

# Rotary



## Club of Concord

### Birthdays

Helen Crump  
August 10th  
Ronald E. Leone  
August 17th  
Anthony A. Akins  
August 26th  
Luther Daniel  
August 28th  
Richard Wm  
Vossekuil  
September 4th  
Gwyn E Jones  
September 5th

### 8/06/24 Concord Rotary Newsletter



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Meeting Notes: **Rick Ernst**

Newsletter Editor: **Ron Leone**

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### Rotary Meeting Notes for 8/02/24

#### WELCOME TO CONCORD ROTARY



President **Jim Kohl** brought us to order, and asked **Scott Singley** to lead us in the pledge. **Elisabeth Andreason** helped us to recite the 4-Way Test.

#### Introductions:

**Scott Singley** introduced **Tony Oriti** for the second time. We haven't scared him away yet.

**Dave Litty** introduced **Robert Bell**, who is visiting us from Summit Bank.

**Tina Akins** introduced **Valerie Munoz** - Valerie, who is a fellow Rotarian and is District Gov **Dan Giraldi's** Chief of Staff. **Tina** had this job a few years ago and is happy that the job is in such very capable hands.

**Paul King** introduced his better half, **Cassie**.



### Happy Bucks:

**George Calhoun** is happy to be back from a wonderful road taken by him and his lovely bride **Manuela**.

**Scott Singley** spent last week at the famous Asilomar in Pacific Grove, and had a great time. Who wouldn't at such a beautiful location?

**Ron Melvin** ran the SF Marathon, sprained his ankle but still completed the run! Dedicated individual that he is.

**Stephanie Prescott's** grandchild lost her first tooth, always an exciting benchmark.

**Michael Barrington** reported his latest book is up for auction with the possibility of a movie being made. That is certainly a bell ringer in the making.

**Memory Woodard** had a little water leak that expanded to her entire house and is getting all new floors.

**Ron Leone** was happy to report his son, who teaches in Taiwan, was visiting home.

**Rick Ernst** reported that his wife **Dianne** forced him to make a stop to get a lotto ticket, and she won \$500.

### Events:



**Parmod Kumar** reminded us that there is a food sorting coming up soon, and also reported that he already has all the helping hands he needs!



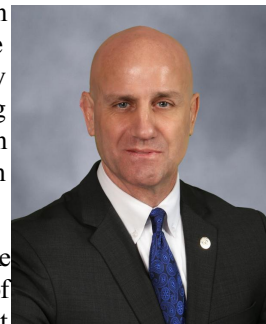
Last week, our club's Home Team was out helping senior citizens with minor repairs. A big thanks to **Alan Hermans, Bryon Keding, Jim Kohl and Dave Litty**. Apologies if I forgot anyone.



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### Program:

Today's speaker was our new District Governor **Dan Gerald**. Dan shared his vision as well as the current RI President's **Stephanie Urchick**'s vision for our upcoming year. Stephanie has set some lofty goals for Rotary, including each district adding 4 new clubs and growing the district's membership by 100 members net. Dan challenged each of us to make a commitment to bring at least one friend to lunch to learn about our organization in an effort to attain these two goals.



RI President Urchick's theme for the year is "The Magic of Rotary". When we consider what our organization has achieved through our 100+ year history, it does feel like magic. What other organization can list among their accomplishments -

- Reducing a world-wide disease to only 17 cases this year, in only 2 countries; Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- Getting countries to stop wars/conflicts to hold a Polio Inoculation Day.
- Has a seat at the United Nations.
- Has a Peace Fellowship Program to teach conflict resolution throughout the world. Rotary will be adding a new Peace Center this year, (located in Turkey), joining the other centers located in Bangkok, Thailand, Duke University/University of North Carolina USA, University of Bradford England, International Christian University Tokyo Japan, University of Brisbane Australia, Makerere University Kampala Uganda.

DG Dan also shared with us important dates in our upcoming year. Note your calendars:

**January 24-26, 2025** World Peace Conference in Rohnert Park. This event is a way to get involved or just get an understanding of what important work Rotary is doing to promote peace and will include past RI President Jennifer Jones as a speaker.

**June 21-June 25, 2025** the RI International Convention, to be held in nearby Calgary, Canada. A wonderful opportunity to learn about the huge impact Rotary makes on the world.

**May 2-May 4, 2025**, our District Conference is to be held in San Ramon at the Marriott.



DG Dan also recognized our very own **Rick Ernst** for all the hard work and dedication to Rotary and our club. Way to go **Rick**!

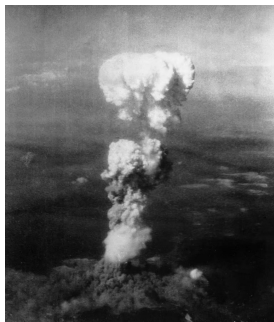
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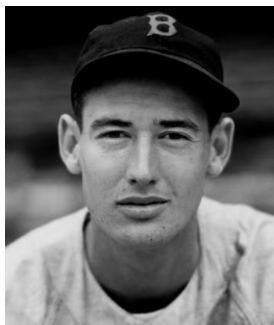
#### What Happened on August 6



- **1497 Italian explorer John Cabot returns to Bristol from North America (Newfoundland) - first European to do so since the Vikings**



- **1945 Atomic bomb dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima by the US B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay"**



- **1953 Future Baseball Hall of Fame slugger Ted Williams returns to Red Sox from military service in Korea; ends abbreviated season with .407 batting average**







- **1960 Chubby Checker performs his version of Hank Ballard's "The Twist" on "The Dick Clark Show", starting a worldwide dance craze**



- **1965 US President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act, prohibiting voting discrimination against minorities.**



- **1991 Tim Berners-Lee releases files describing his idea for the World Wide Web and debuts WWW as a publicly available service on the Internet**



- **2023 "Barbie" film passes \$1 billion at the global box office - its director Greta Gerwig is the first solo female filmmaker to do so**



- **1881 Sir Alexander Fleming, Scottish bacteriologist (invented penicillin; Nobel Prize 1945), born in Lochfield, Scotland**





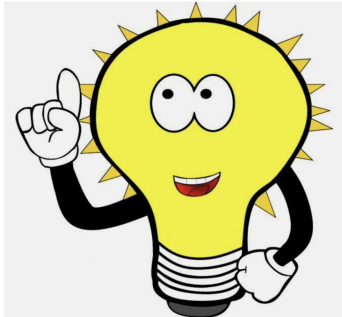
#### August 6th National Root Beer Float Day



#### Joke of the Day

*How do you make a whale float?*

*Two scoops of ice cream, some root beer, and a whale.*



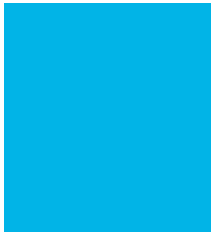
#### Thought of the Day

*There is more similarity in the marketing challenge of selling a precious painting by Degas and a frosted mug of root beer than you ever thought possible.*

*- A. Alfred Taubman*

#### Cartoon of the Day





## Upcoming Speakers

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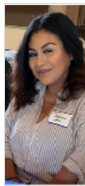
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