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## Birthdays

Gregory M. Grassi  
April 19th  
Dale C. Adams  
May 2nd  
Josephine Leiva  
May 5th  
Nicholas R. Virgallito  
May 5th

## 4-5-24 Concord Rotary Newsletter

By Anthony Akins

The meeting was called to order by President-Elect **Jim Kohl**.

**Guy Bjerke** led us in the pledge.

**Tony Akins** thanked **Rick Ernst** for the table mats and then led us (read from the table mat) in the 4-Way Test. For those shouting out, "The 4-Way Test is on the screen!", you don't know how bad my eyesight is :).

**Monica Bulet** was our greeter today and mentioned that she was happy to be back. It felt like life and work just got a little busy and hectic for a while. Monica, we're happy to have you back as well.



### GUESTS:

**Rick Ernst** introduced a guest that **Bryan Keding** invited, **Robert Menderas**. Thanks for joining us today, Robert.

### HAPPY BUCKS:

(It is now known as the **Scott Singley**-getting-into-the-newsletter-time). **Scott** had nothing really to talk about but the record of continual appearances in the newsletter must be upheld, so he talked about a recent golf outing with **Michael Barrington** and volunteered \$10.

**Monica** contributed \$20, being so happy to be able to join us again.

**Stephanie Prescott** was happy with the article that Michael Barrington wrote for the Diablo Gazette, a local newspaper, about the LadyBug project and contributed \$100.



**Chris Moulis** went to Vegas and, upon instruction from **Nick Vergalito**, put \$5 in a slot machine and won 18 cents. Nick told Chris he owed Nick 9 cents until Chris reminded Nick it was Chris' \$5 that went into the machine. After some high math calculations, peace and equilibrium was attained.



**Susan Cohan Grossman** was also happy to be back in attendance as her life

had been full of goings-ons too, but she is really happy to be going to Israel for three weeks in the next month.

**Ron Leone** is happy as his son who lives in Taiwan was far away from the recent earthquake and all is well.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

**Nelson Meeks**  
**Celeste Graham**  
**Susan Cohen Grossman**  
**Tania Brugger-Blanchard**



**Tony Akins**  
**Elisabeth Andreason**  
**Chris Moulis**

EVENTS IN REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Michael Barrington** presented a \$10,000 check from our club to **The Gambia Project**.

**Jim Kohl** and **Memory Woodard** recapped their attendance at our District's Spring Assembly, where lots of valuable information was shared, and a good time was had by all.

**Ron Melvin** recapped his Rotary Means Business last week at **The Chicken Pie Shop** in Walnut Creek. He thanked all of his sponsors who paid for food and drink as well as all of those who attended, which was in the neighborhood of 75 + persons. A very successful meeting!

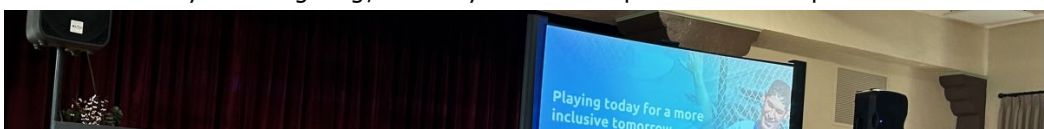
**Parmod Kumar** shared that he witnessed one of our most successfully attended Food Sorting events a few days ago. In fact, it was so well attended that they stopped sorting after about 75 minutes, having achieved their goal of sorting 4,000 lbs of apples and potatoes.

**Pres-Elect Jim** reminded the club of the upcoming District Conference to be held in Sacramento April 26- April 28.

**Michael Barrigton** gave us an update on the group coming from Turkmenistan; he is close to getting the week's agenda completed, but is still looking for some drivers.

**Michael** also plugged his just-released book "*Magic at Stonehenge*".

**Stephanie Prescott** is looking for help bringing items back from the District conference. If you are going, share your trunk space with her please.





**OUR SPEAKERS:**

Today's program was about The Northern California Chapter of the Special Olympics. Presenters **Sheena Kanakami** and **Angela Page** shared with us some of the activities and history of the organization.

**Fun Facts:**

The very first Special Olympics was held in 1968, in Eunice Kennedy Shriver's backyard, which I imagine was a tad larger than any of ours.



The organization supports over 5 million athletes in 170 countries, with 22,000 in the Northern California chapter, working with mostly 8 to 86-year-olds. But they also have a junior division with athletes from 2 to 7 years old.

They have events all year long with their Summer Olympics being the largest event of the year.

If you wish to get involved, please talk to **Ron Melvin** as they are always in need of coaches, mentors, sponsors, volunteers and, of course, finances.

**DRAWING:**

**Jorge Cordova** held the lucky ticket but drew a white marble, so the pot continues to grow.

A second raffle was held and **Scott Singly** won a copy of **Michael Barrington's** "Magic at Stonehenge" book.



**Upcoming Speakers**

**Club Leaders**



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