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## Birthdays

Gerald D. Hoobler  
October 10th  
Howard Jenkins  
October 17th  
William Bobetsky  
October 23rd  
Stanley Gaunt  
November 6th

## 10-7-2022 Concord Rotary Newsletter

By Inge Z Yarborough on Monday, October 10, 2022



Our lunch meeting formally started with a rousing rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner, played by none other than our featured guests this week: a small core group of the Salvation Army's Western Territory Brass Band. But more about that later; first came "club business" – after **Jim Kohl** delivered a flawless 4-way test recitation:

**BIRTHDAYS:** Of the "birthday boys", **Nelson Meeks, Nick Peterson, Howard Jenkins & Jerry**

**Hoobler**, only **Nick** was present and made a nice donation. (I think equal to his age – which for most of us would get a lot more expensive.)

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** **Jerry Hoobler** again, **Susan Grossman** and **Memory Woodard**, who was definitely present!

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:** **Marilyn McClasky – 1999, Marcus Pierre – 2015, Gashaw Takele – 2015, Gene Voelkel – 1982 and Tyler Epling – 2008.** Gene definitely wins the longevity award in this group!

**NEW INTRODUCTIONS:**

**Rick Ernst** was very pleased to introduce Josephine Leiva, a lovely young lady and owner of a Farmer's Insurance agency, who knew about Rotary, had noticed our tent sign and stopped by to learn more about our club. She stayed for the meeting and came back in afterwards with this adorable next-generation Rotarian prospect on her hip.



SEPTEMBER IN REVIEW:



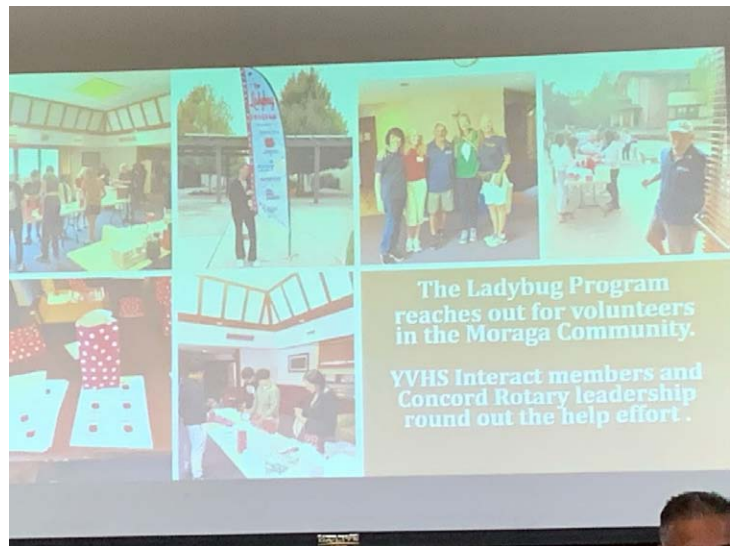
Apparently, our "Rotary Means Business event at **Paul and Kassey King's** beautiful home was a roaring event that was much appreciated.

**Stephanie Prescott** reported on a very productive meeting of the Ladybug project, where 1000 hygiene bags were filled with the help of Moraga volunteers and members of the Interact group. Stephanie's brain-child is thriving and

growing to include Loaves & Fishes of Pittsburg & Martinez and JFK High School in Richmond in the client base.

**Leslie Chapman**

reviewed a presentation by the YVHS Robotics club showing off their latest creations and sharing a note-worthy episode of a Q & A segment: in response to the quirky question "What would you do in the event of a Zombie attack?" 3 out of 5 high schoolers would go to their grandparents; a heartwarming answer for any Granny or Opa!



**David Litty** shared that Maurice, our sponsored exchange student from Switzerland, is apparently killing it on the football field, playing various positions where needed. Will there be a "Most Valuable Player Trophy" for him to take home?

And last but not least, the Rotaractors and Interactors joined Rotarians at a day of park clean-up at Willow Pass Community Park. It's been a busy month!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

10/9 – today - was a Boy Scout lunch honoring **Al Kappadahl**, a very well-deserved honor and hopefully well attended, though this scribe wasn't able to make it.

10/19 Another promising "Rotary Means Business" event, this time at the office of **Nicki Sullivan** at 2855 Mitchel Drive, Ste 235 in Walnut Creek from 6:00-8:00pm. There'll probably be a flyer for it

forthcoming in your inbox. Be there!

11/5 Apropos Flyer! One that has already hit your inbox is Ron Melvin's request for a few volunteers to help with scoring and other tasks at a flag football game for the Special Olympics in the morning.

11/5 Brand-new item: Another hygiene bag assembly in conjunction with the Impact 100 group at the **Prescott's** home that same morning. It's inspiring when we have so many good projects that we have to split up to accommodate them!

And now, without further ado, to our special program!

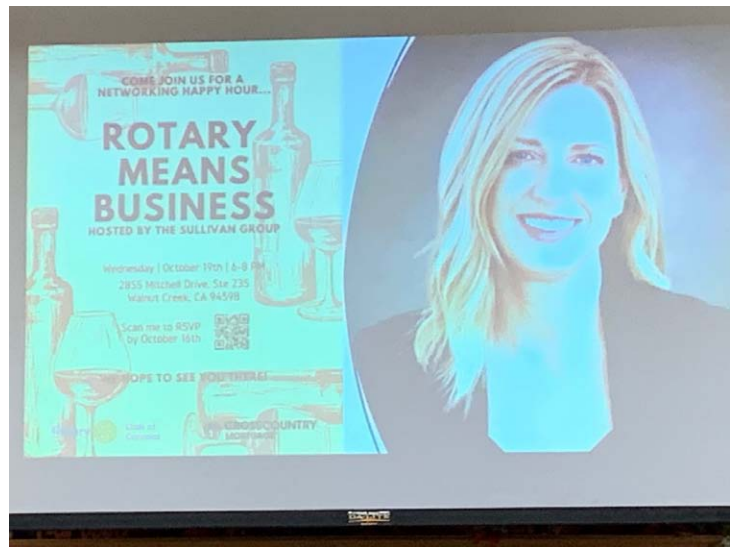


**Major Gwyn** had invited 7 members of the 30-strong Western Territory Staff Band under the leadership of Neil Smith to come play for us and wet our appetites for a full-fledged concert that the Salvation Army Band held on Saturday, 10/8 in the church on Clayton Road - plus "free food" as **Major Gwyn** pointed out several times. Too bad that this newsletter is too late to entice you and just leaves you salivating if you missed out!

We were treated to a collection of classical & patriotic pieces and learned that the first Staff Band premiered in Brooklyn, New York, in 1887 and that there are 5 bands in North America: The New York Staff Band, The Chicago Staff Band, The Canadian Staff Band, The Southern Territory Band and the Western Territory Staff Band. The latter was founded in 1920, disbanded in 1958 and resurrected in 2006. Members are from all over: the players at our luncheon concert were from Denver, Chile, Chicago, England, Concord & Scotland for example, and apparently, the bands can be found in 132 countries.

The idea behind starting the bands was to make converts through music – which seems a much more effective way than a number of other methods that have been tried by religious leaders. The other goal was to elevate the audiences' mood, which it certainly achieved!

The meeting ended with a dramatic drawing when **Greg Grassi** actually drew the black marble, after winning with one of his 60-odd tickets. Congratulations, Greg, you earned







it – though nobody was quite sure what you had won yet!

## Upcoming Speakers

October 20th  
[Thursday Night Out Business Social](#)

## Club Leaders



[Memory A. Woodard](#)  
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 President-Elect



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