



Chips from the Buzzsaw

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Mike O'Connor, Vietnam Veteran

By President David Kamminga

Mike O'Connor was born in 1947 in Warren, Michigan. He enlisted in the US Army for Warrant Officer training on July 6, 1966, and was appointed a Warrant Officer and then designated an Army Aviator upon completion of helicopter pilot training on June 30, 1967. WO UH-1 Huey pilot with Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 20th Artillery of the 1st Cavalry Division in South Vietnam until his helicopter was shot down over South Vietnam and he was captured and taken as a Prisoner of War on February 4, 1968. After spending 1,857 days in captivity, CW2 O'Connor was released during Operation Homecoming on March 5, 1973. He was briefly hospitalized to recover from his injuries at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and then left active duty and entered the US Army Reserve on July 20, 1973. CW2 O'Connor joined the Michigan Army National Guard as a UH-1 and OH-58 Kiowa helicopter pilot on February 1, 1974 and left the Guard on August 1, 1975.

His Silver Star Citation reads:

“Chief Warrant Officer Michael F. O'Connor distinguished himself by gallantry and intrepidity in action in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force while a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam during February 1972. Ignoring international agreements on treatment of prisoners of war, the enemy resorted to mental and physical cruelties to obtain information, confessions and propaganda materials. Chief Warrant Officer O'Connor resisted their demands by calling upon his deepest inner strengths in a manner which demonstrated great devotion to duty and country in accord with the finest traditions of the military services.”

CW2 O'Connor's sharing of his story was a very touching story of bravery under extremely difficult circumstances. To endure the torture he did, was a very strong act of bravery in the service of our country. We thank him for sharing his story with us.



Club 558 of District 5180
PO Box 288
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Meets Every Friday at
Club Pheasant, 12:15

MEETING RECAP

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Speaker Mike O'Connor



Visitors and Guests November 12th, 2021

Guests

Paul Cantrell — David Kamminga
Deon Farmer — David Kamminga
Stephen F. Heringer III — Stephen F. Heringer II
Claude Choi — Jeremiah Smith
Judy Longacre — Dick Marshall
Adam Marshall — Dick Marshall
Don James — Wayne Enke
James Trujillo — Jeremiah Smith
Clint Kyme — Dick Marshall
Peter Hunn
Dave Trujillo — Steve Thorpe

Visitors

None

November 12th, 2021 Meeting Summary

Presiding: **David Kamminga**

Pledge: **Jeremiah Smith**

Opening Blessing: **Marty Garozzo**

Song Master: **none**

Raffle: **Deon Farmer, \$542, Queen of Diamonds**

Foundation Raffle: **Barry Kalar**

Photos courtesy of
Tim Kwong



Guest Deon Farmer drew the Queen of Diamonds

Save the Dates



Rotary Club of St. Andrews International Golf Tournament

Submitted by Paul Kolarik

"Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I hope this email finds you and your family safe and well. The Rotary Club of St. Andrews International Golf Tournament is planned to take place from Sunday June 5th, to Thursday, June 9th, 2022 in St. Andrews. We are delighted to confirm that we will be given full access to the Old Course by the St. Andrews Links Trust.

I have attached the 2022 Brochure, Entry Form, Instructions for Payment and the Procedures to me follows for Hiring Buggies/Trolleys and Caddies issued by the St. Andrews Links. I would also encourage you to study the attachment from the St. Andrews Links Trust with regard to the availability of Golf Buggies (Carts) particularly on the Old Course. Please study the brochure and complete the entry form if you wish to attend. Entries will be confirmed on a "first come" basis.

Yours in Rotary,

Douglas B. Jackson

International Golf Committee, Rotary Club of St. Andrews"



*****Attachments can be emailed to you upon request.*****



Mondays: Route 9

- 11/1 Tom Wallace (Tues Delivery)
- 11/8 Paul Kolarik and John Hills
- 11/15 Tom Wallace
- 11/22 Joanie Kapell and JoAnn Moffett
- 11/29 Tom Wallace

Tuesdays: Route 7

Wednesdays: Route 1

Jeff Post and Kent Ramos—Every Week

Wednesdays: Route 6

- 11/3 Pedro Cisneros and Dustin Dumars
- 11/10 Steve and Donna Heringer
- 11/17 Shaun Morrow
- 11/24 Dan Ramos and Pedro Cisneros

