



MEETING NOTES: May 8, 2019

John King called the meeting to order.



Video: The video stressed sharing our thoughts, ideas, skills and perspectives. It addressed giving back to the world by helping youth, fighting disease, getting involved in communities, and supporting groups in need. Rotarians are devoted to these ideals.

May Birthdays: **Chuck Lamb, Robert McCarthy** and **Bob Selinger** celebrated their birthdays.



Sunshine: **Leo Feltz** was honored. **Sue Adams** is suffering from shingles. **Ted Tomblinson** is still undergoing cancer treatment.

Thought of the Day: **John King** offered some great quips from Yogi Berra and others.

Happy Dollars: **Nancy** gave in honor of the UN anniversary of the Table of Elements. **Chuck** celebrated the Warriors playoffs. **John King** gave in honor of the Sharks. **Patrice** was happy about going to see Hamilton again. **Merilee** mentioned Mutual 1 water problems. **Jim Olson** gave in honor of Mother's Day.

Raffle winners receiving bottles of wine were **Merilee** and **Marlene**. The pot has grown to \$359 now.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walker Lundy is now a member of the Board.

4th of July Picnic: They are adding chicken sausages this year.

The website has been updated.

There will be a Walnut Creek World War II Veterans celebration on Memorial Day at Civic Park.

PROGRAM

Dr. Mike Barrington and Susan Grossman from the Concord Rotary Club spoke to us about the WASH program (Water, Augmented Curriculum, Sanitation and Hygiene) in Africa and Honduras. They are sponsoring a member of the Honduran WASH club on a tour of the district. They have provided \$400,000 to bring their program up to UNICEF standards.



This included automating educational reporting and other standards electronically. Now monitoring can be done in the U.S.

Barrington reported that parents there hesitate to send their kids to school because of the water and sanitation circumstances. Water is scarce. It is only pumped in two days a week, but the water is unsafe. Children often get sick due to E. coli contamination. Honduran schools that were contaminated are now clean. By improving the health and education of children, they hope to create a cycle of opportunity: that is, improved education, increased school attendance, and improved academic performance. These are two of Rotary's areas of focus: basic education and literacy and water and sanitation. The program also trains teachers and has a bilingual club. The overall program is a success.

CALENDAR

Today	Duke Robinson – Evangelicals and Politics
May 22	Asher Garfinkel – Understanding ALS