

Rotary



Club of Concord

Events

December 10th
**Concord Rotary
Holiday Party**

Birthdays

George Calhoun
December 3rd

Ingrid Hempell
December 4th

Luis Alkon
December 4th

Tania E.
Brugger-
Blanchard
December 9th

Tyler E. Epting
December 10th

Tina S. Akins
December 10th

Alfred L.
Kappadahl
December 13th

James Kohl
December 19th



11/22/22 Concord Rotary Club Newsletter

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November 18, 2022 Rotary Meeting Notes

By **Guy Bjerke**

President **Memory Woodard** opened the meeting. Good turnout - both new and "old" faces.

Paul Meyerhofer led the pledge of allegiance.

Beth Willer led us in the 4-Way test.

Visitors: Matt Morgan from Diablo View Rotary club - digital advertising; Kawser Amine from Afghanistan - former soccer player/has non-profit supporting women's soccer; Salvation Army Cadet Sean Pearce; Morgan Fjord - Field Director with the Boy Scouts.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

No one with a Club Anniversary was in attendance.

Stan Gaunt contributed \$500 to the club to celebrate his birthday and **Monica Holland** contributed \$20 to celebrate hers.

Bryan Keding contributed \$8 to celebrate his 8th wedding anniversary.

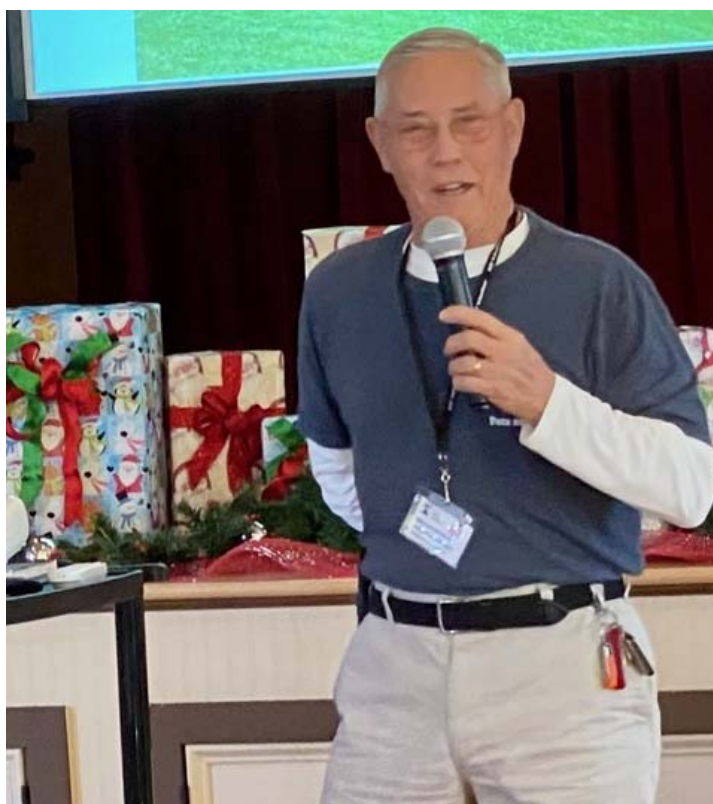
Announcements

- **Rick Ernst** is collecting Rotary Magazines for recruitment purposes. If you have any, please bring them to the next meeting.
- **Michael Barrington** thanked everyone involved in hosting the delegation of Doctors from Ukraine. Hosting in their homes, driving them to facility tours, providing dinners, etc. Over 30 people - including Rotarians from other clubs gave their time last week to make the visit a success.
- There will be sorting at the Food bank on Monday evening, November 28th from 6 to 8 pm. Please let **Parmod Kumar** know if you can help out.
- **George Calhoun** let the club know that we will be Bell Ringing to raise money for the Salvation Army on Saturday December 10 and Sunday December 11 from 10 am to 5:30 pm at the Walnut Creek Safeway on Broadway and the Sam's Club on Concord Avenue. A sign-up sheet for two hour shifts was passed around.
- **David Litty** and **Sean Duffey** gave us an update on our Youth Exchange student **Maurice Straubhaar** - his voracious eating habits and playing soccer with smaller and quicker teammates.
- **Inge Yarborough** reminded the club that the Home Team would be helping five seniors with home repair/maintenance projects on Saturday (November 19).
- **Greg Grassi** announced that the club's Holiday Party is set for Saturday evening, December 10 starting at 5:30. It will be held at **Inge Yarborough's** home. A flyer and email has been sent to all members. The cost is \$30 per person, bring wine/beverage and a Toy to donate to our Toys for Tots drive. Register via the email.

Happy Bucks

Jim Kohl contributed \$20 to acknowledge that he arrived late and to celebrate his 8th year of Rotary and the thanked **Al Kappadahl** and **Rick Ernst** for being his sponsors.

Gene Voelkel reminded the club it has been five years since **Dr. Steve Wolfe** (past president and leader of our Rotocare efforts) had passed. **Steve's** efforts generated \$500,000 worth of contributions toward our medical van and Rotocare project.



Speaker

The speaker today was Stewart Proctor from Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF).

Stewart explained the start of ARF - with a stray cat on the field during an Oakland A's game and A's Manager Tony La Russa tracking it down and rescuing it. Since that time the organization has grown and has a custom-built facility in the Shadelands Business Park in Walnut Creek specifically designed for the purpose of serving lost and abandoned animals.

