

Rotary



Club of Concord

Events

August 9th
Clone-Clone-
Food Sorting at
the Food Bank
of Contra Costa

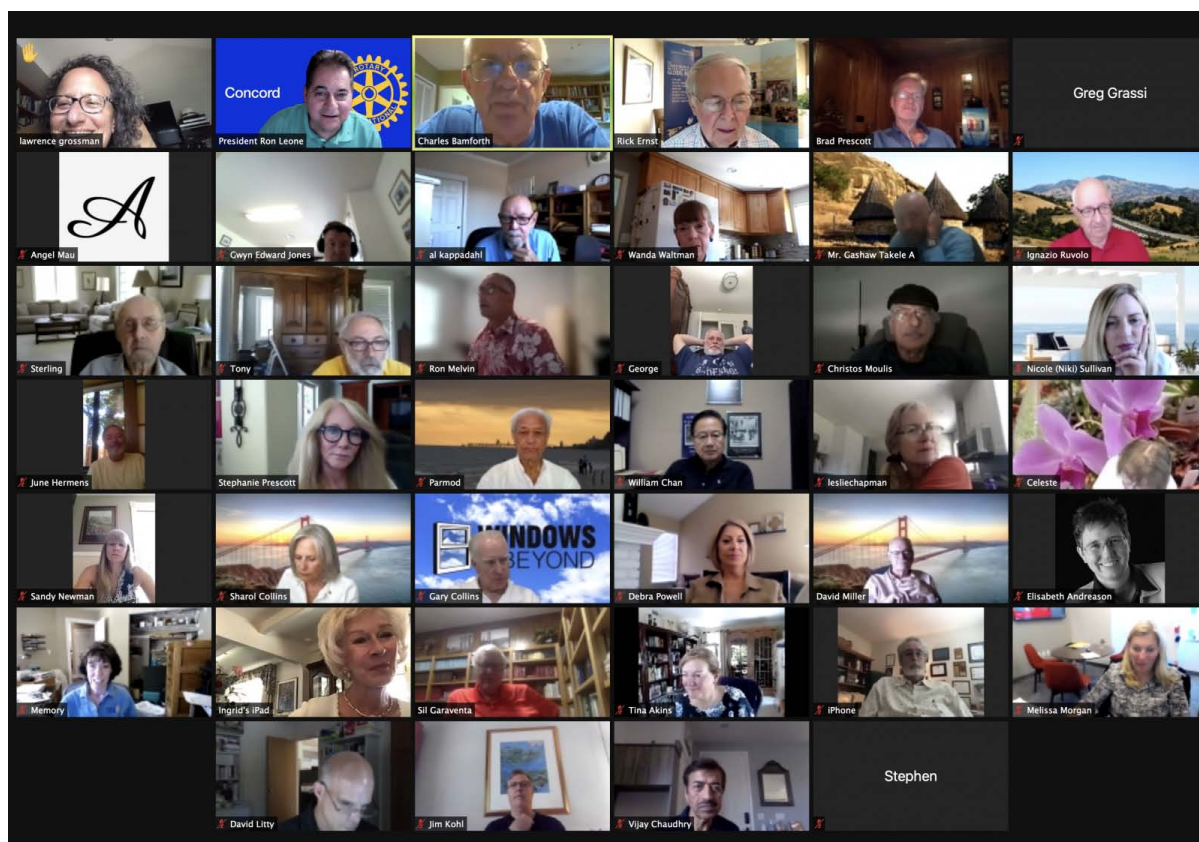
Birthdays

Susan Cohen
Grossman
July 13th
Dave Litty
July 14th
Ronald Melvin
July 15th
Silvio Garaventa
July 18th
Rich E. Timmons
July 21st
Michael Joseph
Barrington
July 28th
David Miller
August 1st
John B. Kaminski
August 2nd

7-13-21 Concord Rotary 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 9, 2021



By **Rick Ernst**

Welcome

On this very warm - no, make that very HOT - July afternoon in Concord, California, a seamless transition of power occurred with incoming Rotary club president **Ron Leone** presenting ♦**Captain Brad**♦ with the traditional plaque and gavel. And with that bit of low-key ceremony completed, the ♦changing of the guard♦ became official - - Former City of Concord Mayor **Ron Leone** became our club president during this, the 75th Anniversary year of our club, chartered in March, 1947.

With a higher than usual attendance (44), president **Ron** brought the pre-meeting chit-chat to a close at 12:15pm, proclaiming that we Rotarians, are ♦Super♦ and we♦re going to have a ♦Super time♦ this year. That admiration was accompanied with the musical theme of the legendary comic book hero, Superman, followed by several verses of

patriotic songs including America the Beautiful. A great launch for our year!

