

Rotary



Club of Concord

Guest Speakers

November 20th
Concord Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Vance Prescott
Subject: Continental Divide Trail

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Speaker: Stuart Proctor, Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF)

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Speaker: Linda Hamilton
Subject: Linda will teach us about our Rotary History.

Birthdays

Roy F. Querio
November 20th

George Calhoun
December 3rd

Ingrid Hempell
December 4th

Luis Alkon
December 4th

Richard Rainey
December 5th

Tania E. Brugger-Blanchard
December 9th

ROTARY CLUB OF CONCORD November 17 2020 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>.

MEETING November 13, 2020

By Alfred L. Kappadah

The week seemed to pass quickly and ended with the Friday of Winter s onset, much to the dread of all triskaidekaphobians. Some of us were even glad to be able to stay inside the warmth of our home offices.

President **Dr. Bradford True Prescott** began right on time and opened with a lively rendition of America the beautiful by Ray Charles. Guest intros include Concord City Councilman Edi Birsan who is a past president of Concord Diablo Rotary, **Elizabeth Andreason** s lifelong partner Melissa Allen who is our guest speaker and cutie granddaughter Lily introduced by grandma **Stephanie Prescott**.

Melissa's talk was an update on our biggest ongoing project, our RotaCare Free Clinic. It was begun in 2009 I hour late past-president **Dr. Steve Wolfe** and was his retirement dream. He began at Cambridge Elementary School in the heart of the Monument Corridor and within two years he had raised enough money to buy an \$80,000 customized rolling examination office and pharmacy. In non-pandemic times the volunteer team works at Cambridge every Tuesday evening from 5 to 9 PM and the first, second, third and fifth Thursday evenings from 5 until 9 PM. The third Thursday is at the Salvation Army and is devoted solely to women's health. Appointments are usually set by phone. Our partners are John Muir Health who store and operate the vehicle, Operation Access, the Monument Crisis Center, the Salvation Army, Cambridge School, Uncle Yu s restaurant and the National Charity League.

Other Rotary clubs to donate money or Walnut Creek, Martinez, Moraga, Concord Clayton Valley Sunrise and Dougherty Valley San Ramon.

The covid epidemic forced them to work by teleconference from March through July when a limited in person routine was established. There are currently about 14 of our members who help out and if you'd like to join them you'd be most welcomed. Call 925 586-0674 or preferably visit the website at <http://www.rotacarebayarea.org/concord>. Melissa is the lead volunteer and his assisted by **Rita Corinbook** who introduced her today.

Melissa's day job is as a nurse practitioner for Lifelong Medical a not-for-profit

Tyler E. Epting
December 10th

Alfred L. Kappadahl
December 13th

serving eight skilled nursing facilities in Alameda County and at need homebound elders. Her personal cell is 925-351-8908.

She fielded questions from Edi Birsan, **Chris Moulis**, **Susan Cohen Grossman**, **President Brad** and **Inge Yarborough** after which **Brad** thanked her and she received a muted hand clap from everyone.

Brad then put on the skippers hat and rang the bell and asked for announcements. **Rick Ernst** began by alerting us to look for a new and much improved bill from the club and from the endowment thanks to the effort of former club treasurer **Greg Grassi** and new treasurer **Paul Meyerhofer**. You'll find it much easier to understand. **Greg** has now accepted the job as Endowment Treasurer.

President-Elect Ron Leone reminded us that he has only one Rotary face mask left. Call him at 925-680-1776 if you would like it.

Parmod Kumar reminded us about food sorting at the Food Bank on Monday, November 30 from 6 to 8 PM. Email or call him at 925-687-4916 to sign up or just show up.

Bill Bobetsky asked that we save the date of Saturday, December 12 for Salvation Army bell ringing locations to be announced.

Gary Collins noted that our rebuilding Hands On at the Salvation Army will take place in January date to be announced.

Brad then asked about anniversaries: Our club's gift to the district, past-president and past-district governor **Tina Akins** admitted 15 years of membership and gave \$15 to the club which was matched by **Parmod Kumar** for his 15 years and **Rick Ernst** proudly noted 33 very busy years also with a dollar a year. He also lamented that this is the seventh year anniversary of the untimely death of our then president-elect **Jerry Varcak** and donated another \$100 to the club in his memory.

