

Rotary



Club of Concord

Events

No Events
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Birthdays

Leticia
Almaro
Nicolini
September
29th

Debra J
Powell
October
1st

Nelson
Meeks
October
6th

Gerald D.
Hoobler
October
10th

Christine L.
Loscalzo
October
14th

Howard
Jenkins
October
17th

William
Bobetsky
October
23rd

William H.
Guthreau
October
27th

WELCOME TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF CONCORD! Sept 29, 2020 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 Treasurer Greg Grassi will insert them into the newsletter. Send photos to Greg Grassi <greg.grassi@yahoo.com>.

Concord Rotary Meeting Friday September 25, 2020

By **Guy S. Bjerke**

Our meeting was opened by President **Brad Prescott** - who launched a video rendition of the Star Spangled Banner sung by Whitney Houston.



Bill Bobetsky introduced our speaker - Lucy Goodell, President of the Diablo Valley Literacy Council.

The DVLS is a non-profit program to mentor people who are learning english. The students are primarily adult immigrants and the mentoring is done one-on-one, on a regular basis, in year-long assignments.

Lucy told us that in Contra Costa 10% of people cannot effectively speak english, almost 70,000 adults are not fluent and she estimated there are about 292,000 immigrants in our county.

Learning english is key to finding a better job.

Most publicly funded English as Second Language (ESL) programs have waiting lists. The DVLC has been providing their services for over 40 years. Their program is more flexible than classroom programs as mentors and students set up their own meetings and customize the lessons to the needs of the students.

DVLC is staffed by volunteers - no paid staff.

Lucy explained what it is like to be a tutor, helping students connect to our culture. **Bill Bobetsky** asked club members if they were interested in helping as a tutor and considering this a future club project.

The DVLC website can be found at <http://www.dvvc4esl.org>

Club Business

Captain **Prescott** decided after months of shelter at home - we should go on a journey to Bora Bora. He showed us slides from the trip he and Stephanie took - sailing around the beautiful islands. He asked other club members to prepare a 5 minute presentation of their own vacations/trips to entertain the club. **Ron Mullin** and **Michael Barrington** agreed to put their recent escapades into presentations for future meetings.





Michael Barrington was in attendance and fined \$20 for his birthday last July? He didn't remember what he did for his birthday. He's been writing a novel that he expects to be available in November. He's also been working with our Rotaract club.

Nace Ruvulo celebrated his anniversary at Rossmoor's Creekside Grill - Prime Rib night - with a bottle of Palermo 2009 - \$20 bucks to club.

Happy Bucks

Ron Mullin celebrated his wife Cathie's birthday with \$20 to the club.



Jerry Hoobler has been on a RVing road trip and will contribute \$20 to the club.

Random Inquisition

Gene Voelkel reported that the air quality is better in Tahoe. He's zooming in from Tahoe Donner. **Ron Mullin** was also zooming in from Tahoe Donner - where he says the full-time residents have doubled from 15 to 30%.

Kevin Cabral let people know of the Chamber's role in selecting 130 small business for City grants of \$5,000 each. He's also been out RVing in the Delta.



Chris Moulis is packing. Not for Greece, but he's sold his current home and moving back to another he owns, known affectionately as the pizza oven house.

Rita Coorbinook announced she's looking for a Teardrop Trailer so she can travel - self contained. She'll do a presentation if she can get on the road.

Stan Gaunt said he took **Marilyn McClaskey** to dinner and ended up in hospital. (All ended well, and there's more to the story - but why ruin a good sentence?)

PDG **Tina Akins** offered a closing thought by Victoria Holt - "If it's good it's wonderful, if it's bad it's experience."

