



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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JULY IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

June 30: Clint & Cheryl Callison

Upcoming Speakers:

July 8:

July 15:

July 22:

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Francesco Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice and owns an agricultural enterprise that produces extra virgin olive oil in Sicily.

Arezzo is a graduate of the University of Padua and a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations, as well as the Italian and

European lingual orthodontics associations. He is a dentistry graduate of the University of Cagliari, where he also received a master's in lingual orthodontics.

He has served as vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the Ragusa delegation to the National Trust for Italy.

Arezzo is also the owner of an agricultural enterprise and producer of extra virgin olive oil in the Monti Iblei region of Sicily. He has been vice president of the administrative council of the consortium controlling and regulating quality production of oil in that region. He owns two boutique hotel settlements there. He enjoys modern art and opera.

A Rotary member for 36 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, chair of the 2023 Melbourne Convention Committee, learning facilitator, and district conference presidential representative, among other roles.

He is married to Anna Maria Arezzo-Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. His daughter Raffaella spent a year in Florida as part of a Rotary

Youth Exchange. Francesco and Anna Maria are Benefactors and Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.

Francesco Arezzo - President 2025-26

MEETING OF 2 WEEKS AGO

President-elect **Eric Mollema** presided.

[President Laurie Anderson, Secretary Ineke Boekhorst and Peter, and President-elect Alex and Barbara, together with Yvonne Berrisford were all attending the RI convention in Calgary, and thus were not in attendance at this meeting.]

Guests included:

Kevin (former Club member) and **Debbie Nosworthy**

Ron Langley (spouse of Sharon Kyle)

Chantal Despot

Kathy Henderson

Ray Peterson (attending for the third time)

Michelle

Program –

There was no guest speaker or program during this meeting.

Mark Forster recited the following poem that he has written in honour of this 2024-2025 year's Rotary Theme, "the Magic of Rotary".

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

In a world that spins both fast and wide,
Where needs arise on every side,
There's a circle strong, both kind and true—
A force for good, and that force is you.

With every project, big or small,
We answer humanity's earnest call.
A well that flows, a child who reads,
We meet the world's most urgent needs.

The magic of Rotary isn't a trick,
It isn't a wand or something quick.
It's hands that help and hearts that care,
It's showing up. It's being there.

You create the magic, spark the flame,
With every cause, in Rotary's name.
Each dollar given, wisely planned,
Builds brighter futures in every land.

A new member welcomed, a banner raised,
A legacy honored, a child praised—
Service above self, our guiding star,
Shows how mighty our actions are.

Before we speak, before we act,
We pause and take this sacred pact:

Is it the TRUTH? We start with grace,
For truth brings light to every place.
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
In fairness, trust is truly earned.
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS too?
In every deed, let kindness shine through.
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all who live?
For only by giving do we truly give.

From polio's end to peace we sow,
The seeds of hope in places we go.
No magic wand, yet change is real—
Because of hearts that serve and heal.

So wear your pin with humble pride,
Let purpose be your daily guide.
The world's more bright, more just, more true —
Because Rotary's magic begins with you.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson