

Rotary



Club of Concord

Events

August 9th
[Food Sorting at the Food Bank of Contra Costa](#)

Birthdays

Rich E. Timmons
July 21st
Michael Joseph Barrington
July 28th
David Miller
August 1st
John B. Kaminski
August 2nd
Ronald E. Leone
August 17th
Edwin L. Shuff
August 19th

7/20/21 Concord Rotary Club Newsletter

Read below for what's going on at your club! Do you know how to add to this newsletter? Send articles, or ideas for articles, to committee chair **Tony Akins** <takins15@gmail.com>. Photos are an important part and **Greg Grassi** will insert them into the newsletter. Send photos to **Greg Grassi** <greg.grassi@yahoo.com>.

Rotary Meeting Notes for July 16, 2021 By **Anthony A. Akins**



Our new **President Ron Leone** started off his 2nd meeting of the year, welcoming all. **Stephanie Prescott** introduced her guest - **Leslie Chapman** - who was attending her second meeting to see what the club is all about.

And..... we rolled right into our guest speaker California State Senator Steve Glazer who represents District 7, our back yard so to speak. Senator Glazer shared with us some of the state and his concerns as well as current goings on. Below are some of the topics discussed.

Over 63,000 California lives have been lost due to Covid 19

The State Budget has just been presented, and with the surplus we currently have now, California which was in the bottom 1/3 of funding (dollars spent per pupil) for school children (k to 12th grade) will now be in the top 1/3 in the United States.

The state's drought and how it is effecting this year's fire season concerns.

Money has been put aside for small business grants to help withn the pandemic issues faced by many small businesses.

Senator Galzer was able to get \$3.7 million to pay off the mortgage for The Monument Crisis Center. He also got \$1.6 million for the Contra Costa and Solano Food banks for new trucks which was on their list of needs.

Sen Glazer currently has legislation to get more funding for mental health, and have the funding based on results.

He also has legislation to have the prisoner's who help with the state handling of forests fires receive a cetrification. This is so as they get out of prison and back into society the skill they learned will allow them to get a job as a fire fighter for the state a little bit easier and with some sanity.

He is working on a bill to reduce abuse with short term rentals (think Airbnb). Some have turned into party houses and become a persistent problem.

He is also working on helping small business in the unfair advantage large fulfillment centers have in regards to sales tax. Senator Glazer cited an example of Cupertino and Apple making a deal where by Apple opened up a fulfillment center and the City of Cupertino agreed to let Apple be refunded half of the sales tax dollars they collect.

He then opened up for question and answers. If you have any questions or concerns for the senator please contact his district director George Escutia at: george.escutia@sen.ca.gov.

Club Business:

Where will we meet in person and when? **Rick Ernst** and a few others are aggressively researching where to meet. **Rick** shared with us their current obstacles. None of the local hotels have food and beverage staff. The historical society wants \$800 for room rental. Set up, break down and food not included. There are not many viable options right now and the search continues.

Dave Litty, the club's new vocational chair, is working on getting the Thursday "Rotary Means Business Socials," back into our cycle. More to follow on this great program and always a fun event.

Ingrid Hempell is off to Europe for six weeks and waved good bye to the club. And so we come to the end of another exciting zoom meeting. **Ron** ended it with a both a joke and a thought for the day.

Joke: How does an eskimo build his house?

Igloo's it together.

Thought: "You are never too important to be nice to people"
Jon Baptiste

On This Day July 16

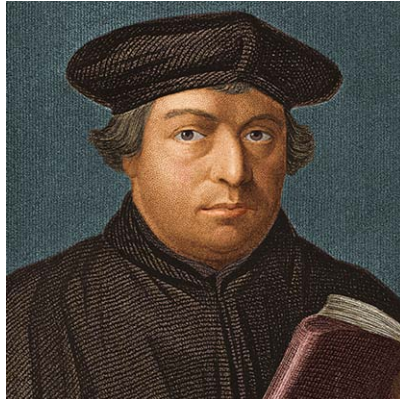
- *1429 Joan of Arc and the French army enter the city of Rheims*



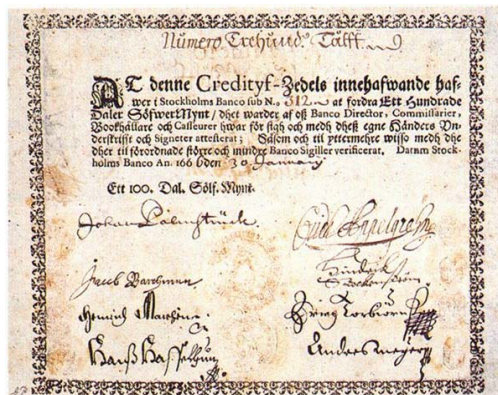
- *1439 Kissing is banned in England (to stop the Black Death from spreading)*



