

Rotary



Club of Concord

Events

June 24th
DEMOTION PARTY

June 25th
DARK

July 2nd
DARK

July 9th
Concord Weekly Club Meeting (SEE DETAILS BELOW ON THE RIGHT)

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Birthdays

Alfred (Paul) King Jr.
July 7th

Memory A. Woodard
July 9th

Susan Cohen Grossman
July 13th

Dave Litty
July 14th

Ronald Melvin
July 15th

Silvio Garaventa
July 18th

Rich E. Timmons
July 21st

WELCOME TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF CONCORD!

Read below for what's going on at your club! Do you know how to add to this newsletter? Send articles, or ideas for articles, to committee chair Tony Akins <takins15@gmail.com>. Photos are an important part and Greg Grassi will insert them into the newsletter. Send photos to Greg Grassi <greg.grassi@yahoo.com>.

(NOTE: Please contact Tony to learn how YOU can help as Greg will not be continuing in this role...and you can find out if this volunteer opportunity is for YOU!)

Addendum to Last Friday's Club Meeting Report



Nick's Thought of the Day was MIA last week so here it is!

Nick Virgallito closed the meeting by reciting a quote about being proud of our flag from John Wayne.
◆ *Sure I wave the American flag. Do you know a better flag to wave? Sure I love my country with all her faults. I'm not ashamed of that, never have been, never will be.* ◆ -John Wayne

Club Meeting of June 18-19, 2021 By Rick Ernst

Meeting, Part I: Friday, June 18th 12:15 p.m.

President Brad proclaimed, ◆ Welcome everybody to this, my last meeting of the year, which sounds pretty exciting. ◆ Our about-to-be-demoted president had no idea just how ◆ exciting ◆ things would get at about 1:15pm, just as we were about to do a little club business. What ◆ is that old saying. . . ◆ All good things must come to an end?? ◆ Perhaps so, but certainly not as abruptly - or unexpectedly - as we experienced midway through this, Captain Brad's final meeting of the year.



Here ◆ is what happened if you missed this unplanned episode. At 1:10pm, shortly after thanking our program speaker, Natalie Oleas, for her fine presentation, we lost THE key component needed for a Zoom meeting - the host. Apparently, Comcast had an emergency and had to shut down all service in his Lafayette neighborhood. Try as we might, with the power out, no amount of ◆ tinkering ◆ was going to resolve our digital dilemma. To Dr. Brad's credit, as a long-time surgeon, he ◆ is certainly experienced greater crises than this and kept his cool throughout the entire episode.

Before we were abruptly disconnected, we received an introductory overview of the LEAP program with more information to learn in the coming weeks.

Hours later in the afternoon, when the power was back on, Brad quipped ♦ I guess it is a fitting end to my year, highlighted by ♦ the unexpected. ♦

As you all may know by now, a smaller cadre of fellow Rotarians reconvened on Saturday morning to continue with our agenda and the ♦ Club Business ♦ segment of our meeting. Nope, the *S.S. Concord Rotary* never lost a beat and Part II of our June 18th meeting convened amid cooler temperatures and under full power from the folks at Comcast.

Invited Guests

We welcomed a second visit by Rotarian **Vijay Chaudry** of the Jodhpur Rotary Club, from District 3053 located in northern India. Also, with us once again is member-nominee **Leslie Chapman**, long-time friend of our club ♦s first lady, Stephanie. We look forward to becoming acquainted with Leslie and welcoming her into our Rotary family in July.



Our Program Speaker



Natalie Oleas, Director of the Family Justice Center located in Concord, gave us an impressive overview of the Center and its multitude of programs. First and foremost, it is a warm and welcoming one-stop for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking. The Center is where families come first. The Center brings specialized resources aboard to meet the needs of children, youth and families impacted by interpersonal violence, recognizing that family violence greatly impacts children ♦s healthy development including their emotional, mental, and physical health.

