

Rotary

Club of Oakland 3



Club Meeting

We Care Corner

A confidential email has been set up for members to alert the We Care Committee to reach out to a member and connect.

Home Care -- Shared Experience Corner

Need information about home care including equipment and supplies?

There may be fellow Rotarians who can give helpful tips based on personal experience.

Send a confidential email to the We Care Committee address (listed below) and we will provide you some information or one of us will get in touch.

Other Needs

Need help:

Post surgery?

Logging on to Zoom?

A ride to the weekly Club meeting?

Choosing a committee?

Some cheer during a rough time?

We will reach out with sensitivity and be sure we offer the appropriate support.

Rotary is here for you. Let's stay close and connect!

The email is:

RCOWeCareCommittee@gmail.com

Live Oak

STORIES

Next Club Meeting – June 19, 2025 – Demotion of President Shannon Hackley

The Past Presidents will preside over the Demotion of President Shannon Hackley as they entertain the audience with a “roast and toast” to her accomplishments.

The meeting will be in-person as well as on Zoom.

For those joining on Zoom, use this link [Thursday Club Meeting](#)

Rotary Meeting Highlights for June 12, 2025

Call to Order

After a pre-meeting performance by the Oakland Gay Men's Chorus, President Shannon Hackley called the meeting to order at 12:28 p.m. Shannon welcomed members and guests to the very last meeting that she presided over.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Daniel Cheng introduced two guests from the Oakland High School Interact Club, Joseph Wong and David Nguyen.

Allison Bliss introduced guest Noah Gaiser, Director of Development & Communications at St. Mary's Center.

Guest Yahweh introduced himself.

Former member Riza Hernandez was also introduced.

Thought for the Day

President Shannon shared the final 2024-25 thought for the day, "We are

Special Events

Rotary International Convention

June 21 – 25
Calgary, Canada

Fourth of July Parade – Piedmont

11 am – 3 pm

Annual Club Picnic

August 28 – 5 – 8 pm
Lake Temescal

Service Projects

HOT Squad

Volunteer Service Projects serving the community as scheduled.

Committee Meetings

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating are:

June

05 – Kevin Kelley

06 – Brett Badelle

06 – Bob Barth

06 – Bob Muldoon

07 – Anne Bisagno

07 – Dale Chamblin

08 – Joseph Koroma

09 – Jim Wambach

11 – Morris Johnson

13 – Steve Nicholls

16 – Steve Blair

16 – Keith Giron

17 – Preston Pinckney

19 – Bryan Morgan

19 – Julayne Virgil

21 – Kers Clausen

22 – Robert Raburn

23 – Michael Houston

25 – Sheldon Crandall

26 – Jesse Bowdle

forbidden to lose hope."

Piedmont 4th of July Parade

Mark Rosen shared 4th of July parade trivia with the audience:

Question: What was the year of the first 4th of July parade held? Answer: 1788

Question: Which state has the longest standing 4th of July parade? Answer:
Rhode Island

Mark invited members and their friends and families to join the Rotary Club of Oakland entry in the annual Piedmont 4th of July parade. The giant blowup Rotary wheel that will be part of the Rotary float was parked in the back of the ballroom. Watch for an email with all the details.

New Member Induction – Tim Robison

Marianne Robison introduced her son, Tim Robison as the club's newest member.

Tim has a PhD from UC Davis, worked in the healthcare field, for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and in the Robison family business. Welcome Tim!

Community Service Committee Report

Committee co-chair Allison Bliss reported on the committee's activities during the 2024-25 year. Co-chair Teresa Weyand was unable to attend the meeting.

- Support provided in three areas: community grants; Feed the Hungry; and service days.
- Grant criteria: fairness, inclusivity, and measurable needs
- Vetting of organizations: reviewing the annual budget and quality of the leadership team
- Eleven community grants awarded, averaging \$5,000, that benefited: seniors; youth and families; sustainable environment; youth athletics; youth education; affordable IT and internet technology; community health and fitness
- Feed the Hungry: grants of \$5,700 each were hand-delivered to six organizations
- Service days: PAL Camp cleanup; St. Vincent de Paul Easter party; tree planting; meal packaging at the food bank

Allison introduced the hard-working committee members and recommended that the audience check the flyers on tables that provided more details about the 2024-25 Community Service grantees.

