

# Rotary



## Club of Concord

### Events

September 17th  
Concord

Weekly Club  
Meeting

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**Subject:** Come and listen about the Negro League Baseball Museum from it's director in Kansas City.

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**Speaker:** DARK  
**Subject:** Dark due to Social Thursday

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Concord

Weekly Club  
Meeting

**Speaker:** Sil Garaventa, Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery

**Subject:** Learn about AB 1383's far-reaching changes in organic waste

### 9-10-2021 Concord Rotary Newsletter

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### Rotary Meeting Notes September 10, 2021

By **Inge Yarborough**

Before I tell you about the actual meeting, here are Kudos to the intrepid trio ♦ **Ron Leone, Richard Andrews (or Roget Ghawi) and Rick Ernst** ♦ who have taken on the challenge of creating hybrid meetings in this brave new world!

There are still some kinks to work out and this weeks newsletter is a collaboration between **Rick Ernst**, who was physically present, and me, **Inge Yarborough**, on zoom, as I could not understand a word until enthusiastic fellow zoomers muted themselves, the room quieted down and the speakers all got a good mike - or were on zoom themselves. I hear that the experience in the room was reversed?



As to the substance of the meeting: what more appropriate way to begin than with **President Ron** asking for a moment of silence as we reflected on the events of ♦911♦. What happened that day cost nearly 3,000 lives. Has it really been twenty years? It still haunts us - and in some ways seems ♦just like yesterday.♦ And, of course, we all

remember exactly where we were that morning when we first heard the news.

Then **Ron** launched our program with a pledge to virtual flags and ♦The Yanks are coming♦. The Yanks were silent and not going anywhere,

pick-up for both commercial and residential waste programs.

October 4th  
[Food Sorting at the Food Bank of Contra Costa](#)

## Birthdays

Christos C. Moulis  
September 15th  
Joshua P Gotto  
September 19th  
Parmod Kumar  
September 28th  
Leticia Almaro Nicolini  
September 29th  
Barry J Gordon  
September 30th  
Debra J Powell  
October 1st  
Nelson Meeks  
October 6th  
Nickolas Peterson  
October 9th  
Gerald D. Hoobler  
October 10th  
Christine L. Loscalzo  
October 14th

prompting an apology from **Ron** while **Rich** was trouble-shooting.

## Several guests and vesting Rotarians were announced:

**Claire Roberts**, District Governor nominee, **Mark Roberts**, Past District Governor, 2020-2021, **Lisette Jaurequi**, scholarship recipient, San Jose State University and I also saw **Ingrid**'s German friend **Volker Schaeferbarthold** with her on zoom.



## Scholarship presentation

**Memory** introduced Lisette Jaurequi, who thanked the club for this installment of her \$4,000 scholarship. Lisette is the eighth recipient of a scholarship from our club this year. She is a 3rd year student majoring in biological sciences with the goal of becoming a physician's assistant. There is no telling the impact we may have by giving a young person like that a start. Thanks, **Memory**, for your dedication to these youth! And here for more good works:



## District Grant presentation to our club's international service program

DG nominee **Claire Roberts** and our club's International Services Director **Susan Cohen Grossman** shared how the \$8,720 in district grant funds will outfit one segment of the community's cultural center, now under construction in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Guatemala City. More

specifically, our funds will help to equip the multi-sport court on the top level of the building. Although there have been delays in construction - due in large part to the pandemic - completion of the project is anticipated next year. Susan promised to keep us informed about that progress.

After this excursion to Guatemala, Prez Ron took us back to the border by introducing Border Patrol Agent and Tribal liaison Francisco Theron from the San Diego Region. BPA Theron threw out a lot of numbers: like San Diego is 1 of 20 sections, controls only 3% of the border but also 930 miles of coastline with only about 2,000 agents including horse units, canine units and ATV units plus a SWAT Team and a Border Rescue Team.



The focus is on drug trafficking as well as illegal immigration. Apprehensions have more than doubled from

2020-2021 ♦ but the subjects came from 146 different countries ♦ not many Mexicans - 3700 unaccompanied kids among them in 21. So sad!

There are 3 ways that people or drugs cross the border besides just trying to walk, drive or swim across: through tunnels, small aircraft ♦ now including drones ♦ and small boats. All of these methods ♦ especially tunneling ♦ are expensive, so they are used mostly by drug cartels that have the money. When asked by **David Litty**, BPA Theron did state that the walls help them to fulfil the law, but there are only 50-60 miles of them and many uncompleted sections now have to be guarded by personnel.

