

Rotary



Club of Concord

Events

June 29th
President Wanda's Demotion Party

Birthdays

Bryan E. Keding
June 24th
Nicole Holody
Sullivan
July 4th
Alfred (Paul) King Jr.
July 7th
Memory A. Woodard
July 9th
Susan Cohen Grossman
July 13th
Dave Litty
July 14th
Ronald Melvin
July 15th
Silvio Garaventa
July 18th
Rich E. Timmons
July 21st
Sue Greenfeld
July 21st



6/25/24 Concord Rotary Newsletter

Meeting Notes: **Tina Akins**

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Rotary Meeting Notes for 6/21/24

WELCOME TO CONCORD ROTARY

President Wanda rang the bell for her last official Friday lunch Rotary meeting. **Sue Greenfeld** led us in the 4-way test, and we got off to a great start.

Introductions:

Wanda and Chuck Waltmans'™ daughter Shelby was on hand to celebrate her mom's™ year at the helm. Camp Royal students and their families were also in attendance.



Happy Bucks:

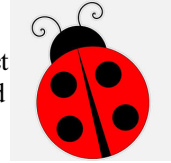


Scott Singley announced that his membership at Concord Rotary was the longest tenure of any of the clubs he has joined! Wait. **Scott**, was that a challenge? **Bryan Keding** put \$100 into the Endowment pot with the loud, proud, inspiring announcement "for the improvement of our community!" **Chris Moulis** had happy bucks for his plans to be in Florida all next week (happy bucks or sad bucks??) **Nick Virgallito** announced with relief, "all four grandchildren are HOME and are WORKING!" **Jim Kohl** donated funds in honor of our outgoing **President Wanda** and her husband Chuck. And **Inge Yarborough** had happy bucks with news of an upcoming driving trip to Oregon, then to Scandinavia for four weeks! (no, she's™ not driving to Scandinavia.)

The remainder of the club meeting was an inspiring trip down memory lane. Club committee chairs and projects chairs took turns outlining the great work the club has done in this past year. It was

heartwarming to be reminded of what we have accomplished. From large to small projects, we went out there and made a difference.

Community Service: **Stephanie Prescott** outlined the LadyBug Project accomplishments. They've been busy presenting, educating, distributing, and making a difference. Pat on the back!!



We have worked on Habitat for Humanity housing. We've donated both funds and volunteer hours to the Rotacare Clinic. **Parmod Kumar** reported we worked 6 different evenings at the Food Bank this year, donating 250 hours of service. **Inge Yarborough** thanked all who worked with the Home Team, and reminded us that the people we help are so very grateful. We served pancakes at the City of Concord's 4th of July festivities. We worked at the Special Olympics. We rang the bells for the Salvation Army. We provided funds for much-needed backpacks for kids. We helped with Toys for Tots. We provided Friday Folders, Dictionaries, a judge for the Contra Costa County Science Fair, funds towards Kennedy King Scholarships..... the list goes on. Youth Services: Another long list! **Memory Woodard** reminded us of the amazing Robotics program at YVHS. There were stoles for graduation for the Interactors. Scholarship funds increased significantly over last year's budget. We sent kids to Camp Venture. To Camp Royal. We provided support for YV's Link Crew. It was a treat to hear from three of the Camp Royal students, reflecting on their Camp experience. **Leslie Chapman** reminded us of the successful Interact students' visit to Montecito, an assisted living facility. **Leslie** reports that it far surpassed anyone's expectations, and she hopes to plan for another such event.

The Rotary Foundation, **Tina Akins** proudly outlined where we are currently. We, a club of 68 members, have 48 Paul Harris Fellows, 3 Benefactors, 2 Bequest Society, 12 Major Donors, 11 Paul Harris Society, and 10 of us are on Rotary Direct; the automatic payment program that Rotary International offers. As well, we donate to Polio Plus. She looks forward to our doing even better next year!



President Wanda reviewed the long list of events we attended: the District trainings, the District Conference, PETS, the Spring Assemblies, the Awards dinner. Our Fundraiser this past year raised \$14,000 for our community improvement.

Fellowship: **President Wanda** reviewed the demotion party last year, the Backyard Party at **Elisabeth Andreason's** house, the Garden of D-Lights at the Ruth Bancroft Garden, and the great holiday party at **Bill and Inge Yarborough's**. **Wanda** continued with a review of the past Rotary Means Business events. What a great program! An added bonus, the list of those attending from outside our club continues to grow.

International Service: Progress was reported by **Michael Barrington**. He told the story of young teachers in The Gambia, going out into the country to educate girls. But with no place to live, they quickly quit. **Kevin Matteri** has just now finished submitting a District Grant request for funds to build homes for the teachers. For anyone who has ever submitted a grant, you know it takes heroic effort. Thanks, **Kevin**! This past spring, we hosted a group of journalists from Turkmenistan, sponsored by Open World. Our connection to the Open World is life-changing for both the delegates and for all of us at the host club. As **Michael** pointed out, it takes a good portion of the club to execute the 1-week program, and it is yet another reason to be proud of our accomplishments.

President Wanda reminded us that we lost our friend Stan Gaunt this year, as well as **Howard Jenkins's** wife, Carol.

Membership: **Sean Duffy** reported that we inducted 6 new members this year, and he specifically thanked all who brought guests to our club. When you look at the breadth and scope of all that we do in our local community and in our world community, you can easily see why we owe it to our friends and acquaintances to introduce them to Rotary!





Al Kappadahl, (who won \$200+ by drawing the black marble in the drawing!!) closed the meeting with a heart-felt observation. He announced, "I have been to many, many year-end meetings in my day, and this was the best wrap-up meeting I have ever attended!" Well said, **Al**. It was a wonderful meeting. The list of accomplishments was long. The reasons to feel proud were many. It reminds us that we are so lucky to belong to our Rotary Club of Concord.

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On This Day June 25



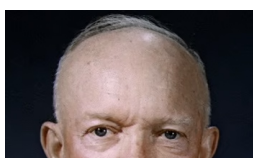
- *1678 Venetian Elena Cornaro Piscopia is awarded a doctorate of philosophy from the University of Padua, the 1st woman to receive a university doctoral degree or PhD.*

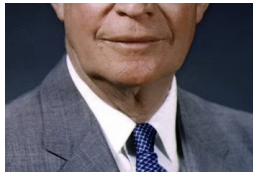


- *1876 Battle of the Little Bighorn: US 7th Cavalry under Brevet Major General George Armstrong Custer wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne warriors led by Chiefs Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull in what has become famously known as "Custer's Last Stand".*



- *1941 US President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs Executive Order 8802, which forbids racial discrimination in the defense industry.*





- *1942 Major General Dwight Eisenhower was appointed commander of US forces in Europe.*



- *1950 North Korea invades South Korea, beginning the Korean War.*

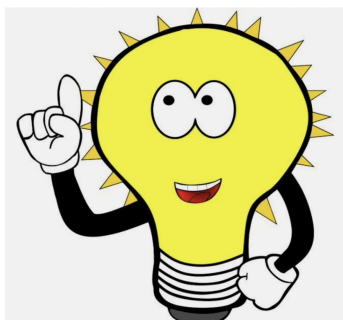


- *1951 First color TV broadcast, Arthur Godfrey hosted a musical variety special titled "Premiere" for CBS NYC for a network of 5 East Coast cities.*



Joke of the Day

I played hide and seek in the hospital, but they kept finding me in the ICU.



Thought of the Day

"You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one."

- John Lennon



June 25th National Global Beatles Day

Cartoon of the Day

Pearls Before Swine by Stephan Pastis



Upcoming Speakers

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