Invited Guests

Once again we welcomed a visit by Rotarian Vijay Chaudry of the Jodhpur Rotary Club, District 3053 located in northern India. Also with us today is member-nominee Leslie Chapman, long-time friend of our club's former first lady, **Stephanie Prescott**. We also hear Leslie is the pickle-ball champion in Walnut Creek. Very impressive. We look forward to welcoming Leslie into our Rotary family this month.



Youth Services Director and president-elect **Memory Woodard** recognized 2021 YV high school graduate and Interact Club president Angel Mau with a \$4,000 scholarship as he matriculates at UC Berkeley, majoring in chemical engineering. Congratulations!!

Guest Speaker

Charlie Bamforth

Beerologist



Our Program Speaker. Dr. Charlie Bamforth, aka ♦The Pope of Foam♦ presented one of the best programs we've had the pleasure of hearing. Charlie's distinguished career as a brewologist began in the UK and continued during his years as a professor emeritus in the department of Food Science and Technology at UC Davis, teaching a class titled ♦The Art & Science of Beer." (no kidding!) His classes quickly ♦sold out♦ each semester, testimony to the fact this is a popular subject of interest to the undergraduates, and confirming how ♦thirsty♦ the students are for more data on this vital lifestyle enriching beverage. Charlie, thanks for such a fascinating and informative presentation. We learned to appreciate all that goes into brewing a fine beer or ale, and we shall remember that, to be civilized and to fully enjoy a robust beer, one must NEVER drink from the bottle or from the can. ALWAYS pour that beer, with vigor, says Charlie. Want to learn more from the professor? Go to ♦The Everyday Guide to Beer♦ a prime video series, available through amazon.com

Onto Club Business

Once **Ingrid Hempell** located the ♦mute♦ key on her Zoom screen, we were able to resume the meeting with President **Ron** well in control. Next on the club meeting agenda was a confirming vote (motion by **Elisabeth Andreason** and a second by **Chris Moulis**) approving the slate of officers and directors presented for the 2021-22 Rotary year. The motion passed unanimously. Salaries and benefits to those volunteer leaders will be the same as in prior years. In other words, **Thank you for your service to Rotary!♦**

♦ **President Ron Leone**

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- Secretary: **Sandy Newman**
- Treasurer: **Greg Grassi**
- Sergeant at Arms: **Wanda Waltman**
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Next up on today's agenda is recognizing birthdays, club and wedding anniversaries. It will be a challenge to escape being recognized for these rites of passage this year, as our new president has billboard-size announcements listing our names and significant calendar dates in our personal and Rotary lives. Hmmm. That could be an expensive year, fellow Rotarians. Please note that president **Ron** is not only diligent in recognizing these important dates, but he is also keenly focused on how you will celebrate your special occasions **monetarily**. First up is president-elect **Memory Woodard** whose birthday is today, July 9th. She is generously donating \$100 to the Rotary Foundation DDF. Next up is **Susan Cohen-Grossman** who will be spending her July 13 birthday shopping for a new hearing aid for mom (hey, the excitement never ends; Susan will also be named president of a regional women's organization later that day. Oh, yes she is going to give thought to how much she will celebrate - monetarily - and promised president **Ron** she would get back to him on that matter. **Dave Litty's** birthday is July 14 and he promises club treasurer **Greg Grassi** he'll pay-up on whatever he owes the club including today's generous donation to the club of \$100. The following day is birthday of one of our newest Rotarians, **Ron Melvin**, who donated \$100 to the Concord Rotary Endowment.

Sil Garaventa also has a July 18 birthday and will be with his son's family in North Carolina. Thank you for both generous donations to our Club's Endowment and 47 years of service in Rotary. And **Stephanie Prescott**, what a great job you did as our club's First Lady during your first year as a Rotarian. Thank you for your additional \$100 donation to the LadyBug project which is the newest community service project in our club. **Stephanie** also invited close friend Melissa Morgan (Patelco Credit Union) to be our guest today and to take a look at Rotary as a future member of our wonderful service club.

Membership Chair **Rick Ernst** gave us a recap of our club's notable membership stats. We're definitely on the move growing our ranks; yet, we also said farewell to

Rotarians who have relocated (or passed away) during this tumultuous year.

Resignations included Past president **Peter Baldacci** (relocated to Henderson, NV), and **Bob Cressio** (Arizona). This fall we'll bid farewell to **Rick Vossekuil** who will retire from his long career in title insurance. He and Terri will relocate to a property they are building in northern Arizona. Sadly, three long-time Rotarians passed away during our year. That included **Roy Mr. Big Board Querio**, **Ron Light**, General **Dan Helix** and, just this past week we learned **Dick Rainey** has passed, the result of his melanoma brain tumors.

