



## Events

**November 6th**

**Concord  
Weekly Club  
Meeting**

**Speaker:** Steve  
Taddei

**Subject:** Braver  
Angels  
presentation  
helping us to  
navigate  
discussions  
through these  
politically divided  
times.

## Birthdays

William H.  
Guthreau  
October 27th

Stanley Gaunt  
November 6th

Roy F. Querio  
November 20th

## Meeting Notes - October 23, 2020

By Guy S. Bjerke

President **Brad Prescott** opened the meeting and launched an audio clip of the Pledge of Allegiance recited by John Wayne.

**Sterling Albert** joined our Zoom meeting by phone and was immediately complimented by **Rick Ernst** for work his firm did to improve Rick and Dianne's home. **Dianne Ernst** joined as a guest.

We had two member vacation stories - so we can live vicariously through others in during this shelter at home pandemic.



**Ron Mullin**

showed us photos of a recent trip to Watsonville and Aptos. His granddaughter Danielle has become an accomplished equestrian (horsewoman). She competes and was participating in State Finals in Watsonville. Ron and Cathie rented a house on the beach in Aptos to be near the event. The photos of the riding and jumping were mixed in with beautiful shots of the beach and surfing.





The club had numerous questions about the logistics of being an equestrian, including horse leasing, transportation, etc. **David Miller** thanked Ron for ♦sharing a little bit of joy♦ with us.



**Michael Barrington** explained the bad luck he has had this week - but managed to put together a National Geographic quality presentation about a trip he took to Debre Damo in Ethiopia. a monastery near the Eritrean border.

# DEBRE DAMO





A friend of Michael's managed to arrange for him to stay at the monastery for several nights. The monastery is on a Mesa (Ambas) and is over 1800 years old. Only men are allowed and you have to climb up an 80 foot rope to reach the top. Michael explained how the monks live, eat, fast and pray. There is no electricity and a cistern is used to collect and store rain (fresh) water.

The club also had numerous questions and thanked Michael for taking us on this trip.

**Club Business:** **Dianne Ernst** asked the club if we are interest in helping the Monument Crisis Center with their 2020 Thanksgiving Trimming Packages. The MCC has donated turkeys, but needs the 1,000 bags of food stuffs to complete a proper Thanksgiving Dinner. Club members jumped at the chance to either donate dollars or agreed to shop and provide the needed groceries. Grocery bags with the Rotary logo will be used to identify our efforts to the MCC and recipients. Contact either Dianne (or Rick) Ernst for more information.



**Vocational Talk:** New member **Sharol Collins** gave her vocational talk. She's married to member, **Gary Collins**. Sharol explained her rise through real estate to banking to commercial loans in Washington. She moved to California working for both Wells Fargo and Bank of America. She met Gary - who encouraged her to start her own business mentoring, teaching and training others. She saw there was no training available for closing commercial loans - so she created a training course and shared her expertise with others.

**Ingrid Hempell** provided an impromptu thought about surviving these difficult times by focusing on gratitude.

## Upcoming Speakers

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[Steve Taddei](#)

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## Club Leaders

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