SPEAKER PROGRAM

November 19th

Jeneba Lahai—YCCA

November 26th

DARK

December 3rd

TBD



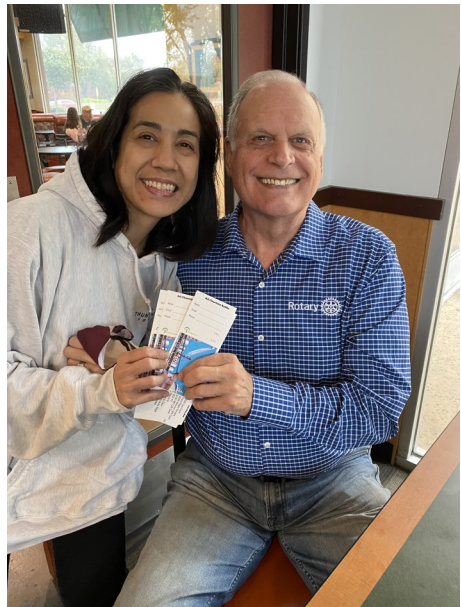
Future Rotarians

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River City High School Interact Club News



The RCHS Interact board had their first 2021 fellowship—pizza and board games. Barry Kalar supported the Interactors by purchasing \$100 (\$10/ticket) of All Charities raffle tickets. Interact Advisor Kat matched Barry's donation. If you would like to support our Interactors contact Kat or myself to purchase - \$10/ticket. Thank you for your support.
Dr Charyl 916-813-2785



The President's Page



President David Kamminga and his cousin, guest Deon farmer



Remarks from President David Kamminga

Greetings Fellow Rotarians,

This coming week, we will be welcoming Yolo County Children's Alliance Director, Jeneba Lahai. Jeneba visited our club a few months ago when we made a donation to the YCCA.

We will be dark for Thanksgiving the following week.

In order to honor the memory of the Great Tim Carnahan, we will be doing the Christmas Basket donations again this year, we will pass the hat and the club will match donations received. For the December 3rd, 10th, & 17th meetings.

Then the new year comes 2022.

Yours in Rotary Service,
David Kamminga, 2021-2022 President
Rotary Club of West Sacramento



David Kamminga's

OPENING REMARKS: "This Week in History November 6th—November 12th"

1956 – After pop vocalist Kay Starr rejected a new song, it was given to Patsy Cline, who reluctantly recorded it today at Bradley's Barn in Nashville. She commented, "It's nothin but a little ol' pop song". Patsy's version of that "Little ol' pop song" "Walking After Midnight" reached #2 country and #12 Pop in early 1957

1957 – Elvis performed for servicemen and the public at the Schofield Barracks, Pearl Harbor Hawaii. It would be his last public performance before going into The Army.

1965 – The Historic Fillmore West Theater opened with Jefferson Airplane and The Grateful Dead Performing

1967 – The debut issue of Rolling Stone magazine hit the newsstands

1970 – The Doors performed their last concert with Jim Morrison in New Orleans. The group then recorded their LA Woman album, and Morrison subsequently moved to Paris where he died.

1971 – Elvis Presley performed at the Cleveland Public Hall Auditorium in Ohio. After Elvis' performance, the audience refused to leave in hopes Elvis would take another bow. A local announcer, Al Dvorin, would immortalize a phrase. He said "Elvis Has Left the Building"

1992 – Barry Manilow performed before 94,000 people in the Ultra Football Stadium in Manila

And the number one song in 1968 – Hey Jude by the Beatles

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Leadership Team	
President	David Kamminga
President-Elect	Jaclyn Powell
Immediate Past President	John Raney
Secretary	Amy Busch
Treasurer	Dustin Dumars
Membership	Denice Domke
Speaker Chair	Dick Marshall
Interact Advisor	Kat Gallagher
Youth Service	Jaonie Kapell JoAnn Moffett
Club Service	Shaun Morrow
International Service	Kumaraswamy Sivakumaran
Sergeant at Arms	Marty Garozzo
Social Media/PR	Peter Anderson
Finemasters	Chris Bradford Katie Villegas
Rotary Foundation	Barry Kalar
Vocational Service	David Santiago
Community Service	Shaun Morrow
Rotary Youth Exchange	Steve Oren
Meals on Wheels	Tom Wallace
Scholarships	Ken Wilson
Club Prayer	Marty Garozzo



