

# Rotary



## Club of Concord

### Birthdays

Anthony A. Akins  
August 26th  
Luther Daniel  
August 28th  
Richard Wm  
Vossekuil  
September 4th  
Gwyn E Jones  
September 5th  
Bradford T.  
Prescott  
September 11th  
Virginia Voelkel  
September 13th  
Christos C.  
Moulis  
September 15th



## 8/20/2024 Concord Rotary Club Newsletter

Meeting Notes: **Inge Yarborough**

Newsletter Editor: **Ron Leone**

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## Rotary Meeting Notes for 8/16/24

### WELCOME TO CONCORD ROTARY

This meeting started with **President Kohl**'s gavel followed by the Pledge of Allegiance recited by **George Calhoun**, the 4-way Test by **Bill McQueen** and the introduction of visitor Ramona Mendieta, originally from Nicaragua, who is interested in learning more about us.



**HAPPY BUCKS:** It was at about this point that we realized there was no assigned scribe, so Inge Yarborough, who had just waltzed in late, was drafted and provided with a pen and an outline. These are her notes.

**Scott Singley**, who is happy every Friday, celebrated his daughter's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday with a donation.

**Ron Leone** just got a new driver's license and learned after much anxiety and study that he had aged out of the requirement for a written test. Hallelujah!

**Major Gwen** talked about his son who is at college and learning about the cost of living aside from the regular curriculum and **Bill Bobetsky** was happy to soon become a grandfather again, this time of a baby girl.

**Rick Ernst** shared that his niece and nephew had flown to Europe for a Taylor Swift concert only to find it canceled, but enjoyed their time anyway and are now planning to catch it in SoCal. **Nikki Sullivan** is proud of her son who is at the Air Force Academy on an official water polo visit and **Carol Anderson** talked about her special relationship with former exchange students.



**Bill McQueen** reported on a lovely evening celebrating his wedding anniversary with Theresa at La Sen Bistro that he deemed worth \$50 for the pot. **David Miller** celebrated his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday "and knee surgery? Actually, probably not the knee surgery, as he was dismayed to hear that he would

need 6 months to a year to fully recover.

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:** **Luther Daniel, Nick Peterson, Major Gwen Jones, Ron Leone and Larry Sly**, though only Major Gwen and Ron were present.

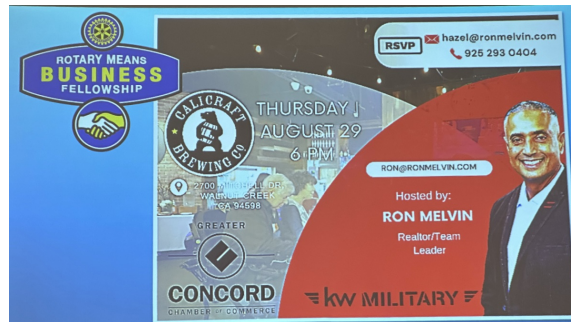
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** **Guy** and Denise **Bjerke**'s anniversary is coming up this weekend â€“ maybe weâ€™ll catch **Guy** next week.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Only **Ron Leone** â€“ tomorrow, 8/17! **Ron** generously decided not to fine anyone but contribute \$100 to his Paul Harris.

#### EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

After all the happy bucks and celebrations, we want to remember Leslie Chapman, who recently lost her father. Our hearts go out to you, Leslie!

Looking in the rearview mirror, **Sil Garaventa**'s 50th club anniversary and our outstanding speaker, Andrew Pierce from Vector Control last Friday are memorable. There were several announcements going forward:



Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> â€“ 6pm: Rotary Means Business invites everyone for Thirsty Thursday at the Calicraft Brewery, 2700 Mitchel Dr. in Walnut Creek near Shadelands, hosted by **Ron Melvin**, so it promises to be a good time.

Sept. 13 â€“ 11:30am: There is such a thing as a Free Lunch â€“ even one that includes an informative presentation! â€œRotary on the Roadâ€ at John Muirâ€™s Concord Medical Center â€“ this time with speaker Mike Thomas, President and CEO - was popular and well-attended before COVID nixed it. Thanks to **Gene Voelkel** for reviving this health care presentation at John Muir! Letâ€™s make sure we all show up in support of Gene and Mike and bring a guest. They will enjoy it!

Sept. 14 â€“ 8:00 am-noon: **Jim** reported that Beri Casper from the Concord Diablo Club asked for help with cleanup at Markham Park. Spend a morning with a healthy outdoor activity in good company and bring your own tools!

Oct. 5-9 â€“ The District 5160 Fall Assembly will be held in â€“ wait for it â€“ Chicago this year, with workshops & general sessions, the last of which, on Tuesday, will be streamed. But if you can make it, it should be a roaring good time, including a river cruise and visit to Paul Harrisâ€™s home or cemetery plot on Sunday. For more information you can talk to **David Litty**.