We also named three deserving Rotarians as Lifetime Honorary Members. Those honored included past president **Harry Bowers**, (insurance brokerage), and past president **Larry Sly** (Food Bank Director). Overlooked was the honorarium bestowed on **Alan Hermans**. However, better late than never, Alan was presented with his framed certificate today, recognizing his decade of community service in all the construction and contractor-related services he provided to our club and to our community. A well deserved tribute!

Following these membership-related remarks, President **Ron** checked the clock only to see it was time to adjourn. So, he will have some carry-over announcements to begin next Friday's meeting. Since the first Rule of Rotary is to have fun, our president closed the meeting with this bit of humor: *Hey, did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head by a can of soda? He was lucky. . . it was a soft drink.*

And a thought for the day.. by Mahatma Gandhi



Live as if you were to die tomorrow, Learn as if you were to live forever.

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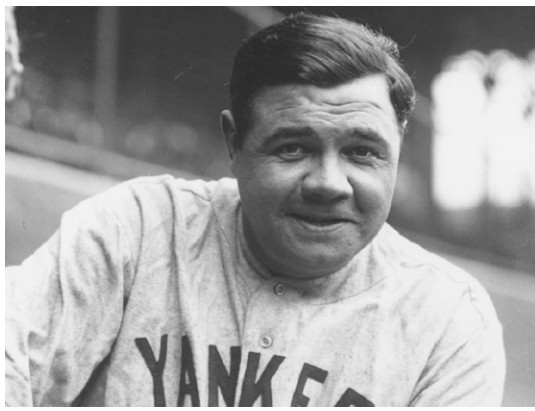
What Happened on July 9



- ***1776 Declaration of Independence is read to George Washington's troops in New York.***



- ***1853 Commodore Matthew Perry and four US Navy vessels visit Japan to force them to open up to American trade and end their policy of isolation.***



- ***1914 Boston Red Sox purchase future Baseball Hall of Fame slugger Babe Ruth's contract from minor league Baltimore Orioles.***



- ***1926 Chiang Kai-shek appointed to national-revolutionary supreme commander in China.***



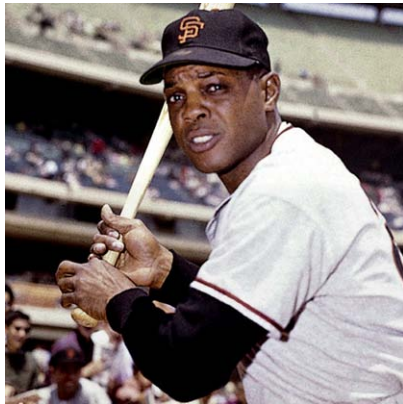
- ***1934 SS-Reichsfuehrer Heinrich Himmler takes command of German Concentration Camps.***



- **1955 Bill Haley & Comets ♦ Rock Around the Clock ♦ tops the billboard chart, one of the best selling singles ever.**



- **1956 Dick Clark ♦s 1st appearance as host of American Bandstand.**



- **1963 Willie Mays (SF Giants) became All Star MVP.**



- **2018 US President Donald Trump names Brett Kavanaugh as his Supreme Court Nominee.**



- **1819 Elias Howe, American inventor (invented the sewing machine), born in Spencer, Massachusetts.**



- **1947 O.J. Simpson, American College and Pro Football Hall of Fame running back, broadcaster and actor, born in San Francisco, California.**



- **1956 Tom Hanks, American actor (Saving Private Ryan, Forrest Gump), was born in Concord, California.**

July & August Rotary Zoom Meetings

Until further notice all of our meetings will be on Zoom. We are currently exploring possibilities of live meetings.

July 16 - Zoom

July 23 - Zoom

July 30 - Zoom

August 6 - Zoom/Live TBA

August 13 - Zoom/Live TBA

August 20 - Zoom/Live TBA

August 27 - Zoom/Live TBA

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.

July 19 - Zoom

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

March 21 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

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Cartoon of the Day

Not only am I the Incredible Shrinking Man, I've also been bitten by a werewolf. Every full moon, I turn into a hamster.



Upcoming Speakers

July 16th

[Steve Glazer, California State Senator, District 7](#)

Learn what is going on in our state legislator from State Senator Steve Glazer.

July 30th

[Seth Shostak](#)

Senior Astronomer and Director of SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence)

July 23rd

[Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, CA 11th District](#)

What is Congress up to? Learn what the Democrats are planning, now that they control the House, Senate and Presidency.

August 6th

[Elisabeth Andreason](#)

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

Club Leaders

[Ronald E. Leone](#)

[Memory A.](#)

[Sandra J Newman](#)

[Gregory M. Grassi](#)



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