

Rotary



Club of Concord

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Wanda D
Waltman
January 26th
Elisabeth M.
Andreason
January 28th
Monica L Bullet
February 3rd
Rick Ernst
February 10th
Guy S. Bjerke
February 14th

01-12-24 Concord Rotary Club Newsletter

By Guy S. Bjerke

President **Wanda Waltman** opened the meeting. **Nick Virgallito** led the pledge of allegiance and **Helen Crump** recited the 4-Way Test. There were no guests to introduce.

Happy Bucks

- **Scott Singley** donated \$20 to celebrate the 49ers making it through the first round of the playoffs. (They have a bye.)
- **Gwyn Jones** was happy about the SA appearance in the Rose Parade.
- **Ron Leone** is happy to have visited his new grandchild in Seattle.
- **Helen Crump** is planning a trip to Denver.
- **Rick Ernst** is glad his son, Chris, survived and helped rescue folks from the avalanche at K22 Palisades Resort.

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- **Memory**



Woodard explained a recent visit she had with **Howard Jenkins** about the founding of the Club's Endowment and circulated a certificate that 50 club members received as they each contributed \$1,000 toward an initial \$50,000 to start the fund. (Howard's certificate shows an incomplete list of charter members.)

- **Elisabeth Andreason** reminded us all about the John McCutchen concert to be held Saturday night (January 13).

Birthdays & Club Anniversaries

Inge Yarborough contributed to celebrate her 75th birthday on January 10.

President Wanda noted club anniversaries. There were no wedding anniversaries this week.





Career Talks

Helen Crump graduated from The Ohio State with a degree in Fashion Merchandising. She spent most of her career in retail management and human relations, primarily for Bullocks. She later attained a multi-subject teaching credential from The Sacramento State and was a long-term substitute teacher. She is now semi-retired but is still recruiting for the Coast Guard. Helen was formally a member of the famous Duarte Rotary Club - the first club to admit women.

Bill McQueen graduated from Trinity in San Antonio and then received his MBA from the University of Texas. He started his career in a credit union company in Texas, working in jobs he admittedly detested. He later transitioned to the insurance industry - landing at Prudential, where he found the tasks more to his liking and rose through the ranks. He recently retired and has now opened up his own insurance related business.

Announcements

- District 5160 night at the Golden State Warriors is January 19th.
- Home Team is planning an effort on January 27th.
- District 5160 grant writing workshop is also set for January 27th. **President Wanda** will be attending.
- Food Bank Sorting will be held from 6pm to 8 pm on Monday, February 5. **Parmod Kumar** is seeking volunteers.
- Our Celebrate Love - Endowment Fundraiser is February 10th. Here again is a copy of the brochure and QR code for your registration. We are happy to report that all hearts are sold out now!
- District 5160 Conference is set for April 26-28 in Sacramento.
- International Convention is set for May 25-29 in Singapore.



working to create "cottage" communities on "faith based land" (aka surplus land at religious sites). More information can be found at www.hopesolutions.org.

The meeting ran long, so this reporter has no idea who won the drawing or the outcome.

Speaker

Debbie Purcell and Carrie Veurink explained the work of their organization - Hope Solutions.

Hope Solutions is working to address the challenges of homelessness in Contra Costa. There are about 10 thousand homeless in Contra Costa County - the result of high housing costs and low wage jobs. Hope Solutions serves about 3,500 of that vulnerable population. They provide permanent housing and vital services. They have several projects in Contra Costa and are



Upcoming Speakers

Club Leaders



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President-Elect



[Sandra J. Newman](#)
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