Centers are located in Concord, Richmond, and Antioch. They serve families regardless of their geographic location, language, immigration status, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, or income. Their Mission is to bring together our community to support the healing of family violence survivors, and to integrate capable partners with a comprehensive service approach to renew individual and our community from a trauma of family violence. These are truly ♦ One Stop ♦ Centers enabling families to bypass the often confusing myriad of local, county and state agencies that often do nothing but ♦ pass the buck ♦ in directing families in crisis to yet another agency. Natalie shared the Vision of their Centers ♦ to envision a vibrant community, free from coercion and fear. In achieving that, their Center is a community hub for education, comprehensive services in the pursuit of justice, hope and healing.

Brad ♦s Final Meeting, Part II: Saturday morning, June 20th, 10:00am Well, all ♦s well that ends well and as we reconvened on Saturday morning with 22 members zoomed-in to this segment of the year ♦s final meeting. Here are highlights of Part II of that meeting ♦



Ron Mullin, having just returned from a South of the Border vacation, began our meeting with a \$100 donation to the Foundation. A bell ringer! **Alan Hermens** celebrated a birthday dinner yesterday with fellow Rotarians and in-laws, Roberta & **Jerry Hoobler**. **Jim Kohl** told us he ♦s glad to be in Rotary and would like to end the year with a \$100

donation to his Paul Harris Fellowship. Another bell ringer!



Food Bank committee chair **Parmod Kumar** reminded us that next Monday, June 21 is our next ♦sorting♦ night and the work/fun begins promptly at 6:00 pm. Mask protocols will be in place if anyone can figure out what those confusing rules are.

Memory Woodard acknowledged all the effort (and results!) that **Stephanie Prescott** and her team has achieved in our newest community service effort, dubbed ♦The LadyBug Project. ♦ This project will definitely continue to expand into our new Rotary year.



Thanks also to **Pat Virgallito** and **Ron Mullin** for their \$100 donations to the LadyBug project.



Past President **Dave Litty** contributed \$100 to the Polio Plus Drive and informed Stephanie that he♦ll see if his business development group can direct funding towards the LadyBug Project. Great momentum♦thanks, Rotarians.

Two Red Badgers were presented with their coveted Blue Badge today ♦ that would be First Lady **Stephanie** and **Sharol Collins**, wife of Gary. They are two of the nine new Rotarians who joined our Rotary family this year.

Sharol ♦nailed♦ her final task with a perfect recital of Rotary♦s 4-Way Test.

On the subject of birthdays, **Scott Singley** celebrated this past week, but could not recall what they did to mark the occasion. Scott also reminded us of the ♦multiplier effect♦ that causes our donations to the Foundation and to Polio Plus to grow. That \$100 eventually morphs into \$1,000. How awesome is that?



Former long-time member **Alex Ozuna** was on-line from his home in New Braunfels, Texas. We compared whether Texas or California is having the worst weather ♦ we♦ll revisit this topic once we♦ve made it through the upcoming fire season throughout our state.

Bill Bobetsky, Greg Grassi and **Jim Kohl** all shared family-events planned for this Father♦s Day weekend. For many, it♦s a great reason to be with family members. For Bill and Valerie, that includes a weekend of horseback riding in the foothills.

We concluded our final ♦official♦ meeting of this Rotary year with two memorable quotes, both related to honoring the fathers in our lives.

Rev. Billy Graham

♦A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.♦

Anonymous ♦ and how appropriate for having ♦sailed♦ with Captain Brad this year.

♦A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but rather, a guiding light whose commitment, devotion and love shows us the way.♦

Your reporter is pleased to report that **Part II** of our final meeting experienced no technical issues and we adjourned at 10:35am with a reminder that it♦s Demotion Party Time this Thursday evening. See you there.

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Upcoming Club Meetings and Speakers

June 24th

[Demotion Party](#)

Come join in the fun, both on Zoom and live from the Calhoun estate, 1572 Matheson Rd., Concord, CA 94521

July 2nd

[DARK](#)

Happy 4th of July Weekend!

July 16th

[Steve Glazer, California State Senator, District 7](#)

Learn what is going on in our state legislator from State Senator Steve Glazer.

June 25th

[DARK](#)

July 9th

[Charles Bamforth, UC Davis Professor and Brewologist](#)

Learn about the science of making beer from a Brewologist.

Club Leaders 2020-2021



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