

Rotary



Club of Concord

Birthdays

Sean Duffey
July 27th
Michael Joseph
Barrington
July 28th
David Miller
August 1st
Helen Crump
August 10th
Ronald E. Leone
August 17th



7/23/2024 Concord Rotary Club Newsletter

Meeting Notes: **Rick Ernst**

Newsletter Editor: **Ron Leone**

Read below to learn what's going on at your club! Do you know how to add to this newsletter, our Concord Rotary Website or Facebook? Send articles and photos to **Guy Bjerke** <guybjerke@gmail.com>. **Rotary Meeting Notes for 7/19/24**

WELCOME TO CONCORD ROTARY

With concern for the personal safety of his fellow Rotarians, president **Jim Kohl** convened today's meeting, pointing out the building's exits should we encounter a fire, earthquake or other immediate threat. Well done, Mr. President. You'd make a wonderful flight attendant with arm movements like that.

Scott Singley then led us in the pledge to our flag and retired cardiologist **Gene Voelkel** led the 4-Way Test. Guests included scholarship mom **Nancy Pearson**, and **Paul King**'s main squeeze, **Kassey**.



Happy Bucks

Sgt-at-arms **Beth Willer** enjoyed her Alaskan cruise where the **Grassi** also happened to be onboard. **Ron Leone** reported that his son, a resident of Taiwan for more than twenty years, is headed here for a family visit. Of all the weekends to be traveling, his son is caught-up in that software debacle impacting everyone's travel plans; he hopes this will be resolved by Sunday. Seems **Scott Singley** is "outsourcing" his lawn maintenance, anxious to have someone inherit his electric lawn mower. Good luck on that, Scott. **Major Gwyn Jones** is pleased that son Rhys has secured a job as Divisional Director of music and Arts in The Salvation Army Cascade division, covering Oregon and Idaho. Hooray for the appointment and that comes with a nice paycheck. **Ingrid Hempell** reports that her granddaughter, Morgan, at just seventeen, has published her first book. **Gene Voelkel** has returned from Indianapolis renewing friendships with his classmates at their 50th class reunion. Gene tells us he was surprised to see so many "old guys" there!





Birthdays & Anniversaries

There were a number of events recognized on screen and by our president. You know who you are! For those of you experiencing one or more of those special events, congrats on reaching yet another milestone. Special recognition is due to **Silvio "Sil" Garaventa** who is reaching a milestone with his FIFTY YEARS of Rotary service. Another milestone was reached with Sil celebrating his 75th birthday yesterday, July 18th. So, with a simple calculation, most of you can conclude that Sil was only twenty-five when he became a Rotarian. Thank you for the \$100 donation to the club in recognizing this special birthday.



Rotary Scholarships for Students

It was past president **Memory Woodard**'s privilege, accompanied by president Jim, to award scholarship checks to 4 of the 8 recipients who were able to join us today. This program began in 2016 and has expanded in both the amount awarded and the number of students who will be receiving scholarships; today, checks were presented to: Gisselle Cuellar Coyac, (UC Davis), Louie Labata (applying to UC Berkeley), Stephanie Ortega (at UC Davis), and Tori Pearson (applying to UC Santa Barbara). Each of the students had prepared remarks of appreciation and shared with us their field of emphasis in college and the careers they might pursue after graduation. What bright futures each of them will have, thanks in part to Rotary.

Career Talk

"Professor" **Sue Greenfeld**, our newest member, is no stranger to Rotary. She has been an active Rotarian, club secretary and Paul Harris Fellow +5 in clubs in Washington state and southern California, totaling some 29 years of Rotary service. We enjoyed Sue's lighthearted recap of her successful career as an educator that began with her keen interest in finance at a brokerage firm in Los Angeles. Realizing her bachelor's degree in psychology wouldn't offer the career path she wanted to pursue. Sue went on to obtain her MBA and doctorate in business administration from USC. On the way to becoming a full professor, Sue had teaching stints abroad in Germany, Istanbul and in Taiwan. Back in the USA, she also had a teaching opportunity at the Pentagon. Yes, THE Pentagon. Ultimately, Sue returned to the West coast and continued her career at Cal State for the next twenty-one years before retiring. Welcome, Sue.



Mark Your Calendar dates

Tuesday, July 23 Board of Directors meet at 11:00am

* Thursday, July 25 Rotary Means Business social. 6:00 - 8:00 pm

* Friday, July 26 No club meeting

Friday, August 2 Club meeting: DG Dan Gerardi is our program

Tuesday, Aug 6 Food Bank sorting: 6:00pm to 8:00pm



Our Program Speaker

Dawn Manley is the Food & Fund drive coordinator at the Contra Costa / Solano County Food Banks. Dawn shared a most comprehensive summary of the latest developments and programs of that agency's ever-expanding programs to provide food products for ANY WHO ARE IN NEED.