Brad asked for personal update in this trouble time. **Chris Moulis** offered five dollars to **John Kaminski** for a copy of a picture of three unnamed people. **Guy Bjerke** related a tale of woe and was thankful that his fall from a boat dock backwards into a boat didn't do more than bruised his head but we Norwegians do you have hardheads it's in our genes.

Rita Corinbook reported that her first overnight trip in her new camper to Lake Berryessa was a pleasant adventure and **President Brad** also related that he and **Stephanie** had done another trip in their new camper to Lake Del Valle reservoir reporting that they practically had the whole area to themselves and that it was most enjoyable.

Dr. Gene Voelkel said that he and Ginny had spent a week in Palm Springs and that the town was mostly lock down, decreasing their activities.

Ingrid Hempell reported that she had the blues until she joined Rotary, and now has found a Whole New World of helping others and living by the Four Way Test.

Wanda Waltman noted that she and newly retired Chuck and also babysitting a granddaughter and that they have just acquired a new dog nine-year-old, Tiny which when viewed it appeared to be horse.

Our always traveling **Celeste Graham** reports that she has missed five scheduled trip so far this year and that she is as lonely as a widow without any kin. Pictured on the screen behind her was a blonde baboon, whose picture she had taken on one of her trips.

Judge Nace Ruvolo updated us on their major Rossmore home remodel that had them living at the Lafayette Park Hotel for a few nights and that they are

walking every day at 7:30 or 8 AM.

The meeting concluded with a thought by **Gary Collins** after which the screen went blank.

◆ We are all living in strange times. While we have turmoil in our country and all around the world we can still choose to stop in appreciate all of the good around us. Each day of our lives is a gift. Stop and appreciate that, then share that gift with others. You just might change the world and in the worst case, you will change your life. ◆

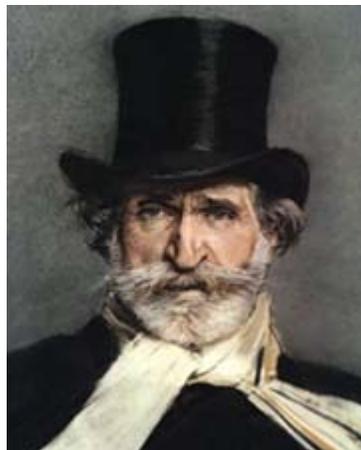
Have a wonderful weekend.

What Happened on November 17

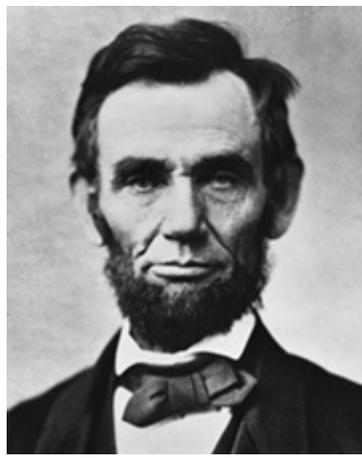


1558
Elizabeth I
aged 25,

ascends the English throne upon death of her half sister, Queen "Bloody" Mary.



