

Rotary



Club of Concord

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Birthdays

Ronald E. Leone
August 17th

Edwin L. Shuff
August 19th

Anthony A. Akins
August 26th

Sterling H Albert
August 29th

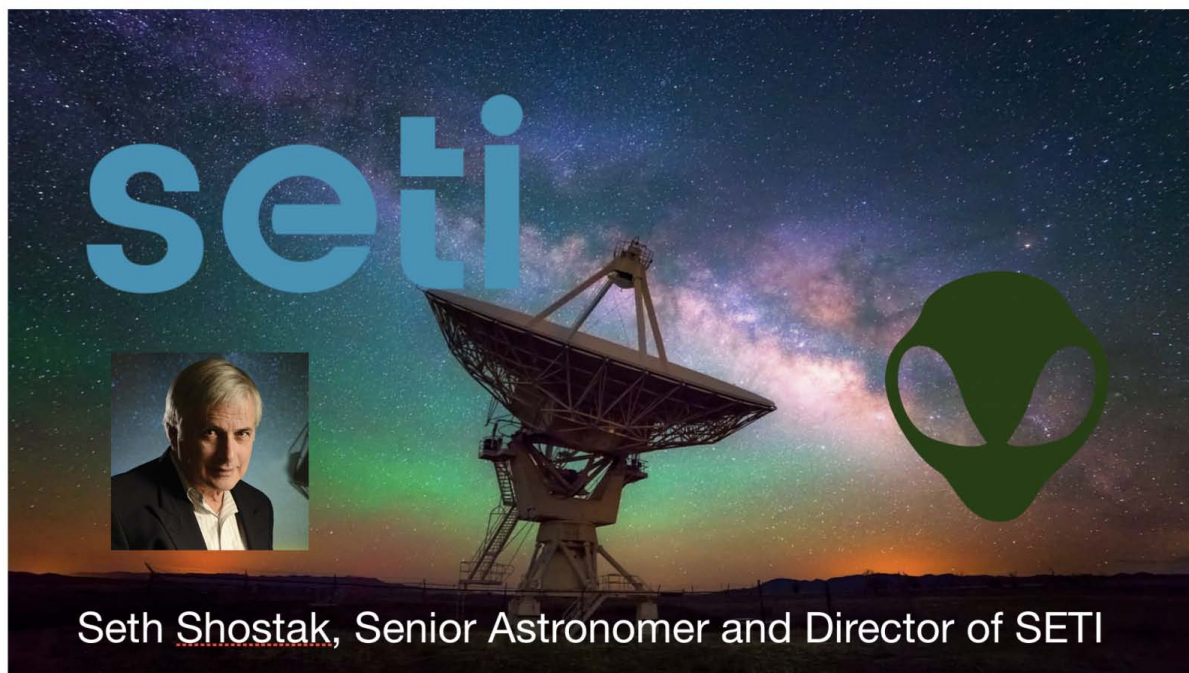
August 3, 2021 Concord Rotary Newsletter

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Rotary Meeting Notes for July 30, 2021

By **Guy Bjerke**

July 30th Special Guest Speaker on the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence



President **Ron Leone** called the meeting to order. It's our 75th Club Anniversary year. We heard the US Space Force theme music.

Rick Ernst introduced guest Nick Peterson who was referred to our club by the Benicia Rotary Club. He's starting his own insurance firm here in Concord. He's interested in membership.



Memory Woodard introduced Kalina Campos - one of our scholarship recipients in 2018. Kalina expressed her appreciation for the scholarship and our help in finishing Nursing School at Portland. She reported on her trips abroad and her commitment to serve her Native

American community in health care.

Speaker:

Dr. Seth Shostak - senior astronomer at the SETI in Mountain View. He's an expert in space and the search for extraterrestrial intelligence.



How we are looking for life in space and why we might find it soon. We're sending instruments to Mars and out into space to find signs of life. Mars was a very different planet billions of years ago. So it suggests Mars had types of life back - a biology - back then. If that can be proved then it suggests life is not some miracle. Life could just be a cosmic infection and there are a lot of planets out there.

Earth isn't likely special - but we are still looking for proof of intelligent life in space. We are looking farther afield to find intelligent life. Proxima Centauri is the nearest sun with a possible habitable planet. Fastest rocket would take 75,000 years to get there. So we use big antennas to see if we can get anything intelligent life might transmit.

There's no hiding the ball - if we found alien life everyone would know it. The government would not be able to "keep it secret." That's bonkers. So we haven't found them, yet.

A report was written and issued several weeks ago about the Navy pilots who thought they saw UFOs . The report never mentioned "aliens" and admitted they could not figure out what the objects were. There is no conspiracy to keep this secret - the government is not that capable. If aliens are visiting us they aren't doing anything we can see or trace.

