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## Birthdays

Kevin Matteri  
March 31st

## 3-22-2024 Concord Rotary Newsletter

By Rick Ernst on Sunday, March 24, 2024

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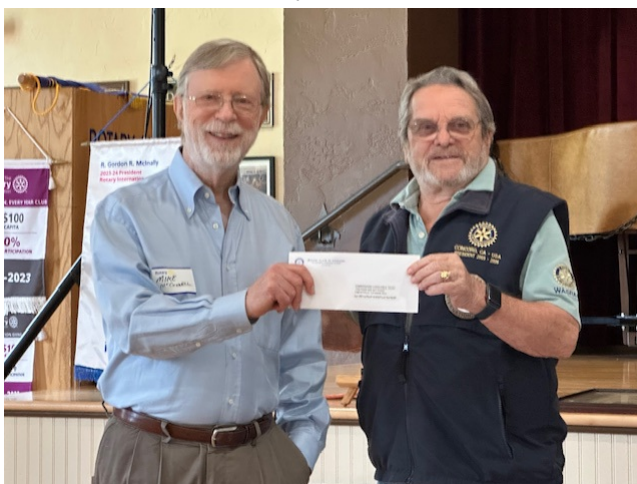
Reporter: Rick Ernst

With nine months of her 2023-24 year now "in the books", president **Wanda Waltman** brought the club to a reasonable sense of order at 12:25pm with a mighty swipe at our solid brass Rotary bell. Following the pledge to our flag led by **Ron Melvin**, past president **Rick Ernst** gave an enthusiastic recital of the 4-Way Test. And with that, our meeting was underway with introductions and announcements.



## Guests

It was a good-sized (and a bit raucous) crowd of nearly 40 Rotarians who welcomed Past District Governor Steve Lack as today's guest speaker at our club meeting. More on Steve and his efforts to make us "Rotary Millionaires" a bit later in this bulletin.



Past president **Michael Barrington** welcomed former program speaker Mike McConnell, of Gambia Rising, the organization in Africa we learned about earlier this month. Based on our club's prior board approval of a contribution to this worthy organization, we presented a check for \$10,000 to Mike at today's meeting. Kudos to Michael Barrington, for introducing our club to Gambia Rising, and thanks to our club for making this significant commitment.

## Happy Bucks & More

**Scott Singley** reported on his golf outing this past week with Michael, accompanied by another long-time friend. Kudos to **Ron Melvin** for running in the 39th Los Angeles Marathon benefitting the McCourt Foundation. We understand he had a very impressive recorded time, so central Contra Costa was well represented in this annual SoCal event.

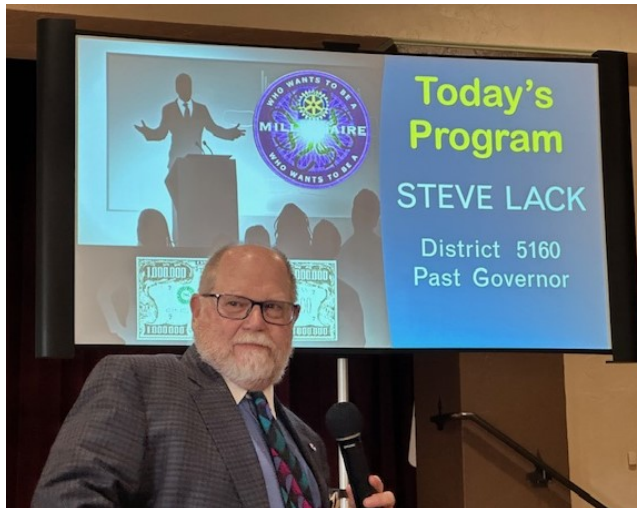
Next up with Happy Bucks was president-elect **Jim Kohl** reporting that his younger son was in a serious vehicle accident on I-80; thank goodness for seat belts as his SUV was totaled in the roll-over, yet his son sustained only moderate injuries. On a lighter note, **Rita Corbinook** is looking forward to her daughter's family - including two grandkids - arriving from their Maryland home for a week-long visit during spring break. And hooray for **Beth Willer** who can see once again thanks to successful cataract surgery this past month. **Inge Yarborough**, on behalf of the club, supported the contribution Ron Melvin made in that LA fundraiser marathon.

Next up was a past president, **Ron Leone**, announcing his grandson's recognition for his 5th grade algebra award. (wasn't that the confusing subject with all the x's and y's yet something we've never used in our lives since school days??) Proud dad **Major Gwyn Jones** shared news that his son has been offered employment as head of The Salvation Army's music ministry for the San Francisco region. And finally, here's one more success related to education. **Kevin Matteri's** daughter has been accepted to Carondelet high school and will be in the class of 2028 this fall.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy birthday greetings to **Nicole Carranza** (March 24), **Kevin Matteri** (March 31) and our club's 77th birthday since its charter in March 1947.

March anniversaries include **Kevin Matteri** 7 years, **Inge Yarborough** 10 years, **Harry Luan** 19 years, **Luis Alkon** 21 years, **Ingrid Hempell** 25 years, and **Brad Prescott** 32 years. Thank you all for your collective service of 114 years!



### Who Wants to be a Rotary Millionaire??

Our congenial high-energy host of Rotary's edition of the popular game show was PDG Steve Lack. For the next 35 minutes, Steve informed, entertained and quizzed us on facts, significant dates and Rotary related trivia. It was a hoot! We all learned a great deal about our wonderful organization and had fun in the process. Winners of each round received 100 Paul Harris points, the equivalent of posting dollars towards a Rotarian's Paul Harris Fellow. Thanks for being such a fun quizmaster, Steve.

### Upcoming Club Meetings

**Thurs. Mar. 28** Rotary Means Business (our next RMB Social)  
 Chicken Pie Shop  
 1251 Arroyo Way, Walnut Creek  
 6:00 pm - 8:00pm

**Friday Mar 29** No Meeting (replaced by RMB social on March 28)

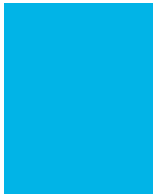
**Friday, April 5** Regular Club Meeting, Pres. Elect Jim Kohl presiding

**Friday, April 12** Regular club meeting: President Wanda presiding

**April 26-28:** District Conference in Sacramento. There are special room rates at the Downtown Holiday Inn and for Saturday we have a breakout room reserved for our Ladybug Project. We are hoping for a great turnout for this major Concord Rotary endeavor.



Our meeting closed shortly after Nick Virgallito held the right ticket, but did not draw the elusive black marble. He was not really disappointed, having won \$375 last week together with another \$150 as he won one of the lucky hearts from our recent Celebrate Love fundraising event.



Nice going Virgallito s!!!

### Upcoming Speakers

#### Club Leaders



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