Apropos asylum applicants: BPAs turn them over to a different department of asylum counselors (news to me). However, the asylum courts are so backlogged that it can take 4-6 years to enter this country legally, so often those applicants are released into the US and drug czars are well aware of that and know all the ropes to sneak their minions by. Though staying non-political, agent Theron emphasized that we desperately need immigration reform and a lot more staffing for those agencies and courts to relieve the pressure and keep everyone safer. By the way, there is less trafficking in Marijuana in recent years - may be related to the legalization, maybe not ♦ hard drugs have increased.

The meeting concluded with giving red- badger **Nicole Sullivan** the mike, who did a credible job with the 4-way test and then creatively used it to tie in to her field of expertise in a lively, well-timed presentation. **Nicki** has





had 3 careers, but is now a reverse mortgage consultant. She made a case for how the program is true and fair as it is well regulated and helpful to retirees, and how it is beneficial as it increases financial flexibility and the borrower is protected if the market goes south. (Side note: it is actually

insured by the FHA).

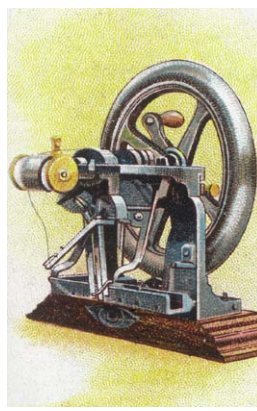
In the interest of time we skipped birthdays and anniversaries this week, but I want to close with two **community service announcements** from **Bill Bobetsky**:

We are invited to another park beautification project at Baldwin Park on September 25<sup>th</sup>

and another map painting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30am. **On This Day September 10**



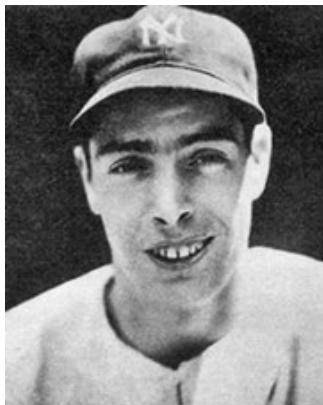
**1776 George Washington asks for a spy volunteer, Nathan Hale volunteers**



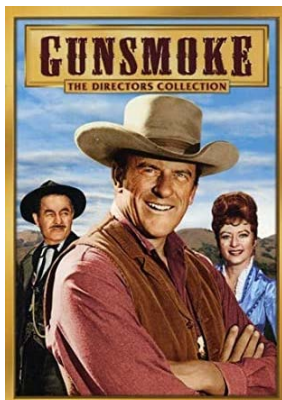
**1846 Elias Howe takes out a US patent for a lockstitch sewing machine**



**1933 1st Negro League All-Star Game, West beats East 11-7 (Comiskey Park)**



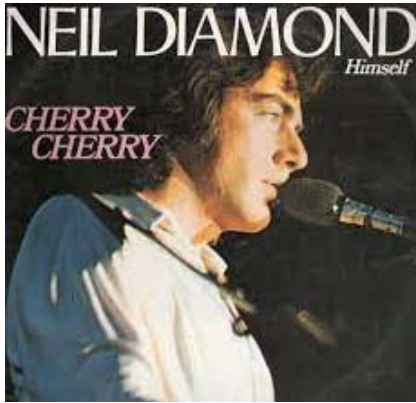
**1950 Joe DiMaggio becomes 1st to hit 3 HR in a game at Griffith Stadium**



**1955 "Gunsmoke" premieres on CBS TV**



1963 20 black students enter public schools in Alabama



1966 Neil Diamond has his first Billboard chart success with single "Cherry Cherry" **Joke of the Day**

Why don't Mexicans cross the border in groups of 3?

The signs say "no trespassing" - William W. Purkey **Thought of the Day**

💎 You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching, love like you'll never be hurt, sing like there's nobody listening, and live like it's heaven on earth. 💎 - Zig Ziglar **September &**

## **October Rotary Zoom Meetings**

September 17 - Live at The Old Spaghetti Factory & Zoom

September 23 - Thursday Social TBA

September 24 - DARK Due to Thursday Night Social

October 1 - Live at The Old Spaghetti Factory & Zoom

October 8 - Live at The Old Spaghetti Factory & Zoom

October 15 - Zoom

October 21 - Thursday Social TBA

October 22 - DARK Due to Thursday Night Social

October 29 - DARK Due to District Conference **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.

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

President-Elect: Memory Woodard  
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Publicity: Guy Bjerke  
Youth Services: Memory Woodard  
International Services: Michael Barrington,  
Vocational Services: David Litty  
Membership Services: Rick Ernst  
Rotary Foundation: Sherilyn Escoto

## Cartoon of the Day



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