

Rotary



Club of Concord

Birthdays

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

Sean Duffey

July 27th

Michael Joseph

Barrington

July 28th

6/25/22 Demotion party Newsletter

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Rotary Demotion Notes for June 25, 2022

By **Tony Akins**



Well folks, another year has gone by and the next president in line kept us afloat in these crazy covid times. Using a mix of zoom, in-person and hybrid meetings with technology that did not always work, (possibly caused by relying on we of-a-certain-age digital immigrants), we finished another year. Our demotion party was held at George and Manuella Calhoun's residence. It was lovely night and, as usual, the Calhouns' backyard was a wonderful place to be.

The meeting started with **Rita Corbinook** thanking her set up and taking down crews:

Set up crew:

George and Manuela Calhoun

Memory Woodard

Brad and Stephanie Prescott

Tear down crew:

Manuela Calhoun

Chris Moulis

Pat Virgalito

Stephanie Prescott

IT Department:

Richard Andrus

Harry Luan



MC Nick Virgalito was then called upon to roast, uh I mean to honor outgoing president



Ron Leone otherwise known as **SuperRon**. The main event started with Nick giving us the agenda by sharing the 4-way test for demotion parties:

Is it the truth? Well, no, not really, but sometimes, who knows?

Is it fair to all concerned? Well, to the rest of us, yes, to **Ron**, not so much.

Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Of course!

Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Please see the above answer for - "Is it the truth?"

Ron was in the education field for 35 years, then went into politics and was elected to the city council of the city of Concord, including a term as Mayor.

Ron's family shared with **Nick** that **Ron** would get lost often while driving, but he was not afraid to ask for directions. As we all know, he loved really bad

Dad jokes, a signature move from the **Ron Leone**

Club meetings last year. **Ron** was known to doodle at City Council meetings and Nick found some old ones and shared them with us. It turns out that **SuperRon** is a doodle artist and, wait for it, a karaoke singer in the vein of Dean Martin. Who knew? Pictures of **Ron's** youth were shown on the big screen and **Ron** very much looked like a young John Travolta from "Welcome Back Kotter". To end the honorific/roast, **Nick** gave **Ron** a test about Superman, and **Ron** passed it with flying colors, all while wearing his Superman cape. So many stories were shared, some true and some a little bit fabricated, that **Nick** had the crowd and, most importantly, **Ron** laughing and enjoying the evening event. It was a super monologue by **Nick**!

Outgoing President **Ron** came up, took a bow and shared his troubles and tribulations with technology (Zoom) and other challenges he went through in his year, as well as the accomplishments. He welcomed **Memory Woodard** as the incoming President, whereupon she took the mic happily.



Memory shared her hopes and aspirations for her year as president. **Memory** then introduced Ivan Hernandez, the President of the Diablo Valley Rotaract Club. Ivan is a graduate of YV High and was a member of the Interact club at YV. Ivan worked with **Memory** to form the DVC Club, which has now grown to 80 members.

To see more pictures of this lovely night, please visit the Concord Rotary Club Facebook page. (Thank you, **Sherilyn**, for being a great photographer and posting so many!)

Cartoon of the Day

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Upcoming Speakers

Club Leaders



[Ronald E. Leone](#)
President



[Memory A. Woodard](#)
President-Elect
Youth Services
Chair



[Sandra J. Newman](#)
Secretary



[Gregory M. Grassi](#)
Treasurer



[Nickolas Peterson](#)
Treasurer-Elect



[Guy S. Bjerke](#)
Public Relations
Chair



[Wanda D. Waltman](#)
President-
Nominee
Sergeant-at-Arms



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[Rita Corbinook](#)
Club Service
Chair - Fellowship



[Sherilyn Escoto](#)
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- Social Media



[Michael Joseph
Barrington](#)
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Service Chair



[Dave Litty](#)
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Chair



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Governor