Awards

The 2024-25 recipient of the Dan Lasar Good Job Award was . . . Julie Fox. President Shannon thanked Julie for her tremendous work as chair of the We

Membership Anniversaries

Thank you for your years of service to Rotary Club of Oakland and the community!

June

Ces Butner – 33 years
Margo Seligman – 33 years
Peter Turner – 33 years
John Holmgren – 32 years
Fred Morse – 31 years
Robert Kidd – 29 years
Mary Geong – 23 years
Elizabeth Johnson – 22 years
Catherine Pinkas – 21 years
Keith Giron – 18 years
Linda Hamilton – 18 years
Dan Altemus – 17 years
Sean Callum – 17 years
Merlin Edwards – 14 years
David Barron – 12 years
Jain Williams – 12 years
Barbara Leslie – 10 years
Ahmad Anderson – 8 years
Pat McMillan – 8 years
Lois Corrin – 4 years
Dave Cannon – 2 years
Fiona Ma – 2 years
Thomas Binz – 1 year
Mandolin Kadera-Redmond – 1 year
Pat Raburn – 1 year

Club Leaders

Care Committee and as lunch coordinator. Shannon displayed the Good Job Award plaque and presented Julie with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Congratulations Julie!



President Shannon called on Past President David Stein and recognized him for his efforts as chair of the Speaker's Committee and for recruiting new club members. David received a bottle of very special Tequila. Congratulations David!

Bellringer Week

President Shannon's final bellringer week caused the bell to be rung past 1:00 pm. Here are the results:

**Nuno Ferreira in honor of his daughter's graduation from UC Santa Barbara.
David Stein (2) in honor of David and C J's 15th wedding anniversary and in honor of Shannon.**

Joe Goralka (3) in honor of Wes Palmquist, Michael Melone (recovering from a biking injury), and Shannon.

Linda Hamilton in recognition of the Corner Pocket Band's gig at Rigger's Loft Saturday evening.

Pam Claassen in recognition of Shannon's Rotary nail polish.

Wayne Goodroe (2) in recognition of his shared birthday with Mark Rosen and for Shannon.

Pat Williams in honor of Julie Fox.

Julie Caskey in honor of Shannon (along with a box of chocolates).

Lorna Padia Markus in honor of the club members who attended the Contra Costa Boys & Girls Club gala where Lorna was honored for her many years of

service to the club.

Tom Limon in honor of Shannon.

Rick Draper in honor of Julie Fox, David Stein, and Shannon.

Merlin Edwards in honor of Shannon.

Wil Hobbs in honor of Shannon.

Shannon Hackley in honor of Lorna Padia Markus and Ces Butner.

Linda Boessenecker in honor of Shannon.

