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Zoom



# TOGETHER WE CAN UNITE THE WORLD

Be the reason someone  
feels welcome, seen,  
heard, valued, loved,  
and supported.  
Join us...



WYTHACE

## A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR KATHY SUVIA

I can't wait to welcome you to this year's District 5160 annual conference, October 29-31, 2021!

We are going **"Back to the Future"** in honor of our theme this year—Honor the Past; Act for the Future. Reminiscent of the iconic movie, the official kickoff will be Friday night's "Homecoming" party with a DJ, dessert, and 1950s costumes ...FUN! In honor of our special location, enjoy pre-conference activities in Rotary Olympics Friday afternoon—from golf to Cornhole—for Rotarians & their families of ALL ages!

This conference is built around EXTRA fun and fellowship to make up for the last two years! You'll enjoy inspiring keynote speakers, from the face of the polio fight in Nigeria to a foremost expert on the historic Olympic Valley. Our breakouts will be Conversations from Rotary's areas of focus, like international service, diversity, and the environment to the "science of hope" as related to the pandemic & recovery.

**I'm looking forward to seeing you there!**

**“The 14<sup>th</sup> in-person meeting will now come to order.”**



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: *Miles Bell***

*“The last mile traveled is  
the least crowded.”*

**THE FOUR-WAY TEST: *Johnny Morgan***

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRENDSHIP?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

**GUEST & SPEAKER**



**VIVIAN BOYD, President  
Concord Historical Society**

# TODAY'S SPEAKER

## VIVIAN BOYD



**Program Chair Miles Bell** introduced us to this morning's in-person speaker, **Vivian Boyd**, the President of the Concord Historical Society who told us that Concord Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of Concord and the surrounding area. It was launched in November 2010 as a way to share Concord's history by reaching out through the Internet to people all over the world.

The organizational site is where you can find information about current Concord news, events, and volunteer and membership opportunities. The specific and primary purposes of the Concord Historical Society are to discover, establish, and preserve structures, objects, and materials of interest, importance, and value, in relation to the City of Concord and its vicinity, and to discover, preserve, and disseminate knowledge of the history of the City of Concord. The Society is interested in acquiring and preserving data, photos, maps, books, and publications, newspapers, art, and artifacts which concern the people, structures, and any activities and enterprises

Many of you will remember that the Masonic Temple houses the society and was saved from demolition and moved to its current location in 2013 and was fully restored. Vivian told us that some construction is still ongoing, but on May 27, 2022 they are planning a dedication event for the Dave Brubeck Stage at the newly renovated and restored Masonic Temple now known as the

Concord Museum and Event Center. For more information check out the organization's site, [www.concordhistorical.org](http://www.concordhistorical.org)

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

**Vivian Boyd** moved to Concord in 1947 from Kansas City with her mother and grandmother when she was 4-years-old. Her dad died serving in WWII. She attended Concord Elementary, Wren Avenue Elementary, Glenbrook Jr. High, Mt. Diablo High School, and earned her Master's Degree in Liberal Studies specializing in English and Social Studies from Cal State East Bay. She pursued a Master's intending to become a Reading Specialist, but switched to Administration with the realization that no one was hiring Reading Specialists, but concluded that every school needed an administrator. Vivian taught English and social studies in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District, was Principal of Sequoia Middle School, is a member of CalRTA (CA Retired Teachers Association), President of the Scholarship Committee, was a docent at the Oakland Art Museum, and is President of the Concord Historical Society. She married had a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren one of whom is a public health nurse in Yolo County and studying to become a midwife.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## IN-PERSON MEETING

**President Monica** opened the meeting at LaVeranda Café and the acoustics were up and running. If you attended the meeting, you could have ordered Pollo Piccata, or Lasagna al Forno, or Fettuccini Alfredo, or Nicoise Salad or Shrimp Louie.



Here we are listening to our speaker, eating our lunch, and then turning our attention to Rotary Foundation Director **Ken Nishimori** as he presented the Rotary Moment.





**President Monica** thanked **Johnny Morgan** and **Bob Sundberg** for their tireless work locating and rounding up all of the club's entire digital equipment and for all the time Johnny spent advising us on the equipment we will need in order to set up hybrid meetings and for helping installing so many pieces of hardware. They worked all day last Sunday to accomplish these tasks.

**President-elect Mary Kemnitz** has been busy investigating venues so we can get back on track and hold in-person meetings—hybrid of course. She investigated the Salvation Army dining room, several churches in the area, and even the Concord Senior Center. Any suggestions, contact Mary.

## OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING WILL BE VIA ZOOM

When we get back on zoom, our international members will be able to join us.

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE TO MEET



**President Fraga** announced that **she, Bill Selb, Mary Kemnitz, and Jeff Wilson** comprise the Fundraising Committee team, but keep in mind that other members can join at any time. December 16<sup>th</sup> will be their first auction fundraiser meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE TO MEET



**President Fraga** introduced the new Membership Committee team: **Tommy Wolf, Ken Nishimori, Joan D'Onofrio, and Rich Lueck**. They will get to work and create a much needed new Membership Binder. First meeting is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.



# MILESTONES

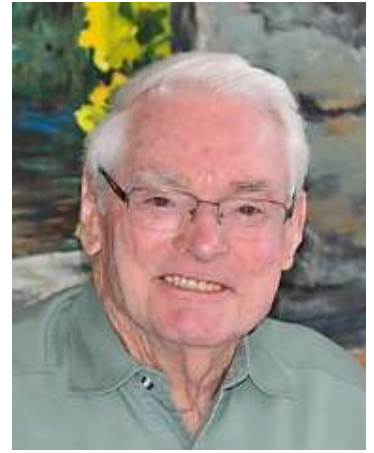
## Happy Birthdays: the 83-year-old twins



**Joan D'Onofrio** is officially 83-years-old as of September 29<sup>th</sup>. She will donate \$100 to her Paul Harris Fellowship. Joan is this Newsletter's editor and has been since 2015 when she took it over from Mureleen Benton. Her daughter and grandson treated her to take-out from Popeye's and she bought her own birthday cake that she found on sale—50% off—at Safeway. Best birthday dinner ever.