ARF provides an array of services and rescues animals - primarily dogs and cats - from shelters throughout Northern California. They rescue and

rehab pets, and make them available for adoption. They rescued 1,399 dogs and cats last year.

Drawing

Stan Gaunt won the drawing but pulled a white marble - \$10 Starbuck gift certificate.

On This Day November 22



- ***1497 Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama rounds Cape of Good Hope on way to first voyage from Europe to reach India***



- ***1903 Franklin Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt are engaged***



- ***1927 George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin's musical "Funny Face", starring Fred Astaire and his sister Adele Astaire, opens at the new Alvin Theatre, NYC; runs 244 performances***



- ***1939 Bugsy Siegel, Whitey Krakower, Frankie Carbo and Albert Tannenbaum kill Harry "Big Greenie" Greenberg outside his apartment after Greenberg had threatened to become a police informant***



- ***1963 US President John F. Kennedy assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald while riding in an open-topped motorcade in Dallas, Texas***



- ***1945 The Nuremberg War Trials began on this day. Bring out details of the Holocaust***

Joke of the Day

What do Thanksgiving and Halloween have in common?

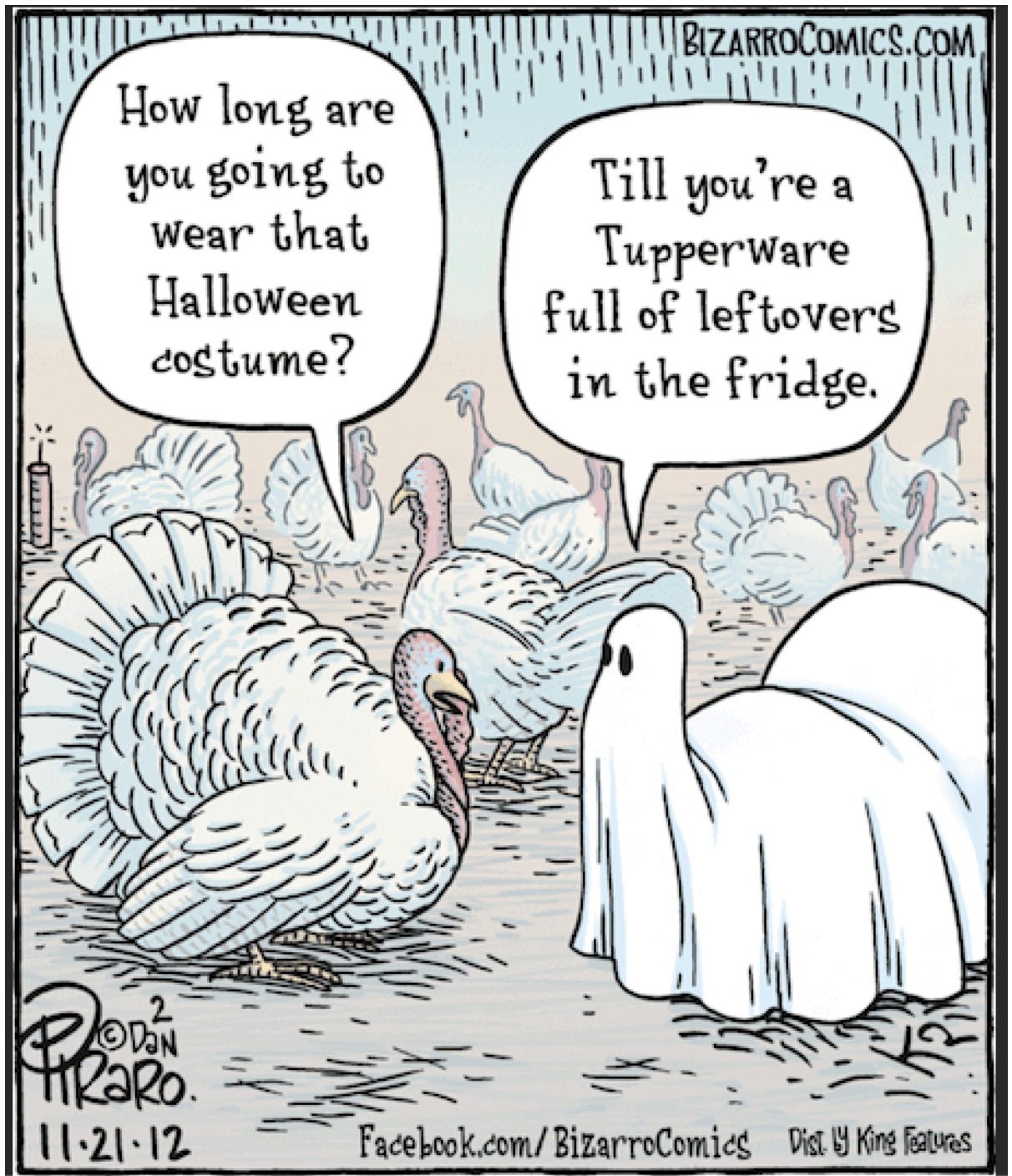
One has gobblers, the other goblins.

Thought of the Day

"May your stuffing be tasty May your turkey plump, May your potatoes and gravy Have nary a lump. May your yams be delicious And your pies take the prize, And may your Thanksgiving dinner Stay off your thighs!"

- Grandpa Jones

Cartoon of the Day



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