- **1519 Public debate between Martin Luther and theologian Johann Eck at Pleissenburg Castle in Leipzig, during which Luther denies the divine right of the Pope**



- **1661 1st banknotes in Europe are issued by Bank of Stockholm**



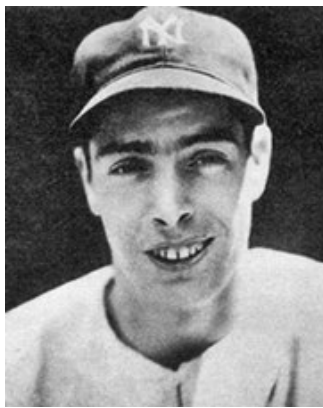
- **1769 Father Junipero Serra founds Mission San Diego the 1st mission in California**



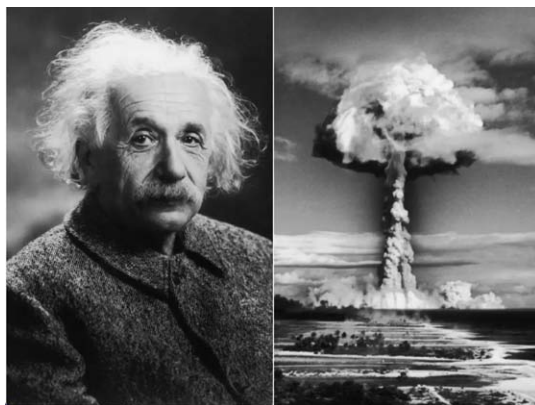
- **1940 Adolf Hitler orders preparations for the invasion of Britain (Operation Sealion)**



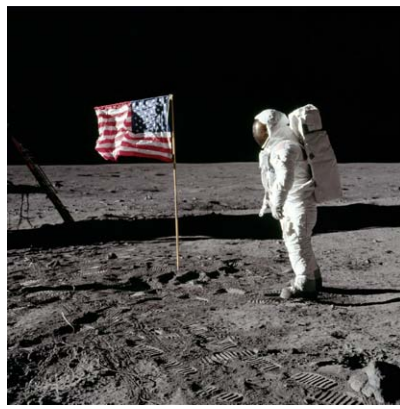
- **1941 Joe DiMaggio goes 3 for 4, hitting in his 56th straight game**



- **1945 1st test detonation of an atomic bomb, Trinity Site, Alamogordo, New Mexico as part of the US Manhattan Project**



- **1969 Apollo 11 launched, carrying 1st men to land on Moon**



- *1911 Ginger Rogers [Virginia McMath], American actress, dancer and singer (Top Hat, Kitty Foyle), born in Independence, Missouri*



July & August Rotary Zoom Meetings

All of our meetings will be on Zoom. We are currently exploring possibilities of live meetings. Two of our meetings will be at The Old Spaghetti Factory.

July 23 - Zoom

July 30 - Zoom

August 6 - Zoom/Live The Old Spaghetti Factory

August 13 - Zoom

August 20 - Zoom/Live The Old Spaghetti Factory

August 26 - Live Thursday Social TBA

August 27 -DARK



Rotary Board Meetings Live & Zoom

Our Rotary Board Meetings will be held live at Golden State Lumber and on Zoom, the 3rd Monday of the month. Everyone is welcome.

August 16 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

September 20 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

October 18 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

November 15 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

December 20 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

January 17 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

February 28 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom



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Lumber & Building Materials

March 21 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

April 18 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

May 16 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

June 20 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

Cartoon of the Day

Christmas was abruptly canceled today as three more elves and two reindeer came forward with allegations...



Upcoming Speakers

July 23rd

[Rotary Peace Fellowship Program - a best kept secret !](#)

Susan Cohen Grossman, District 5160 Peace Fellows Chair, will give the program background and update on what's happening now with this scholarship to one of 7 Rotary Peace Centers.

August 6th

[Elisabeth Andreason](#)

More than just penguins...Join us on a National Geographic Tour of Antarctica!

July 30th

[Seth Shostak, Senior Astronomer and Director of SETI](#)

Come and learn from the SETI Director about their search for extraterrestrial intelligent life in our universe.

August 13th

[Charles Marshall, Director of the UC Museum of Paleontology](#)

Explore the land of Dinosaurs with the Director of Paleontology at the UC Museum.

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