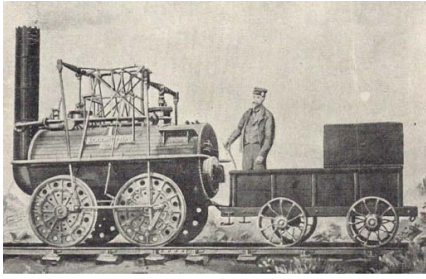
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On This Date September 29

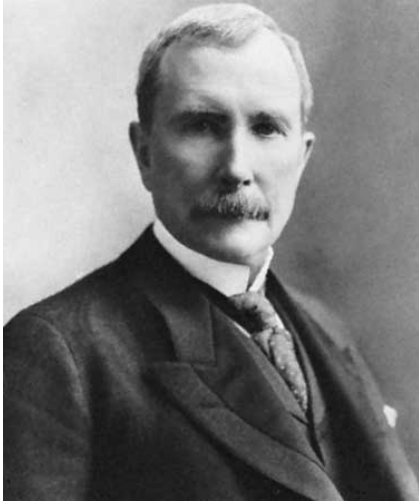


480 BC Battle of Salamis: The Greek fleet under Themistocles defeats the Persian fleet under

Xerxes I



1849 1st passenger train service to Peekskill, New York (New Haven Railroad)



1916 American oil tycoon John D. Rockefeller becomes the world's first billionaire

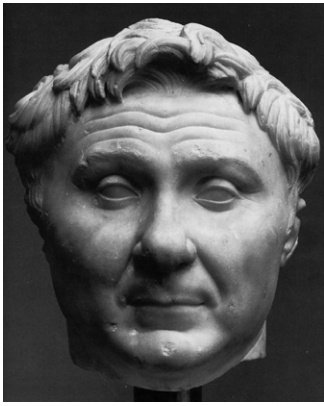


1936 Radio used for 1st time for a presidential campaign



1966 The Chevrolet Camaro, originally named Panther, is introduced.

BIRTHDAYS September 29



106 BC Pompey the Great [Gnaeus Pompeius Magnus], Roman political and military leader (1st Triumvirate and Consul), born in Picenum, Italy (d. 48 BC)



1907 Gene Autry, American singer, songwriter, actor, musician, performer and business tycoon (owner LA/California/Anaheim Angels MLB team 1961-97), born in Near Tioga, Texas (d. 1998)



1935 Jerry Lee Lewis, American country singer (Whole Lotta Shakin'), born in Ferriday, Louisiana

October Rotary Zoom Meetings

Until further notice all of our meetings will be on Zoom.

October 2 - Zoom

October 9 - Zoom

October 16 - Zoom

October 23 - Zoom

October 30 - Zoom

Piranha Pool Event

Have a new business idea?
Want to take your business to the next level?

Participate in **PIRANHA POOL™**

Win Ca\$h prizes!

- Take a class and get credit at the same time!
- Work with DVC instructors, local entrepreneurs, and business mentors
- Develop and pitch your business plan



Pitch Competition

**All workshops and meetings will be held
Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. via Zoom.**

- 9/3/20 Informational meeting-Meet your professors and get more details
- 9/23/20 Kickoff meeting and registration-meet our sponsors
- 10/1/20 Ideation workshop-Ryan Buckley, entrepreneur
- 10/22/20 Legal structure and patents workshop-Mike Kasin, attorney and DVC instructor
- 11/5/20 Marketing workshop-PJ Quesada, businessperson and DVC alumnus
- 11/19/20 Financial workshop-Linda Tran, DVC instructor
- 12/3/20 Public speaking workshop-Candy Pierce, nonprofit professional
- 12/7 and 12/14/20 Piranha Pool Pitch Competition rounds



**Take one of these DVC classes to
get 3 units at the same time:**

LATE START classes begin 9/17/20

BUSMG-191-5209

Small Business Management

Co-taught by Professors Mariam Worsham
and Charlie Shi

**BUSMG-192-5826 Entrepreneurship
and Venture Management**

Co-taught by Professors LoAnn Winkler
and Charlie Shi

PBL member? Earn activity credit as well!

To register: <https://4cd.instructure.com/enroll/LKJKWL>
Questions? Contact LWinkler@dvc.edu

DVC
DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE

Cartoon of the Day



"I told him as an expert in the field I strongly recommend wearing it, but he just kept bringing up his 'rights'."

Upcoming Speakers

October 2nd

[Kay James, League of Women Voters](#)

Learn about the Pros and Cons of the different ballot propositions 1-6 on the November General election.

October 16th

[Mark Roberts, Rotary District Governor](#)

Rotary District 5160 news and events discussed

October 9th

[Kay James, League of Women Voters](#)

League of Women Voters discuss and explain California Propositions 7-12.

October 23rd

[Ron Mullin and Michael Barrington](#)

Hear of the the exciting adventures of two of our most illustrious Rotarians.