

# Rotary



# Club of Concord

## Concord Rotary Club Newsletter 10/18/19

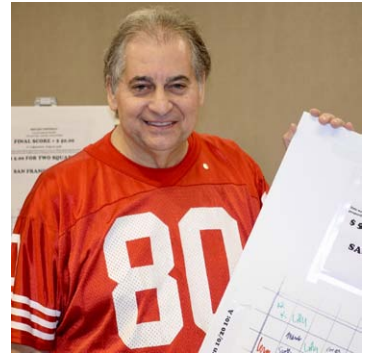
By Al Kappadah

Some folks call it Indian Summer but whatever, it was a fine Fall day for a friendly time of fellowship and some fun as well. There were some totally dedicated folks doing a pre-meeting meeting in a lobby alcove and of course **Peter Baldacci** and **Rick Vossequil** were leading the discussion group in the other room, comparing vintage dates and tastes thereof.

**Wanda Waltman**, back from visiting her 94 year old Mom in Montana was doing the check-in while **George Calhoon** sold us opportunity tics and **Ron Leone**, in a 49ers uniform was this week's football pool lead person. **Richard Andrus**, assisted by **Luis Alkon**, did the room set-up and made sure all was ready for His Lordship, President **Michael Barrington**.

As members got their food, there was a video, apparently from the 2010 International Rotary Convention, featuring Dolly Parton, but there was no chance of hearing whatever the message was except that Dolly agrees that we do good stuff worldwide.

NTP **Rich Andrus** rang the bell, but only **Celest Graham** rose and soon felt lonely there and sat back down, while all others seemed to question his continued assertion of the President's usual responsibilities, but his second try got the desired result and we began with the pledge to the flag and our President then took over and asked that anyone who had not shaken hands with the "Mystery Greeter" put a \$5 Bill in the chamber pot, again carried by Judge **Nace Ruvolo**, whom in past times would have asked a bailiff to do that kind of task. The President, then identified **George Calhoon** as the "Mystery Greeter" and **George** quickly called out that NO ONE had shaken his hand and that led to a mass and universal refusal by all present and a mumbled apology by our President as **George** was sitting while selling the tickets and taking our \$...



NTP **Peter Baldacci** then took the mic and introduced visitors **Carolyn's** Russ Anderson from Walnut Creek and **Ingrid Hempell's** friend Volker Schaferbarthold from Germany. **Peter** then found **Bill Bobetsky** for a Birthday Day fine and **Bill** fined **Peter** and **Debra Powell** fined our President who declined as it is improper and against Rotary Law that anyone but the Sargent at Arms to fine the President but somehow Past President **Peter** made up some very obscure chapter and verse making her fine viable, and The President grumbled something unintelligible before putting his \$5 in the pot.



Joke time: **Nick Virgallito** had one and **Elisabeth Andreason** surprised everyone with an "R" rated one, and then a picture of a very handsome young man came on the screen and we were asked whom it might be. No one seemed to get it and it turned out to be a pre-Navy Pilot shot of none other than **Peter Baldacci** and the mike went to President **Michael** who started an informative video from **Tony Akins** about Branding and it turned out to be "R" rated and not suitable for less than mature audiences...and there was some grumbling, but no one dared use the words vulgar



and obscene as after all **Tony** is the Consort of a VIP

**Greg Grassi** then told us that our major yearly fundraising event on Valentine's Day is fast approaching and that we really need sponsors and that forms for suggestions were on each table to be followed up by the Committee if you don't feel comfortable doing the approach yourself.

President **Michael** then introduced THE Rotarian of the Month: **Rich Andrus**.

His Dad was a Navy pilot on the Ticonderoga, he had four brothers and four sisters. He told us about his Dad feeding him Sushi with lots of wasabi sauce at age seven as a lesson of life. He earned a BA in accounting and worked for a bank for several years before getting his MBA in business. He had several jobs in his career, most in Silicon Valley to which he commuted from Pleasant Hill, over 100 miles a day for several years, until he finally said "Enough". He has a daughter in her 20s and his favorite idol is Alexander Hamilton, who lived in times much like today. He now has his own business: Back Room Geeks, where his goal is "To make good things happen for people". He has been a member of our club for 6 years. He closed with something I missed about a song and **Marilyn McClaskey** identified it as from The Beauty & the Beast. Applause for **Richard** and his most deserved recognition.



It was then Bishop Fessup time and **Ingrid Hempell** earned a Bell Ring for her travels in Germany and **Tyler Epting** celebrated his twins fourth birthday, **Carolyn Anderson** celebrated her 2 weeks in Hawaii and **Rich Timmons** again donated in honor of his son's graduation from Navy Boot Camp. **Marilyn McClaskey** paid to recognize her grandson getting his driver's license at age 15, plus a mustang (Oops), **Bill Bobetski** donated in honor of the seven Rotarians and 19 Interactor kids who painted a new USA map at Strandwood Elementary last Saturday and **David Litty** treating all the kids to KFC meals afterward, and **Brad Prescott**, a first-time map painter was also happy that the kids did most of the work.



**Dave Litty** told us about our upcoming "Thirsty Thursday", THIS WEEK 10/24, 6-8 PM at Peak Performance Float, 311 Lennon Lane, W.C. (Shadelands) PLEASE RSVP to [INFO@ConcordCARotary.org](mailto:INFO@ConcordCARotary.org) or 925 726 4510. We'll also celebrate Rotary International END POLIO day on that day at the event.

**Dave** also reminded us that our club is a member of the Chamber and that on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> there is a Huge Four Chamber Mixer here at the Clarion from 4pm to 7pm. A great way to promote your business and for some obscure reason **Peter Baldacci** fined **Dave** for \$20.

**Susan Cohen Grossman**, protesting that she had been overlooked earlier, told us of her vacation and of being in the middle of a revolution in Ecuador before going to the Galapagos Islands and put a "C" spot in her Paul Harris Account. Bell Ring.

**Greg** and **Nick** both got the Trivia Question wrong and lost a 5 spot each. Only **Luis** came close to the right answer when he said 1924. **Michael** claimed that Rotary's Polio campaign started in 1929 so no one got the prize and the Drawing was **Scott Singley's number** but he drew the wrong marble & walked away without even a sorry word.

**Scott**, however, then took the mic and introduced our speaker, J.D. Bergeron, Exec. Director of the International Bird Rescue Foundation, founded 40+ years ago right here when there was a major oil spill and hundreds of seabirds were covered with oil. The head quarters is in Fairfield and in the years since they have grown into a second location in San Pedro. They have jointly, last year treated 2,152 birds. They operate 365 days a year and will travel anywhere in the world to coordinate the rescue of oiled or injured birds, having so far responded to 225 locations around the world. He showed us some wonderful pictures of birds and some great rehabilitation photos and asked that everyone every day do something to help birds.

Another great informative program.



For more info contact: [www.bird-rescue.org](http://www.bird-rescue.org)