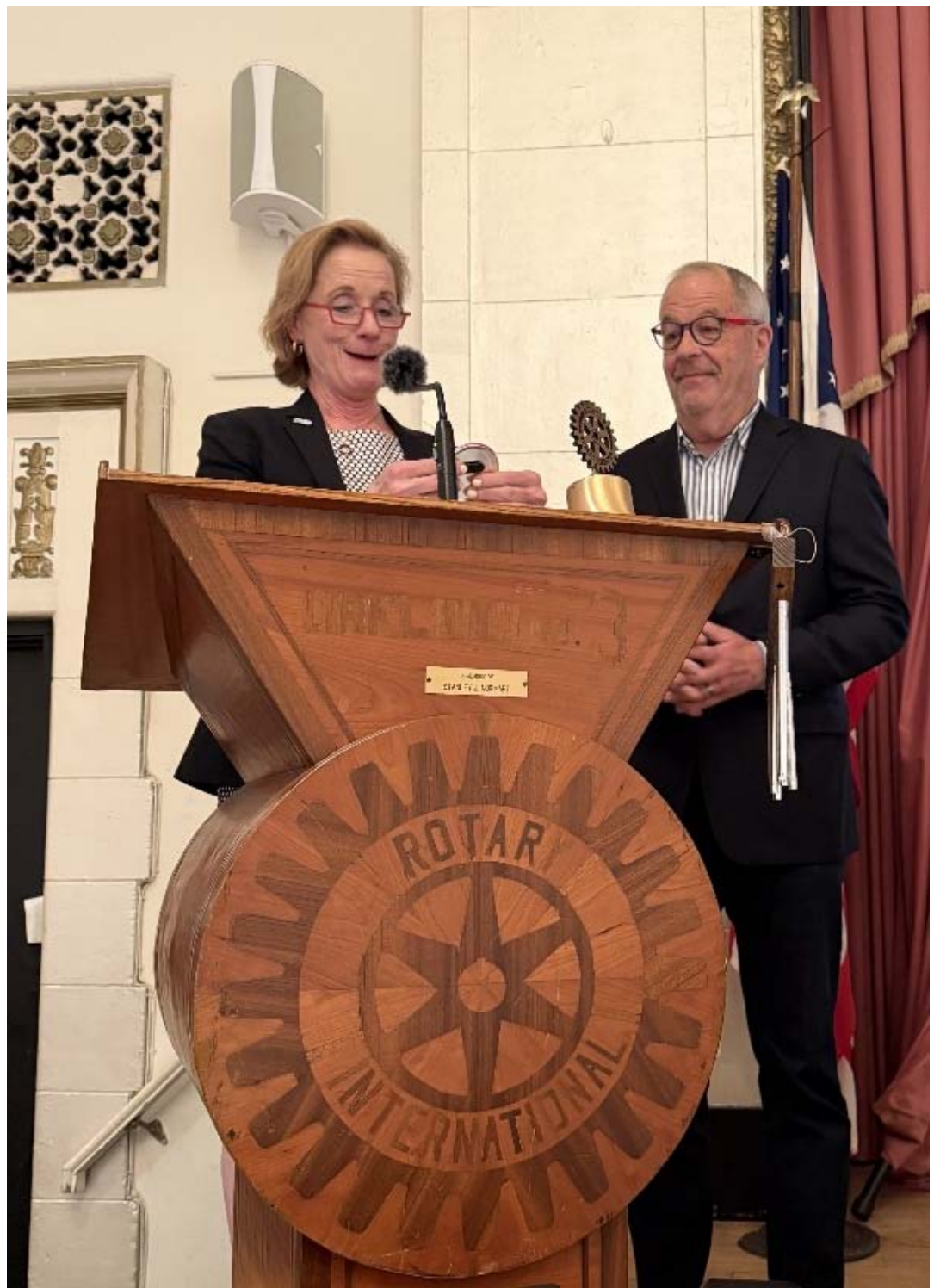
Kerry Hamill in honor of Shannon.

Moya Robinson in honor of Shannon.

Shannon's Final Remarks and Surprise New Member

President Shannon is not only the club president but is a business owner, mom, wife, and daughter. She recognized her Rotary mentor, Dr. Karl Stucki who always said, "meet people where they are." Shannon was most proud of her role in assisting Karl in establishing the Uniendo America Project Fair. She reminded everyone that Rotary is an international network. She called upon this network when one of her sons missed a connecting flight in Barcelona. A local Rotary Club provided overnight accommodations and help in catching his flight. Shannon thanked the club for making her year a success and reminded the group to "connect, engage, and enrich."

Shannon inducted the last new member of her year, her husband Wesley Palmquist. Wes is a retired hospital administrator. She described Wes as an opportunistic sports fan and an aficionado of old book stores. Welcome Wes!



Speakers for the Day – Paul Dannhauser and Bruce Southard

Elida Scola introduced Paul Dannhauser, president and Dr. Bruce Southard, artistic director of the Oakland Gay Men's Chorus. The mission of the Chorus is to "give voice through song for a community where everyone matters." The Chorus presents multiple concerts every year in Oakland and Walnut Creek. The group will be performing the National Anthem at Oakland Ballers and Oakland Soul games.

President Shannon thanked Paul and Bruce for the pre-meeting performance and

for speaking at her last meeting.

Adjournment

President Shannon thanked those who helped put on today's meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 pm.

Open letter to the members of the Rotary Club of Oakland from Jack McAboy

My most sincere thanks to all of you who participated in the tribute to my 50 years in the club. I am overwhelmed with gratitude about this recognition and the amazing amount of work so many people put into it. I have loved my 50 years in the club working with Oakland Rotary members to accomplish things for others, and the friendships I now enjoy was a result. I was Amazed by the pictures placed throughout the ballroom and a bit disjointed as everywhere I looked – there I was. Even when I wasn't looking! The Quilt with all the HOPE students and their mentors touched my heart and the book, filled with pictures of my 50 years along with comments from many club leaders capped off by the Mayor's proclamation naming the day as Jack McAboy day in Oakland, and Mario's sculpture all meant a lot. A Huge WOW! And finally, I'm so appreciative of the large turn-out for the event and the many former Oakland Rotarians who attended. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Jack