Announcements:

This Friday, August 6 - and Friday, August 20 we will be holding our meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory at 12:15. The meeting will be hybrid with a Zoom component too.

Club needs help from a member who can help us edit this weekly newsletter - contact President **Ron**. You will be trained and it's not too tough if the President can do it.

Rick Ernst reported that a club committee is looking for a new location to hold future meetings. All hotels are not providing food and beverage yet. Still looking but giving the Old Spaghetti a try out - but still on line. \$23 for lunch. Punch cards will be honored. No cash - everyone will be invoiced for these lunches. This is a test run.

Parmod Kumar - food sorting at the Food Bank on Monday, August 16 at 6 pm. He has sent an email to the club - but please let Parmod know if you can help that night.

Rita Corbinook announced a Fellowship activity on August 14 - backstage tour of the Leshner Regional Center - she will send an email with how to get a virtual ticket.

David Litty showed the dates for the Thursday - Business Nights Out and will send it out via email. When we hold a Thursday night event we will NOT be meeting the next day - Friday for lunch.

Happy Bucks

Rita Corbinook - her family moved and this author didn't hear how much she donated.

Scott Singley - he drives a hydrogen electric vehicle - and four H70 pumps have now opened in Concord - so refueling is available - \$5.

Nicole Sullivan - just dropped daughter off for 3rd year of university - \$20.

Greg Grassi - sad bucks - just before leaving for vacation he found a water leak and today is found another leak. Asking for \$100. (\$5.)

Sharol Collins - \$5 to hoping for negative Covid test today.

Rick Ernst - his son Greg and family have moved to Idaho and Greg is still managing the Alphagraphics in Walnut Creek. When Greg is down he stays with Rick and Diane - \$10.

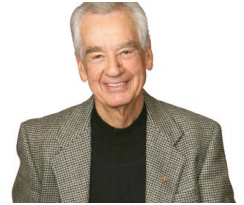
Ron Leone - \$10 for grandkids winning races at the City Swim Meet. Now going to County!

Sterling Albert - Youngest son's daughter just graduated from school to work as a designer for Disney. \$10.

President **Ron** bought a new bell to celebrate \$100 donations. We'll use our legacy bell next Friday. *Thought of the Day*

What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you get by achieving.

- Zig Ziglar



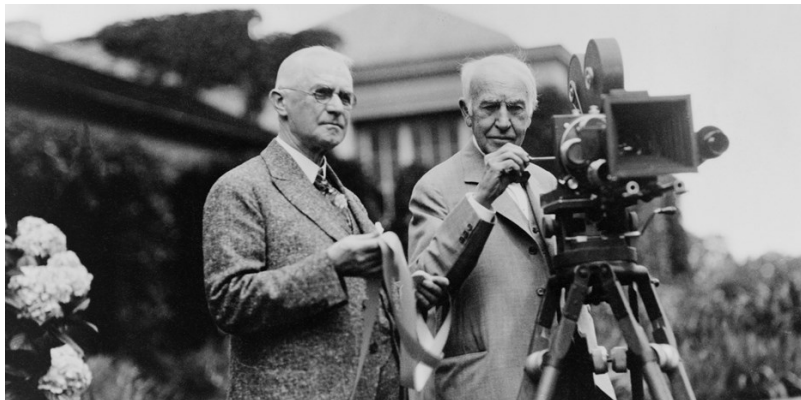
What Happened on July 30



- 1729 City of Baltimore founded



- 1863 President Abraham Lincoln issues "eye-for-eye" order to shoot a rebel prisoner for every black prisoner shot



- 1928 George Eastman shows first amateur color motion pictures to guests at his New York house including Thomas Edison



- 1942 FDR signs bill creating women's Navy auxiliary agency (WAVES)



- 1945 After delivering the Atomic Bomb across the Pacific, the cruiser USS Indianapolis is torpedoed and sunk by Japanese submarine I-58. 880 of the crew died, many after being attacked by sharks, the inspiration for the movie Jaws.



