just about every position available to her. That included patrol services, captain of the Investigations Division, assistant technical and IT services, was assistant to the Sheriff and an Internal Affairs investigator. When she retired, she was the Assistant Sheriff of the Field Operations Bureau.

Captain Warren said she had a staff of 350 when she worked in the Sheriff's department. Now she has a staff of 10 in her new position which means she will now be able to know the names of all her officers.

When asked if she observed changes in police officers over the years her response was: *"in the past, cops were straight out of the military. They were warriors. Today police officers are into education and come to the positions straight out of the academy. Law enforcement is now a profession. They are not warriors anymore, they are now guardians."*

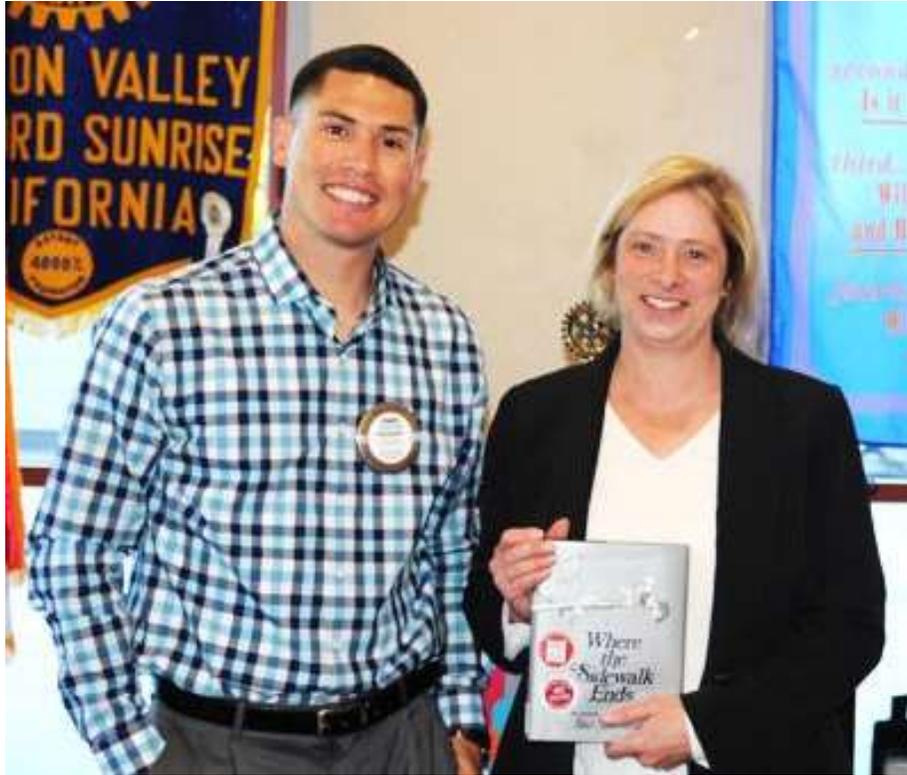
Chief Warren is interested in studying trends, becoming engaged in the community, and continues her efforts at fundraising so the department can buy body cams.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER



Elise Warren was sworn into office as Chief of police of the City of Clayton February 2018. Chief Warren holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from Cal Poly, attended the FBI LEEDA Command Leadership Institute, and earned a Management Certificate issued by the California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training. She is married, has two children, and lives in Walnut Creek. During her free time she volunteers at the Tony LaRussa Animal Rescue Foundation.

LITERACY PROGRAM



Chief Warren signed this week's book titled: *Where the Sidewalk Ends* that will be donated to the Clayton Library as part of our Literacy Program.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS: Win or lose, Tommy keeps on laughing.



Rich Lueck was the winner of the ticket pull this week; however, he did not capture the Joker. Once again Tommy laughed it off. Next week, some lucky member will have an opportunity to try and win one of those \$50 gift cards.

JOKES OF THE WEEK

THE GRAVE

When Mozart passed away, he was buried in a churchyard. A couple days later, the town drunk was walking through the cemetery and heard some strange noise coming from the area where Mozart was buried. Terrified, the drunk ran and got the priest to come and listen to it.

The priest bent close to the grave and heard some faint, unrecognizable music coming from the grave. Frightened, the priest ran and got the town magistrate.

When the magistrate arrived, he bent his ear to the grave, listened for a moment, and said, "Ah, yes, that's Mozart's Ninth Symphony, being played backwards." He listened a while longer, and said, "There's the Eighth Symphony, and it's backwards, too. Most puzzling." So the magistrate kept listening. By that time more town folks came to the grave to hear the strange sounds.

"There's the Seventh... the Sixth... the Fifth..." Suddenly the realization of what was happening dawned on the magistrate; he stood up and announced to the crowd that had gathered in the cemetery, "My fellow citizens, there's nothing to worry about. It's just Mozart decomposing."

ARTHRITIS

A drunken man who smelled like booze sat down on a bench next to a priest. The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half-empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading.

After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, "Say Father, what causes arthritis?"

The priest replies, "My Son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes and lack of a bath."

The drunk muttered in response, "Well, I'll be damned," then returned to his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?"

The drunk answered, "I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that the Pope does."

OFFICIAL VIGILANCE

A public school teacher was arrested today at John F. Kennedy International airport as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a compass, a slide-rule, and a calculator.

At a morning press conference, the Attorney General said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement.

He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction.

"Al-Gebra is a problem for us," the Attorney General said. "They derive solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values. They use secret code names like 'X' and 'Y' and refer to themselves as 'unknowns' but we have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country.

"As the Greek philosopher Isosceles used to say, 'There are three sides to every triangle.'"

When asked to comment on the arrest, the Attorney General said, "If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, he would have given us more fingers and toes."

...That's All Folks.