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## Birthdays

Parmod Kumar  
September 28th  
William P. McQueen Jr  
September 28th  
Leticia Almaro Nicolini  
September 29th  
Barry J Gordon  
September 30th  
Nelson Meeks  
October 6th  
Nickolas Peterson  
October 9th  
Gerald D. Hoobler  
October 10th  
Howard Jenkins  
October 17th  
William Bobetsky  
October 23rd

## 009-20-24 Concord Rotary Newsletter

By Anthony A. Akins

President **Jim Kohl** opened the meeting by leading us in the Pledge.  
**Inge Yarborough** recited the 4-Way test.



### Introductions:

**Nicole Sullivan** introduced her daughter **Megan**.  
**Rick Ernst** introduced his better half **Dianne**.  
**Mellisa Allen** introduced **Dr Kent Sack** and **Joan Kerr**.  
**Memory Woodard** introduced her better half **Dennis Woodard**, who is running the audio/visual table today.  
And **Ramona Medietta** joined us as a guest to see what Rotary is and what we are all about.

A humble thank you to all of our guests for coming to our club meeting today.

### Happy Bucks:

**Scott Singley** announced that **Sandy Newman** has a happy buck. Somehow Scott continues to keep his streak of being in the newsletter going.  
**Sandy Newman** is very happy as she has a new granddaughter, and what could be better.  
**Luis Alkon** is so happy that he donated \$100 to his Rotary Foundation Paul Harris fund.  
**Nikki Sullivan** is just a proud and happy mom, and gave happy bucks just to mention her daughter **Megan** again.  
**Nick Virgallito** was happy that after 4-1/2 hours at the DMV he finally got his boat license.  
**Greg Grassi** is happy that **Nikki** is back amongst us as she has agreed to help at the cashier's desk.  
**Dr Sack** was happy that his friend **Nick Anagnostopoulos** was being inducted into the club today.  
**Melissa Allen** was happy that her friend **Joan Kerr** had joined us at the meeting today to see her presentation about our RotaCare project.



**Nick Anagnostopoulos** was inducted into the club by **Rick Ernst**. Nick is a graduate of YV High School and Arizona State with a degree in Health Care management. He recently retired from Kaiser Permanente after 30 years of service. Nick found out about our club and Rotary because of our RotaCare clinic. **Rick Ernst** and **Elizabeth Andreason** are

his co-sponsors.

### Club Anniversary:

**Greg Grassi** - 8 years in our club and 40 years in Rotary  
**Jerry Hoobler** - 21 years

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**Parmod Kumar**  
**Bill McQueen**  
**Letty Nicolini**

**Wedding Anniversaries:**  
**Kevin and Reyna Matteri**  
**Barry and Brenda Gordon**

**Events and Announcements:**

**Nick Virgallito** gave us an update on the Polio Eradication project. **Bill Gates** is matching donations 2 to 1 so now is a great time to give money to R.I.'s Polio Fund. See Nick for how-to help, or just head over to [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org) and log into your "My Rotary" to do it all online.

**Rotary Means Business:** This Thursday September 26th we will be at Mollie's Restaurant and Lounge in downtown Concord. 1935 Galindo Street. 6 - 8 PM. Please note that this venue wants us to meet there so check it out as a possible local for our club meetings.

**Inge Yarborough** and the HomeTeam crew will be joined by a few members from the Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise Rotary Club to help some seniors in need of minor house repairs on Saturday, September 28. Contact Inge for details.

**Service Updates:**

**Michael Barrington and George Calhoun** are heading off to Oaxaca, Mexico to see about digging a well for a community whose water supply has gone dry.

**Parmod Kumar** reminded us of an upcoming work opportunity at the Food Bank on October 1.

**Bill Bobetsky** reported that he needs a few more members to help with a map painting project at Westwood Elementary in Concord. Show up at 9:00 AM and help out! It's a fun time and you get to stand back and admire your beautiful art work. A great way to spend a Saturday morning.



**SPEAKER:**

**Melissa Allen** gave us our annual update on our premier project, our RotaCare clinic. It started with President **Jim Kohl** presenting **Melissa** with a \$20K check on behalf of the club.

**Key Facts about the RotaCare Clinic:**

RotaCare Bay Area's website says it well: "RotaCare Bay Area is a volunteer alliance of medical professionals, organizations and community members dedicated to providing free primary quality health care services to uninsured families and individuals with limited ability to pay for medical care. We are volunteer driven and supported solely through locally based philanthropy."

Our Concord Clinic is all volunteer-run except for one paid staff member who works 30 hours a week. She is the appointment taker and takes care of all logistics.

RotaCare Bay Area, Inc. has 9 clinics in the greater Bay Area. The first one was opened in 1989. Our Concord clinic's planning began in 2007, and opened to patients in 2009. Concord has the distinction of having the first mobile clinic in the Bay Area, the RotaCare family. We provide in-person care 4 times a month, as well as telemedicine appointments. The clinic is available to anyone without insurance.



**Services provided are:** Lab follow-ups, medication refills, physical exams, x-

rays, ultrasounds, health education, weight loss advice, diabetes classes, and more. Once a month, a clinic is dedicated to women's health needs.

**Financial support** is provided by: Kaiser Permanente, Concord - Pleasant Hill Healthcare District, West America Bank, individual donations, and donations from various Rotary Clubs (including today's \$20,000!)

**Community Partners include:** John Muir Health, CC Pathology, Monument Crisis Center, Lab Corps, Operation Access, Salvation Army, Cambridge Elementary, National Charity League, and Kaiser Permanente

Thank you, Melissa, for catching us up on RotaCare, and for reminding us why it is so important to our community.

**Nick Virgallito** drew the lucky ticket but then drew a white marble so the pot grows.

### Upcoming Speakers

September 26th  
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### Club Leaders



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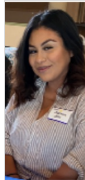
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