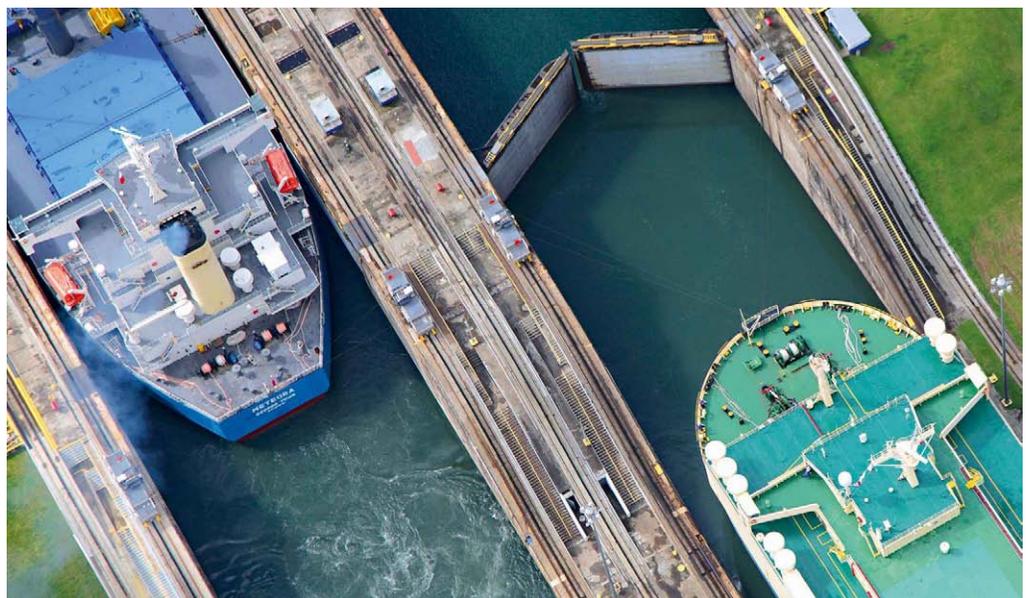
- 1839 Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Oberte Conti Di" premieres in Milan.



- 1863 Abraham Lincoln begins 1st draft of his Gettysburg Address



- 1869 Suez Canal in Egypt opens, linking Mediterranean and Red seas

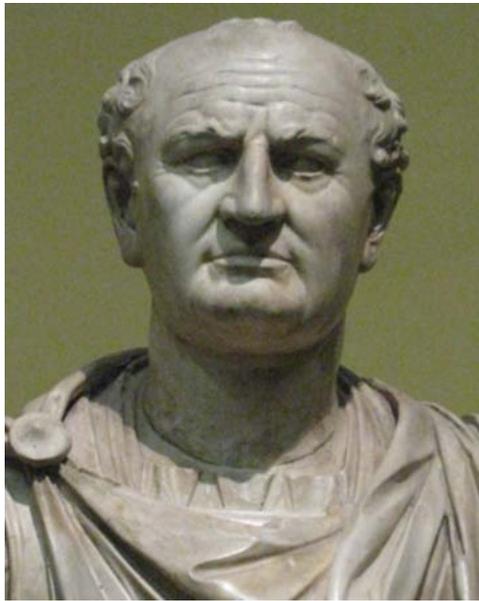


- 1913 The first ship sails through the Panama Canal, which connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans



- 1970 Douglas Engelbart receives the patent for the first computer mouse

November 17 Birthdays



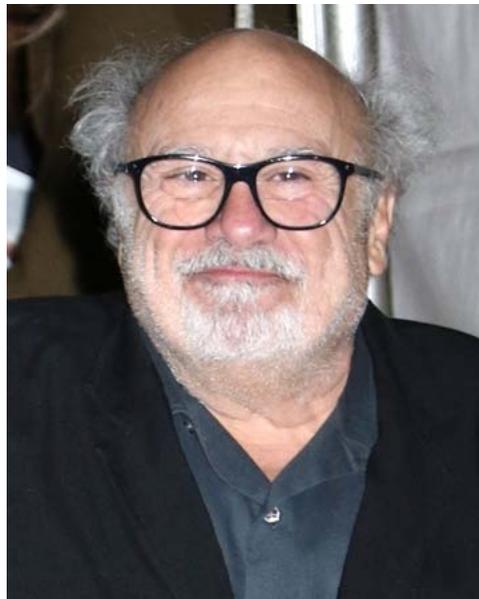
- 9 Vespasian, Roman Emperor (AD 69-79), born in Falacrina, Italy (d. AD 79)



- 1755 Louis XVIII, 1st post-revolutionary King of France (1814-24), born in Versailles, France (d. 1824)



- 1942 Martin Scorsese, American film director (Raging Bull, Taxi Driver, Goodfellas, The Departed), born in Queens, New York



- 1944 Danny Devito, American actor (Taxi, Ruthless People, Twins), born in Neptune Township, New Jersey

November and December Rotary Zoom Meetings

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

November 20 - Zoom
November 27 - DARK
December 4 - Zoom
December 11 - Zoom
December 19 - Zoom
December 25 - DARK

Cartoon of the Day



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