**Don Ouimet** is also celebrating his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday only it is actually today, September 30<sup>th</sup>. He invited all of us to attend the huge family celebration they are having on

Saturday because it also happens to be the birthday of his triplet grand-daughters. He donated \$47 a formula created by the late Fred Nelson.



## Happy Anniversary

**Monica** and **Matt Fraga** celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> and spent the day in the hospital while their son Ritchie was having surgery. Monica said Matt took her for lunch that day at Fuddruckers but promised to take her somewhere special on Saturday. Let's hope he doesn't do a Popeye's take-out.



# HAPPY BUCKS

COMPILED BY BARBARA REIFSCHNEIDER



**Johnny Morgan** had a happy five Bucks because Johnny was happy that this was the last day at his old shop and everything has been moved into his new shop. Johnny was also happy to see everyone again at Rotary.



**Bill Selb** gave a happy five bucks for no specific reason. Johnny said Bill was the first customer at his new shop, so that must've been why Bill was so happy.



**Bob Sundberg** gave a happy 10 bucks today. Apparently Bob's son-in-law is married to his daughter Diana and Bob just inherited a Home/castle in Italy. It looks like we won't be seeing much of Bob in the future.

**Miles Bell** gave a happy two bucks as he was happy about his golf index logged at 8.9. Most of us, not being golfers, don't really know what that means, but he was happy. Miles is also happy, to the moon and beyond, that his grandkids who are three and one-year-olds are finally happy to spend time with him.



**Ken Nishimori** was grumpy today; he gave one grumpy buck because he didn't set his alarm clock for 6:30 am because he didn't have to be at the meeting until noon. His wife didn't know that and gave him a few friendly jabs in the back to wake him up.

**Monica Fraga** gave a happy five bucks because Richie's surgery was a total success and before too long his ACL will be all healed.





# GOINGS ON

## WHERE'S WALDO? Ooops, we mean where's Vicki



We all knew **Past President Vicki Sexton** had phenomenal skills, but did you know she could be in two countries at the same time? Well here she is with one foot in Spain and the other in France.

## JEFF WILSON'S NEW SIGNS

Our very prolific real estate broker, **Jeff Wilson**, just received his new signs which you will be seeing all around the county.





# THE RAFFLE



## Nothing Ever Stops Us

Just because **President Monica** did not have access to the virtual spinning wheel, the one we use to pick the winning member, it did not stop us from doing the raffle. She did it by picking a number then going around the room so everyone could shout out a number they thought could be a winner. Monica chose the number 7 and, lo and behold, **Joan D'Onofrio** had it. The best part was, however, Joan didn't select wine for her prize. She chose olive oil, and without skipping a beat, **Ken Nishimori** happily presented her with the bottle of oil that was on the table. Yes, we had a lot of fun with the raffle this week. This is what she will really receive:



Remember, you gotta be in it to win it—and attend the meeting.

# THE GALLERY

This photo was captured in Letchworth State Park in New York by Mary Lou Smith who is one of our subscribers.



# **”ALWAYS LEAVE ‘EM LAUGHING”**

## **EXPENSIVE FUNERAL**

Joe passed away. His will provided \$30,000 for an elaborate funeral. As the last guests departed the affair, his wife, Helen, turned to her oldest friend, Jodi. “Well, I’m sure Joe would be pleased,” she said.

“I’m sure you’re right,” replied Jody, who lowered her voice and leaned in close. “How much did this really cost?”

“All of it?” said Helen. “Thirty thousand dollars.”

“No!” Jody exclaimed. “I mean, it was very nice, but \$30,000?”

Helen answered, “The funeral was \$6,500. I donated \$500 to the church. The wake, food and drinks were another \$500. The rest went for the memorial stone.”

Jody computed quickly, “\$22,500 for a memorial stone? My God, how big is it?!”

“Two and a half carats.”

## **WHAT’S FOR DINNER**

A guy was watching TV as his wife was out cutting the grass during the hot summer afternoon. He finally worked up the energy to go out and ask his wife what was for dinner.

The wife was quite irritated about him sitting in the air conditioned house all day while she did all the work, so she scolded him. “I can’t believe you’re asking me about dinner right now! Imagine I’m out of town, go inside and figure dinner out yourself.”

So he went back in the house and fixed himself a big steak, with potatoes, garlic bread and tall glass of iced tea. The wife finally walked in about the time he was finishing up and asked him, “You fixed something to eat? So where is mine??”

“Huh? I thought you were out of town.”



# RANDOM THOUGHTS

I changed my password to "incorrect" so whenever I forget it, the computer will say, "Your password is incorrect."

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

I'm great at multi-tasking--I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once.

Take my advice — I'm not using it.

My wife and I were happy for twenty five years; then we met.

I hate it when people use big words just to make themselves sound perspicacious.

Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were.

Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.

When I married Miss Right, I had no idea her first name was Always.

Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend thinking.

Give me ambiguity or give me something else.

Is it wrong that only one company makes the game Monopoly?

I was going to give him a nasty look, but he already had one.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

If tomatoes are technically a fruit, does that make ketchup a smoothie?

Money is the root of all wealth.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery

*...That's all, folks.*

