

Rotary



Club of Concord

Concord Rotary Club Meeting 10-11-19

By Anthony A. Akins

NTP **Rich Andrus** welcomed the rowdy group to another Friday meeting, and **Pete Baldacci** led us in the pledge. The Mystery Greeter was identified and it looked as though half the club did not shake her hand as there was a silence when asked; but only a few followed the "Is it the Truth" of the 4 Way Test, and paid their fine for not shaking the hand of Rotarian **Celeste Graham**.

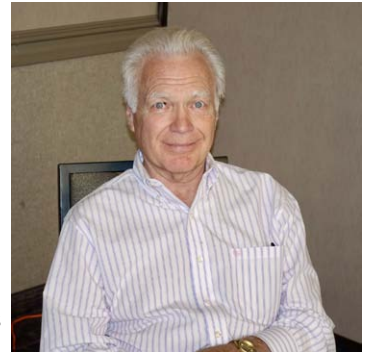
Richard thanked our very own District Gov. **Tina Akins** for attending the meeting. As you know, she is busy going up and down I-5 to visit all 73 clubs in the district. The club all cheered and then total chaos occurred because, well I don't know, maybe we can't stay calm for more than 5 minutes.

Perfect attendance pins were handed out to:

Larry Sly 24 years

Al Kappadahi 35 years

Gene Voelkel 36 years, and a few others but remember total chaos and I couldn't keep up, apologies to any I missed.



Memory Woodard complained about the map painting, something about rejecting the Interactors' help, but the maps hadn't even been painted when the meeting was held. Memory and **Bill Bobetsky** payed fines for some reason. (Note: Later, after the meeting, an attending member told me the map painting on the following Saturday went great with 20 Interactors doing all the work.)

The club is looking for sponsors to contact for the Valentine's gala. You don't need to do the ask, just give the committee some names and they will work their wonder!

A reminder that the club is serching for the Club President to follow PE Brad Prescott. Also, the club is looking for some new board members. Sign up or give the committee some names of your ideal choice.

Thirsty Thursday is October 24 at **Float Yoga Studios**, 311 Lennon Lane Suite A Walnut Creek.

RSVP at INFO@ConcordCARotary.org, or call 925-726-4510.

Beri Kasper invited all to come to Concord Diablo Rotary's 40th birthday party, to be held at the Clarion this coming Saturday evening, October 19, from 6:30 to the Bat Signal. The theme is Super Heros! Cost is only 40 bucks with a no host bar, such a deal.

Bishop Fessup then grabbed the mic and started throwing out fines so fast poor **Nace Ruvolo** couldn't keep up with the collections nor could I write the names and reasons for the fine fast enough.

Chris Moulis will become a grandpa in January and moved to a new agency. He was very happy to pay his happy bucks.

Josh Young went to Maui and paid.

Stan Gaunt was fined for disturbing the peace.

Gene Voelkel finished paying off his granddaughter's Paul Harris by donating \$200.

Pete Baldacci went to Houston to see his grandson play football, he was a happy and proud Grandpa.

Brad Prescott was fined for enjoying his trip down the Danube,





and is heading off to Canada out of S.F. next week.

Rick Ernst went to see his grandson who is going to Christ Church in New Zealand. Said grandson will be seeing **Sandy Newman's** relatives - he already has a friend in a new land, one of the many benefits of Rotary. AND it turns out **Rick** is going to Canada as well and will be coincidentally on the same boat as the Prescotts.



Nick Vergalito's grandson moved up a belt in his martial arts class, who wouldn't be proud.

Memory Woodard was happy to hear our exchange student, **Ardur Neri**, play at a public performance!

Dave Litty is a great uncle for the 9th time.

President Michael Barrington reemphasized how wonderful the musical performance Memory talked about was the other night, lamenting about the state of the school's music program due to lack of funding. He is leading the charge to get the program some club support/money.



Milt Smith, a Walnut Creek Rotarian, was our guest speaker. He talked to the club about Rotary and branding. We learned what RI has been doing, and how to navigate the RI website for more info, tools and PR materials, ready-made. He also had us take a few minutes at each table to come up with the elevator speech to grab a new potential member's attention.



Greg Grassi won the pint of Boddington's for answering a question about who said something about "it being not expedient for a priest to join or be a guest at Rotary" way back in 1929. Who knew **Greg** was that old?

Our exchange student from Brazil **Ardur Neri** drew the winning raffle ticket, wonder who took home the bottle of wine?