

Rotary



Club of Concord

Events

This coming
Thursday
evening...virtual
club SOCIAL EVENT.

See email SOON
with details from
Dave Litty

Birthdays

Anthony A. Akins
August 26th

Richard Wm
Vossekuil
September 4th

Gwyn E Jones
September 5th

Bradford T. Prescott
September 11th

Christos C. Moulis
September 15th

Joshua P Gotto
September 19th

WELCOME TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF CONCORD!

Read below for what's going on at your club! Do you know how to add to our Concord Rotary Website or Facebook? Send articles and photos to Guy Bjerke

<guybjerke@gmail.com>. **Want to help out?** A newsletter editor role is available. See Ron Leone for more details. Contact Susan or Tina for "training". It's kind of fun and definitely easy.

Club Meeting Report from August 20, 2021 by Michael Joseph Barrington

Pres Ron wearing a Superman shirt, gaveled the meeting down to order announcing that today is the 75th anniversary of the club's charter. (Every time I see him I think he would make a wonderful Town Crier, hauling around a huge bell and screaming ♦Oyez, Oyez♦ in some Charles Dickens movie. We should really make a move and sell his services. A fundraising idea?)

Technical gremlins immediately took over and much of what followed was unfortunately missed due to poor audio. Then as the mic roamed about the room, video also was lost.

I understand that **Marilyn McClaskey** led the club in the pledge to the flag.

Guests:

Mary Lou Helix

Memory Woodard introduced two graduates from Ignacio Valley High: Naomi Solomon who will be attending UC Long Beach and Shahd Aldoori will start at DVC this next semester.



Rick Ernst filled in while the techies tried to sort out the gremlins and introduced our newest member

Nick Peterson and his wife Cherise. You're VERY WELCOME!



Brad Prescott (not wearing his green washed out T shirt), also jumped in to announce that he had Paul Harris pins from his Rotary year but due to not having physical meetings, but he didn't have the time to hand them out. He read out a short list which this scribe does not have. But inter alia: **Guy Bjerke, Bill Bobetsky, Paul Meyerhoffer, John Kaminsky**, etc. Please contact Brad for said items.

Dave Litty also filled in by announcing that due to the Delta Variant the **Thursday Evening Social** next week would be virtual. Stand by for further information. In his own perspicacious, apperceptive and incandescent way updates will come during the week. Meantime, prepare your own beverage of choice.

Lyn Kenney, former Club President and a special visiting speaker, well known to Rotarians for the many years of significant commitment and dedication to living out our **Service Above Self** motto, gave a special talk entitled **The Mouse That Roared**. Since there was no video and only poor/intermittent audio, it was difficult to appreciate what was being said. What little was heard sounded extremely interesting as she traced the history of women in Rotary and mentioned her own years of research into the subject.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: There were some birthdays and anniversaries announced which is kind of surprising as I thought with the Covid lock down pretty much everything was on hold. However, tech problems prevented them being heard fully by the Zoom attendees including this scribe.

Paul King had ????????????

Somebody donated \$100 ??????????.

Gwen Jones had a 3 year club anniversary ??????????.unintelligible noise/humor must have been speaking Welsh?

Happy Bucks ??????????..?

Ron closed the meeting by trying to impress us with his prowess and extraordinary skills with Google by relating several events that took place on this day in history. The only one really worth remembering of course is a quote from a wartime speech made by the British prime minister [Winston Churchill](#) on 20 August 1940. "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few", referring to the ongoing efforts of the [Royal Air Force](#) and Polish fighter crews [No. 303 Squadron RAF](#) who were at the time fighting the [Battle of Britain](#), the pivotal air battle with the German [Luftwaffe](#), with Britain expecting an [invasion](#). Pilots who fought in the battle have been known as [The Few](#) ever since.

(The scribe had his DNA done and found out that he is 75% Irish. He's considering having a blood transfusion if he can find a willing, true blooded, Englishman donor. Suggestions?).

It has been a busy and slightly hectic morning and this scribe is about to take a post prandial relapse into the arms of Morpheus!

With apologies,
Michael

Upcoming Speakers

August 26th
Club social event (see email for details)

September 3rd
[DARK](#)
Happy Labor Day Weekend

August 27th
[DARK](#)

September 17th
[Agent Theron Francisco. US Border Patrol](#)
Come and listen about all of the issues that the US Border Patrol faces as there has been an increase in illegal border crossings, cartels, smuggling in the rugged boarder between Mexico and the United States.

Club Leaders



[Ronald E. Leone](#)
President



[Memory A. Woodard](#)
President-Elect
Youth Services
Chair



[Sandra J Newman](#)
Secretary



[Gregory M. Grassi](#)
Treasurer



[Guy S. Bjerke](#)
Public Relations
Chair



[Wanda D. Waltman](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Rick Ernst](#)
Membership Chair



[Sherilyn Escoto](#)
Rotary Foundation
Chair



[William Bobetsky](#)
Community
Service Chair



[Rita Corbinook](#)
Club Service
Chair - Fellowship



[Michael Joseph Barrington](#)
International
Service Chair



[Dave Litty](#)
Vocational Service
Chair



[Bradford T. Prescott](#)
iPast President



[Dess A. Benedetto](#)
Assistant
Governor