**Dick Marshall and
Lieutenant Colonel Adam
Marshall**



**Steve Heringer and his son
Steve Heringer**

Birthdays & Anniversaries	
November Birthdays	
Chris Bradford	1st
Alicia Mittleman	10th
Patti Palamidessi	13th
Quirina Orozco	24th
Ken Wilson	30th
November Anniversaries	
Steve and Emily Oren	23rd, 46 years



VETERANS IN ATTENDANCE

Back Row: Dave Trujillo, Steve Thorpe, Adam Marshall, Barry Kalar, Dick Marshall, Wayne Enke, Don James, Marty Garozzo, Clint Kyme, Steve Heringer
Front Row: Mike O'Connor, Paul Cantrell, Peter Hunn, Bob Ceccato, Steve Heringer, Mike Campbell

Stay Connected to Rotary



OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the: ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of ideal of service by every Rotarian to his/her/ personal, business and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideals of service.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Club Donated \$2,000 to the YCCA Community Giveaway

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Deadline for all materials you would like published in the CHIPS is Tuesdays!



Len Strickland



Elizabeth Esquivel and her guest Ilianna



Andy Wallace



Tom Wallace

4 Way Test

Of the Things we Think, Say or Do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and better **FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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YOUR LINKS TO ROTARY

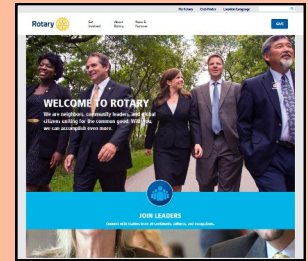


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Rotary District 5180
<http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/home.aspx?did=5180>

2021-2022
Rotary International President
Shekhar Mehta



2021-2022
Rotary District 5180 Governor
Desiree Wilson



2021-2022
Rotary District 5180 Assistant Governor
Martha Ng



District 5180 Rotary Clubs Meeting Times and Locations So You Can Make Up Each Week

Day	Who	When	Website	Who	When	Website
Mon	Foothill Highlands	12:15pm	Foothillhighlandslotary.org	Walnut Grove	12:30pm	Walnutgrooverotary.org
	Oroville	12:00pm	Rotaryoroville.com	Fair Oaks	6:00 pm	Rotaryfair Oaks.org
Tues	Oroville Sunrise	7:00am	Portal.clubrunner.ca/8432	Midtown-Sacramento	5:30 pm	Midtownsacrotary.org
	Sacramento	12:00 pm	Rotarysacramento.org	Carmichael	6:30 pm	Carmichaelrotary.org
	West Sacramento Centennial	7:00 am	Portal.clubrunner.ca/9129	Rancho Cordova	12:15pm	Rotaryclubofranhocordoba.org
Wed	Arden Arcade	12:00 pm	Ardenarcaderotary.com			
	Folsom Lake	12:00 pm	Folsomlakerotary.org	South Placer	11:45 am	Southplacerrotary.org
	El Dorado Hills	7:15am	Edhrotary.org	Citrus Heights	12:15pm	Chrotary.org
	Laguna Sunrise	7:45am	Portal.clubrunner.ca/9112	Elk Grove	12:00 pm	Elkgroverotary.org
	East Sacramento	12:00 pm	Portal.clubrunner.ca/2027	Yuba City	12:15pm	Portal.clubrunner.ca/9130
	Historic Folsom	7:00am	Historicfolsomrotary.org	Lincoln	12:00 pm	LincolnCaRotary.org
	Clarksburg	6:00 pm	Portal.clubrunner.ca/13810	Placer Valley Sunrise	7:00 am	Placervalleysunriserotary.com
Thu	South Yuba County Sunrise	7:00 am	Portal.clubrunner.ca/9131	South Sacramento	11:45 am	Southsacrotary.org
	Pocket-Greenhaven	7:30 am	Pgr.rocks	Folsom	6:30 pm	Folsomrotary.org
	North Sacramento	12:00 pm	Portal.clubrunner.ca/4563	Roseville	12:00 pm	Rosevillerotary.org
	Marysville	12:00 pm	RotaryClubofMarysville.org	Gridley	12:00 pm	Rotary5180.org/clubinfo/gridley
Fri	Greater Sacramento Passport One	6:00 pm	Rotarypassport.org			
	Orangevale	7:00 am	Portal.clubrunner.ca/9117	Natomas	7:15 am	Portal.clubrunner.ca/9116
	Point West	7:30 am	Pointwestrotary.com	Granite Bay	12:00 pm	Portal.clubrunner.ca/9110