

Rotary



Club of Concord

Birthdays

Ronald E. Leone
August 17th
Anthony A. Akins
August 26th
Luther Daniel
August 28th
Richard Wm
Vossekuil
September 4th
Gwyn E Jones
September 5th
Bradford T.
Prescott
September 11th



8/13/24 Concord Rotary Club Newsletter

Meeting Notes: **Inge Yarborough**

Newsletter Editor: **Ron Leone**

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Rotary Meeting Notes for 8/09/24

WELCOME TO CONCORD ROTARY

Now four weeks into his presidency, **Jim Kohl** started the meeting with an invitation to lead the pledge and asked **George Calhoun** to recite the 4-Way test.

GUESTS:

Then we moved right into recognizing guests: Robert Bell with Summit Bank was visiting for the 2nd time and Andrew Pierce with Vector Control was our speaker for the day. We also had Ramona (?) visiting, who had learned about us through one of our work parties, and we were glad to see the returning Rotarian, **Niki Sullivan**, again.

HAPPY BUCKS:



We had so many happy people today!

Our regular, **Scott Singley**, proudly reported that he managed to install a bike rack on his Tesla and that he golfed last week, which that one wasn't really news. **Inge Yarborough** had just returned from a long tour of Scandinavia, which was spectacular and graced by beautiful weather.

Sil Garaventa was happy about a visit to his family back east and seeing his grandkids, and **Tony Akins** was happy that school started again, and they are now babysitting their 6- & 9- year-old grandkids only a couple of hours a day instead of the heavier summer schedule.

Even though they paid for the day camp, their charges had enough energy left at the end of the day to leave **Tony** and **Tina** exhausted.

Rob Bell was happy that it was Friday "pay day" and made a generous \$50 donation to offset his guest lunches.

Niki Sullivan was happy to be back, **Bryan Keding** reported going to another race next week and **Sue Grossman** was back from Las Vegas.

Last but not least, **Beth Willer** had a busy week with guests from Korea and is crossing her fingers that her brother and his home will be alright as he just got evacuated from Placerville, due to fires. If he gets burned out, he plans to move to Palm Springs, which dashes her hope that he will move closer to her.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Pres. Jim surprised us with a special recognition of **Sil Garaventa's** 50 years in Rotary and **Rick Ernst** gave a brief recap of **Gil's** impressive list of community service commitments: President of Concord Rotary and Chamber of Commerce, director of the Contra Costa Council and many more, including being founder and president of the Concord Youth Sports Foundation. His "day-job" is running the family business, a huge refuse and recycling center, and "according to **Rick** - he introduces himself as "your friendly garbage man".



CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

Of the five anniversary celebrants, only one was present: **Ron Leone**, 13 years. The others were **Luther Daniels**, 1 year, **Nick Peterson**, 2 years, Major **Gwen Jones**, 5 years and **Larry Sly**, 30 years.

BIRTHDAYS:

There was only one: **Helen Crump**, on Aug. 10th and she fined **George Calhoun**, who promised revenge.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael and **Anne Barrington** (8/9) and **Bill** and **Theresa McQueen** (8/15) are both celebrating getting hitched this month.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's speaker was District Governor Dan Gerald with a very informative presentation and **Beth Willer** created a food basket as a thank-you gift in keeping with his motto "Make a basket and pass it on". At that meeting there were also Paul Harris pins presented to **Beth Willer**, **Celeste Graham** and **Parmod Kumar**.

Elisabeth Andreason and **Melissa Allen** celebrated their wedding anniversary again with a huge backyard party last month and last Monday we had a team sorting at the food bank again, including to Rotoactors.

Last but not least, we want to announce that **Nick Virgallito** is our new Polio Plus representative.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Andrew Pierce of the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District gave a very informative and entertaining presentation. We learned that a cluster of about 400 mosquito eggs is roughly the size of a grain of rice and takes only 7 days to mature, so a saucer of still water can produce an impressive crop of mosquitoes. There has been one case of a deadly West Nile virus infection recently and earlier this year one species carrying the Zika virus was found in Martinez and led the agency to take aggressive measures.



Vector control monitors and tests mosquitos, but we can definitely help by reporting standing water in our neighborhoods, especially unattended pools, because they are good candidates for the release of Mosquito fish which just love to devour loads of mosquito larvae.

The West Nile Virus is actually transmitted through birds, so the community is encouraged to report dead birds (not the ones that died by flying into your window) so vector control can collect and test

them. For that, go to westnile.ca.gov or call 1-877-968-2473 (1-877-WNV-Bird).

We were glad to learn that for small collections of standing water like birdbaths, one can buy a product called “Mosquito Dunk” and home/hardware stores that will not harm pets but kills the mosquito larvae.

Besides mosquitoes, the organization will also identify ticks for you, remove ground-nests and control swarms of Yellow Jackets and bees, inspect and advise on rats, mice and skunks. You can contact them for help at 925-685-9301 or go to www.ContraCostaMosquito.com.

The last item on the agenda was the drawing and **Al Kappadahl** drew the white marble for a Starbucks card. The next meeting’s speaker is still to be determined.

The meeting concluded with the thought of the day: Truth, honesty, transparency and accountability are the building blocks of a positive reputation. Trust is the foundation of any relationship.

P.S. Just a correction that last week’s newsletter was written by Tony Akins, not Rick Ernst.

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What Happened on August 13



- *1521 Spanish conquistadors under Hernán Cortés capture Aztec Emperor Cuauhtémoc in Tenochtitlan marking the end of the Aztec Empire*



- *1608 John Smith's story of Jamestown's first days submitted for publication*



- *1792 Revolutionaries imprison French royals, including Marie Antoinette*



- *1898 US forces under Admiral George Dewey capture Manila during Spanish-American War*



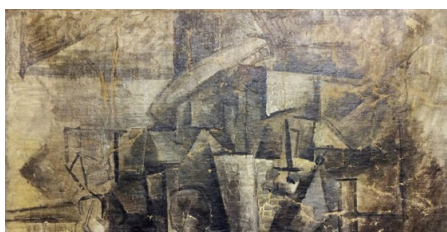
- *1940 Battle of Britain: Hermann Goering's "Adlertag" (Eagle Day) offensive happens, intending to destroy the Royal Air Force; 47-48 German aircraft shot down, the RAF loses 25 planes*



- *1942 The 'Manhattan Project' commences, under the direction of US General Leslie Groves: its aim - to deliver an atomic bomb*



- *1948 Satchel Paige at 42, pitches his 1st major league complete game*





- 2015 US Government formally returns to France Picasso's painting *La Coiffeuse*, stolen from Paris' National Museum of Modern Art in 2001



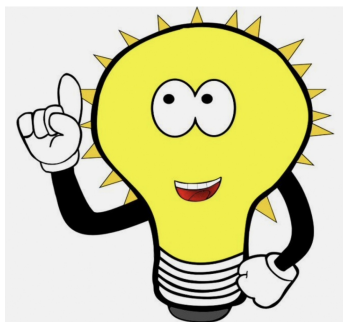
August 13th National Filet Mignon Day



Joke of the Day

What do you call a filet mignon made from clouds?

A mist steak.



Thought of the Day

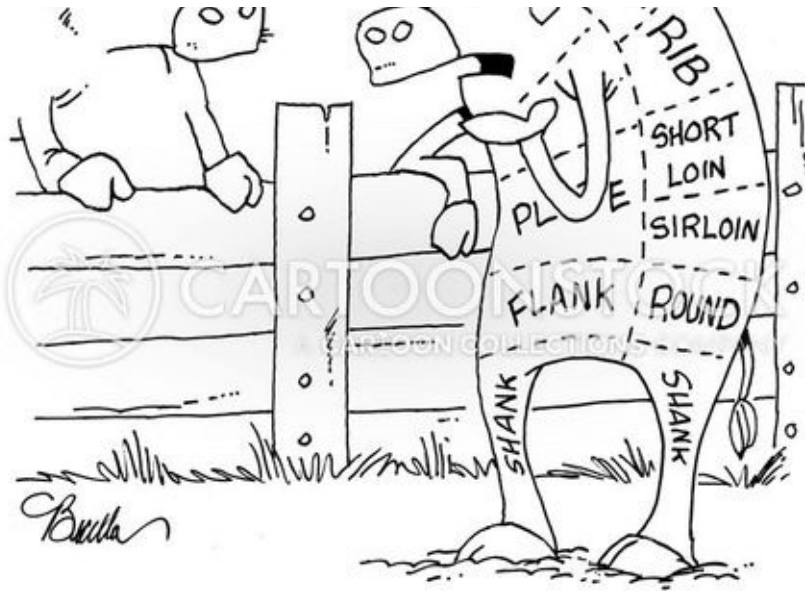
“I'm not impressed by any cooks who can brag about a filet mignon. A guy who can take the neck of a shank or can use tripe to make into something delicious is really interesting to me; that's impressive.”

- Anthony Bourdain

Cartoon of the Day



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“Too much to drink, a tattoo parlor, a dare and...”

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