Government partnerships are very important to Food Banks. The Farm Bill will help determine the amount of food subsidies we will be receiving. Here's more intel about our Food Bank:

• strong relationships with area retailers to obtain a stream of food.

• have 250 direct distribution locations each week

• serving food to 35,000 Concord residents every month

• volunteers provide about half of their workforce each month.

• Food Bank works with Cal-Fresh and other programs

• provides 40 million pounds of food to the community every year

• distributes to 16 communities to the north, as far away as Redding

• Has completed a new 8,600 sq ft Food Bank facility in Fairfield

• shipped food to disaster areas, including the Paradise fire and Maui fire

• funding from multiple sources, including grants and corporations

We learned a great deal from Dawn's very informative presentation to our club.

President Jim thought for the day.

"Weak is he who allows his thoughts to control his actions. Strong is he who forces his actions to control his thoughts."



And now, the moment you've all been waiting for... our weekly drawing! Sue Greenfield had the right ticket number, but not the elusive black marble, so the pot continues to grow.

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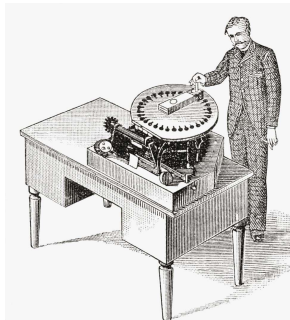
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What Happened on July 23

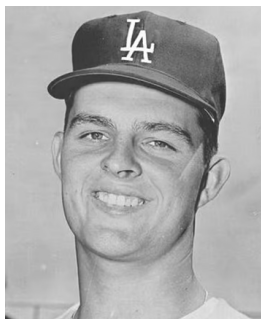


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- ***1777 American Revolution: Louis XVI of France and his Foreign Minister clandestinely agree to supply US with munitions***



- ***1829 William Austin Burt patents America's first "typographer" (typewriter)***



- ***1936 Don Drysdale, American Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher (World Series 1959, 63, 65; 9 x MLB All Star; Cy Young Award 1962; Brooklyn/LA Dodgers), born in Los Angeles, California***





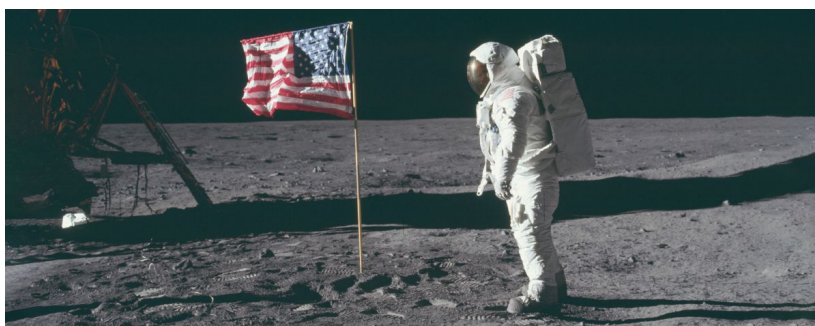
- *1961 Woody Harrelson, American Emmy Award-winning actor (Cheers - "Woody Boyd"; Natural Born Killers), born in Midland, Texas*



- *1966 Frank Sinatra's album "Strangers In The Night" hits #1 on the US charts, (Grammy for Record Of The Year and Best Male Vocal Performance)*



- *2019 US Senate passes bill championed by comedian Jon Stewart to ensure 9/11 first responders fund never runs out of money*



- *1969 Apollo 11 launched, carrying 1st men to land on Moon*



- 1973 Monica Lewinsky, American White House intern (improper relationship with Bill Clinton), born in San Francisco, California

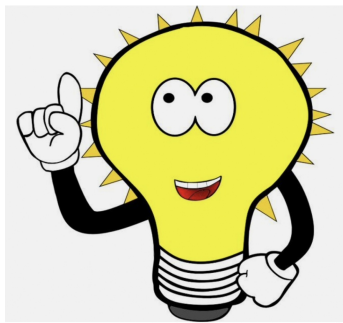


July 23rd National Vanilla Ice Cream Day



Joke of the Day

Ice cream makers learn their trade in sundae school.



Thought of the Day

"You can't buy happiness, but you can buy ice cream. And that's kind of the same thing."

- Unknown

Cartoon of the Day





Upcoming Speakers

August 2nd
[DG Dan Gerald](#)

Club Leaders



[Jim Kohl](#)
President



[Sandra J Newman](#)
Secretary



[Nickolas Peterson](#)
Treasurer Club



[Gregory M. Grassi](#)
Treasurer
Endowment (T)



[Elizabeth E Willer](#)
Attendance
Secretary
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Anthony A. Akins](#)
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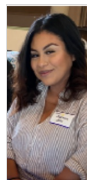
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Membership Chair



[Rick Ernst](#)
Membership
Service



[Bryan E. Keding](#)
Community
Service



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Club Service Chair



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