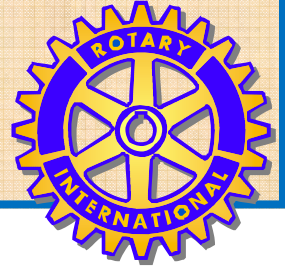


# The Maverick

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## Tuesday's Meeting

Not an uncomfortable morning in our meeting space today. The open windows, doors and fans helped make the space tolerable. We were very close to total membership this morning.

Our guest this morning was our friend and ex-Maverick Ron Atkins. We have to stop calling him an ex-Maverick and lasso him back into the club.

We celebrated that George Gardner was back and he also had the program.

Lee won Happy Dollars and donated her winnings to Booked for Bikes. The Mavericks shared baseball standings, acknowledging that George is back, welcoming Ron and again how the gardens are fairing the weather.

The first joke-of-the-month presenter was Claude Hebert, but could not make the meeting, so Lynn Donnelly debuted this club activity with a real colorful entry.

This Maverick thought it was a real knee-slapper.

Do not forget to email your 1 thru 5 rating since this is a competition.

The Rubber Ducky campaign is in full swing with posters and tickets in hand. Mike or Jim will email the updated corporate duck list to all Mavericks. The challenge is on to pay \$1.00 for every duck not sold. We have a commitment from Shaws to allow us sell ducks on the following Saturdays; 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, and

8/24. Tony, Sue and George M. will be manning (womanning in Sue's case) the entrance doors to Shaws this week and could certainly use some help. Patty tried to acquire the 200 additional ducks that we need to max out at 1500. Oriental Trading could not at this time fulfill our request. There needs to be another avenue to complete this task in order to meet the sales goal.

Our weekly song was chosen by Calvin which was "You are my Sunshine" which was well sung.

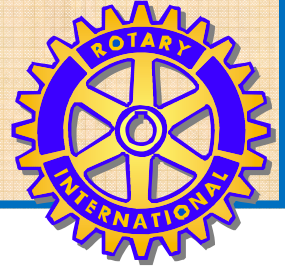
## The Program

George Gardner presented an informative program on burglary avoidance and fire safety. The handout was entitled "Thirteen Things and Eight More Things Your Burglar Won't Tell You". The handout included statements like 1. I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it or 2. avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page, it is easier than you think to look up your address. All good points to possibly avoid breaking and entering your homes.

George also mentioned the use of Wasp Spray if confronted by a burglar. Chief George Merkel suggested that it might make you subject in a lawsuit and recommended the use of pepper spray instead.

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## Tuesday's Meeting *continued*

Another interesting and effective tactic is to keep your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear someone trying to break into your home, just press the panic button and the car alarm will sound off and hopefully scare off any prospective robbery.

Great presentation George.

### Announcements

Patty will check out the Lake Monsters tickets for a Rotary Club family outing.

Jim Weening will issue the Big Duck list to all Mavericks.

Mike Donnelly will arrange the race logistics with the Fire Department.

Mike and Rob responsible for the boats and the running of the race.

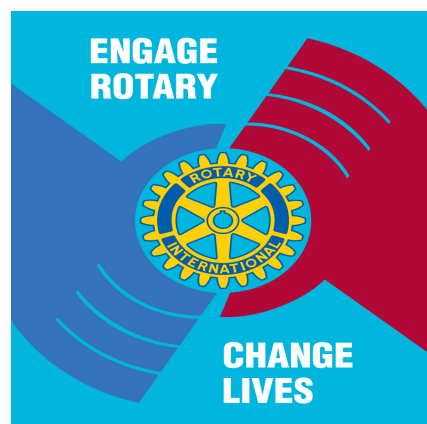
Don't forget to vote for Lynn's humor. Send email to Tony with a 1 (snicker) thru 5 (belly laugh/knee slapper) in the subject line.

*"In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute."*

-Thurgood Marshall



That is Just Ducky!



## Tuesday August 6th Agenda

Program - *Father Yvon*

Minute - *Father Yvon*

Prayer - *Rob McNamara*

Song - *George Koplinka*

*Hope to see everyone at  
Breakfast!*