



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Upcoming Speakers:

June 9	Tanyss Munro Amarok Society	June 16	June 23
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RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As my year as president of Rotary International comes to a close, I offer my heartfelt thanks to each member of our global Rotary family. Your kindness, warmth, and dedication have changed my life.

During this year, I had the privilege of traveling across our world, from San Francisco, birthplace of the United Nations, to the innovative Rotary clubs of Nigeria. In every place, I saw Rotary

members and our partners working side by side to create lasting, positive change, reminding me that our strength lies in shared purpose.

That spirit leads naturally to a simple truth: Rotary is not something we attend, but something we do. We are not spectators. We act, and through that action, we transform our communities and ourselves.

As we continue this work, we must keep our focus on building conditions for peace. Rotary is, at its core, a peace machine. But maintaining that machine requires intention, commitment, and steady effort.

That same resolve is needed now as we push toward polio eradication. The final mile is often the hardest, but we cannot falter in our promise to the children of the world.

You have shown that when we *Unite for Good*, there is no challenge we cannot meet if we stand together. Let us carry this momentum forward with courage, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to the safety and prosperity of all.

Francesco Arezzo
RI-President 2025-26

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Alex Pope** presided.

Mark Vosper gave the invocation:

"As we gather today, may we be inspired to strengthen our communities, care for our world, and deepen our understanding of one another. May empathy guide our choices, morality guide our actions, and kindness shape our interactions. Grant us the wisdom to sow seeds of peace where there is conflict, hope where there is despair, and compassion where there is need."

Program - Stephen Colbert's Questionnaire

The scheduled speaker was unable to attend, so Alex called upon four volunteers to come forward and undergo **Stephen Colbert's questionnaire**, which Colbert said "are **designed to uncover a person's soul and ensure they are 'fully known'**". The volunteers were Andy Beresford, Kris Harrison, Kathy Henderson, and Susan Pynn. The following questions were asked, and some of the answers given are as follows:

What is the best sandwich? - "Turkey, ham, cranberry, and stuffing on fresh sourdough."

What's one thing you own that you really should throw out? - "Sporting equipment that hasn't been used in years."

What is the scariest animal? - "Cougars, snakes, reptiles, and lizards".

Apples or oranges? - "Apples, because they pair well with peanut butter".

Have you ever asked someone for their autograph? - "yes, but I am not telling you from whom".

Favourite action movie? "What actually qualifies as an action movie?"

Favorite smell? "The fragrance section of department stores."

Least favorite smell? - "Body odour."

Exercise: is it worth it? - "Yes, but more enjoyable when accompanied by good music."

Flat or sparkling? - "Sparkling varieties become even better when converted into celebratory beverages."

Most used app on your phone? - "Text messaging, YouTube and music-related applications."

You get one song to listen to for the rest of your life: what is it? - One member connected *Sea of Love* to memories of holding her newborn son in the NICU, and suggested to her son that he play it at his wedding ("Mom, whose celebration is this?")

Describe the rest of your life in 5 words. - "Friends. Family. Fun. Adventure. Travel." (F-F-FAT?).

Happy and Sad Dollars

Mark: His father, who will be turning 90 this weekend, recently underwent surgery to remove cancer from his leg. The procedure was successful, and he returned home the same day. Mark was very happy that his father was recovering well and maintaining his positive attitude.

Eric: Happy to report that he visited Matt, and sent greetings from the Club. Matt is going through Chemo presently and not feeling great, but doing ok and sending greetings to our Club members in return.

Walter: Noticed the flags at "half mast" at the Golf Course today and asked at reception. Mel Zajac passed away last week; he was well in his 90's. He was an "honorary member" of Meadow Gardens Golf Club. Mel started the Zajac Ranch many years ago. Our Club has supported the Ranch on many occasions (Summer Camp for kids, who can usually not afford to go on vacation.)



Mike: Warning everybody to stay off the road and be safe! As his grandson is going in for his "temporary driver's license"!!!



Alex: Sad, as he found out from his GP, after experiencing pain in his ribs, that he had high blood pressure. Happy, since he was able to bring down his high blood pressure already very quickly, after receiving and taking prescribed medication and "adjusting" his eating habits.

Yvonne: Her son bought a car he will now be able to drive Yvonne & Andy to the Installation Dinner June 20th!

Susan: A combination of Happy and Sad Dollars to mark turning 65 years old. She joked that after attending a concert and golfing the following morning, she certainly felt every year of her age. She also noted that she is now officially retired and "off the payroll."



President's Closing Quote:

"A woodpecker went on vacation and visited the Petrified Forest. He found it impeccable."



Submitted by Laurie Anderson