And just before we gave the floor to our program speaker, **Rick Ernst** introduced **Sue Greenfeld** as our newest â€œBlue Badgerâ€. As a 29-year Rotarian in various other clubs and secretary in two, Rick gave her a short list of tasks and the board gave her a break and let her skip the "Red Badge Phase".

Our speaker of the day was none other than our very own **Elisabeth Andreason**, who didnâ€™t need much of an introduction, though **David Litty** did a great job with that. What you may not know about **Elisabeth** is that she won various Five-Star Wealth Manager Awards, locally as well as nationally, like Forbes â€œBest in State Advisorâ€ and one of â€œAmericaâ€™s Top Women Advisorsâ€ just this year. **Elisabeth** gave us an update on our endowment, which she does periodically and which gained 6.5% last year, which is extraordinary for a very conservative endowment investment.



**Inge Yarborough** asked a question about the 25% drop in 2022, which was partially a reaction to the raised interest rates by the Fedâ€™s and â€“ forever the

teacher “**Elisabeth** elaborated on the underlying economic principles. **George Calhoun** asked about where endowment checks are deposited, which led to another discussion of the need to educate all club members more about the structure of our endowment investment account at Morgan Stanley vs our operating account with Mechanics Bank and the flow from one to the other. A conversation to be continued with our endowment chair, **Kevin Matteri**.

The meeting ended with the drawing, where **Al Kappadahl** pulled the white marble from the bag, and the thought for the day: “Attack each day with an enthusiasm unknown to mankind”, Jim Harbaugh.

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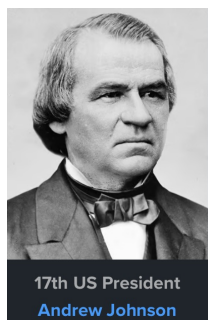
## ***What Happened on August 20***



- ***480 BC Battle of Thermopylae: In one of history's most famous last stands, 7,000 warriors from an alliance of Greek states led by Leonidas I block the pass of Thermopylae for a week against an invading Persian army under Xerxes I estimated at 120,000-300,000 strong [date is approximate]***



- ***1191 2,000 Muslim prisoners killed after the Siege of Acre, reportedly on the orders of Crusader King Richard I, during the Third Crusade***

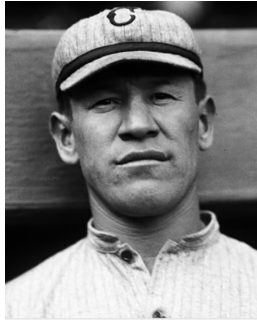


- ***1866 President Andrew Johnson issues Proclamation 157 declaring "insurrection" in Texas, officially ending the US Civil War [1]***





- *1908 America's Great White Fleet arrives in Sydney, Australia, to be greeted with a tremendous welcome; 221 American sailors desert to remain in Australia*



- *1920 American Professional Football Association forms; Jim Thorpe installed as president; later to become the National Football League (NFL)*



- *1938 NY Yankees future Baseball Hall of Fame first baseman Lou Gehrig hits record 23rd & final grand slam in 11-3 win over Philadelphia A's at Shrike Park*



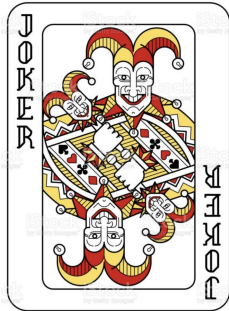
- *1940 British PM Churchill says of the Royal Air Force, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."*



- 1944 French General Charles de Gaulle returns to France



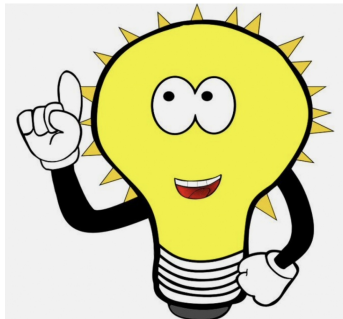
## August 20th National Radio Day



## Joke of the Day

*What did the left stereo speaker say to the right, as he was being taken away for repairs?*

*Audios!*



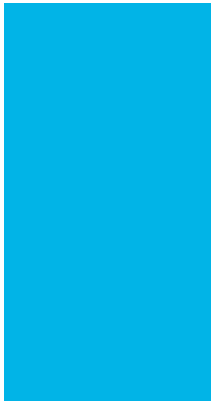
## Thought of the Day

*"It's not true I had nothing on, I had the radio on."*

*-Marilyn Monroe*

## Cartoon of the Day





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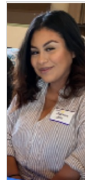
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