

# Rotogram

## Club Leaders



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## Birthdays

Lance Michael Butcher  
September 12th

David Herrick  
September 14th

## August 21, 2024

Meeting of August 21, 2024

Written by: Tom Lincoln, Cub Reporter

### Call to Order

Trying her best to impress District Governor Jim Oâ€™Grady, our illustrious President Pam called the meeting to order with great authority.

**Pledge** -Bonnie guided us through the pledge.

**Moment of Silence** - Again, Dana remains in our thoughts, still recovering from a nasty fall at home.

### Thought for the Day

Our most recent Past President Mark offered up the thought for the day, imploring us to visit other Rotary clubs in our county and elsewhere. You never know what little gems youâ€™ll find in what other clubs are doing and experiencing.

### Guests

We again welcomed future member, Kathy Miller Wells.

### Fellowship

It was wonderful!! Fist bumps all around.

### Happy Bucks / Detective

Detective Carlos had everyone in stitches presenting questions to the membership regarding our distinguished guest, District Governor Jim.

Marty couldnâ€™t remember Mrs. Oâ€™Gradyâ€™s first name.

Jennifer botched the answer to how many times the DG was president of his home club.

She started with â€œoneâ€ and then proceeded to â€œtwoâ€ which happened to be the correct answer.

She was also shamed for not displaying her name tag, a Class 1 felony if committed during the DG visit.

Dave S. knew how many kids Mr. and Mrs. Oâ€™Grady haveâ€¦.3, plus one grand and another on the way.

David M. W. blew it on how many years Jim has been a Rotarian. He guessed 24. 17 was the correct answer.

John knew that off the top of his head. Thatâ€™s why John is such a good lawyer.

Denise C. guessed wrong, saying that Jimâ€™s favorite musical instrument was the guitar. Not even close. Accordion is the correct answer.

Lawyer Dennis didnâ€™t know that Jimâ€™s home club meets at the Petaluma Valley Golf and Countryclub.

Ruth Marian Lincoln  
September 22nd

Gregory D. Scott  
September 24th

**Happy Bucks** honors went to Faith (who was on leave from Superior Court jury duty. Judge Andy did the honorable thing and paid her fine.).

Deb W. was happy about her participation in the Hospice of Lake County grievance counseling for which she has been volunteering.

Mark was happy about son Gabe's participation in the mainland to Catalina Island swim later this month in southern California. Mark will be manning the rails of one of the escort boats.

David M.W. was happy about his and Natalie's recent vacation in Eureka.

Jennifer was happy that she screwed up Carlos' detective report and was thankful to Mark for hosting the very successful DG reception at Ripe Choice Farm the previous night.

### **The "Bell" Project**

Pam reminded us that we still need to contribute \$\$\$ to help complete the project.

### **Announcements**

Mark reminded us of the upcoming "Big Valley Small Farms Tour" on Saturday, September 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pam has set next June 13, 14 and 15 for the club's centennial grand celebration, hopefully centered at Konocti Harbor Resort.

Rotary After Dark this coming Wednesday at the Westlake Clubhouse.

### **Program**

District Governor Jim held forth for 30 minutes with one of the best visiting DG programs in memory. He spoke of the magic of Rotary, reminding us that we can have the power to influence things in our community and around the world. In so doing, we can live his theme this year of "Building Better Friendships."

He took time to award his friendship recognition certificate to Jeff and Beth Havrilla and the entire crew of Lake Event Design for their willingness to put a full-time roof over the heads of our club membership, bringing us in from the cold and feeding us every Wednesday. The once homeless club now has a reliable home base.


He then entertained and educated us about Rotary through a clever Accordion-accompanied trivia contest.

### **We learned:**

When Rotary reached the one million member mark;  
When the first Rotary Youth Exchange occurred;  
That Bob Hope and Walt Disney were "honorary Rotarians;"  
What the "Plus" means in the Rotary Plus initiative...it led to putting the focus on battling the many other childhood infectious diseases in the world, such as TB, measles, diphtheria, whooping cough and others.  
About the Every Rotarian Every Year initiative whereby we are encouraged to donate at least \$25 a year to the foundations;  
The farthest distance that the Four Way Test was displayed was on the surface of the moon by astronaut Buzz Aldrin.

Then we were given an around-the-world tour via the Accordion by identifying the country where various songs originated.

The DG informed us that the District 5130 focus during his year will be on fighting human trafficking and how Rotary can help build peace around the world. This will be highlighted in an upcoming Peace Conference on January



women. This will be highlighted in an upcoming Trade Conference on Sunday 24-26 at the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park.

He also shared that his home club has adopted a village in Uganda, providing 19 kids with scholarships to assist them through elementary school through college.

He closed by quoting our founder, Paul Harris, who believed that "friendliness knows no bounds; it surmounts all barriers; it navigates all seas."

**Finley** Someone won the \$10.

**Adjourn**