- 1956 US motto "In God We Trust" authorized



MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE

Name/Nombre

JOHN L SMITH

Medicare Number/Número de Medicare

1EG4-TE5-MK72

Entitled to/Con derecho a

HOSPITAL (PART A)

MEDICAL (PART B)

Coverage starts/Cobertura empieza

03-01-2016

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- **1965 LBJ signs Medicare bill, which goes into effect in 1966**



- **2003 The last 'old style' Volkswagen Beetle rolls off the assembly line in Mexico**

August Rotary Zoom Meetings

August 6 - Live at The Old Spaghetti Factory & Zoom

August 13 - Zoom

August 20 - Live at The Old Spaghetti Factory & Zoom

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

March 21 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

April 18 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

May 16 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

June 20 - Golden State Lumber/Zoom

Joke of the Day

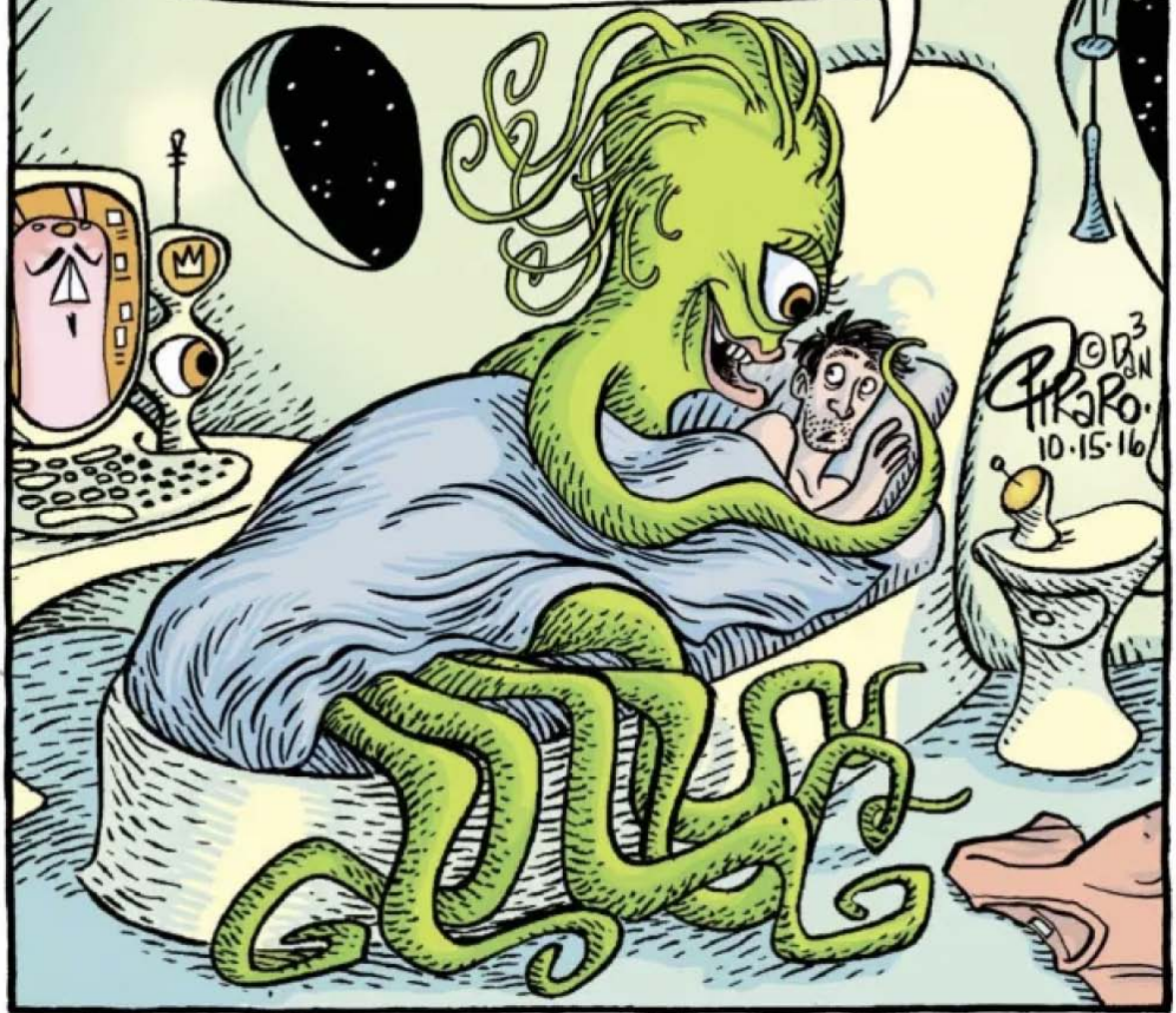
What is an alien with three eyes?

An aliiien!



Cartoon of the Day

Remember leaving the bar last night and saying my car looked like a spaceship?



Upcoming Speakers

August 6th

[Elisabeth Andreason](#)

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

August 20th

[Lyn Kenny](#)

◆ The Mouse that Roared: the history of women and Rotary since 1911 ◆

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.

August 27th

[Memory Woodward](#)

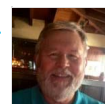
Learn what is going on with our Concord Rotary Youth Program

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