

# Rotary



## Club of Concord

### Birthdays

John L. Pereira  
March 2nd  
Rita Corbinook  
March 4th  
Harry S. Luan  
March 6th  
Sandra J  
Newman  
March 13th

## 02/27/24 Concord Rotary Newsletter



Meeting Notes: **Inge Yarborough**

Newsletter Editor: **Ron Leone**

Read below to learn what's going on at your club! Do you know how to add to this newsletter, our Concord Rotary Website or Facebook? Send articles and photos to **Guy Bjerke** <[guybjerke@gmail.com](mailto:guybjerke@gmail.com)>.

## Rotary Meeting Notes for 2/23/24



### WELCOME TO CONCORD ROTARY

President **Wanda Waltman** started us off by leading us in the pledge. **Dave Litty** recited the 4-Way-Test without reading it. Way to go, Dave.



### **Birthdays:**

**Carolyn Anderson**

### **Club Anniversaries:**

**Barry Gordon 3 years**

**Leticia Nicolini 11 years**

**Guy Bjerke 16 years**

Scott Singley 16 years (in this club)

### Club Events, Past, Present and Upcoming

Rotary Basics registration opened on February 19 for classes running from March 4 thru March 25. Classes once a week via Zoom on Mondays.



The poster for "Night Out - East Bay" features a blue background with a yellow Rotary International gear logo in the top left. The title "Night Out - East Bay" is in large white letters. Below it, the date and time "Thurs, Feb 29th 6-8pm" are displayed. The event location is "La Fritanguera! 1819 Colfax Street, Concord," with a small logo for the venue. The poster promotes a tax season event with host Josephine Leiva of Stanza Tax Services and Nicaraguan delights from La Fritanguera. It includes a photo of Josephine Leiva and a logo for Stanza Tax Services. At the bottom, it encourages bringing friends and business cards for drawings and prizes, with a logo for the Greater Concord Chapter of Founders.

**Rotary International**

## Night Out – East Bay

**Thurs, Feb 29th 6-8pm**

Join Rotarians & Friends at **La Fritanguera!**  
1819 Colfax Street, Concord,

**IT'S TAX SEASON & what better way to kick it off than with host Josephine Leiva of Stanza Tax Services & the Nicaraguan delights of La Fritanguera to tease your palette while learning what's new in the 2023 tax law changes!**

**BRING FRIENDS & BIZ CARDS for DRAWINGS & PRIZES!**

**STANZA TAX SERVICES**

**La Fritanguera! NICARAGUAN CUISINE**

**GREATER CONCORD CHAPTER OF FOUNDERS**

Rotary Means Business will be held at *La Fritanguera* from 6:00 to 8:00 on Thursday evening, February 29. This RMB meeting will feature club member **Josephine Leiva** of Stanza Tax services to talk about new tax laws for the upcoming tax season.



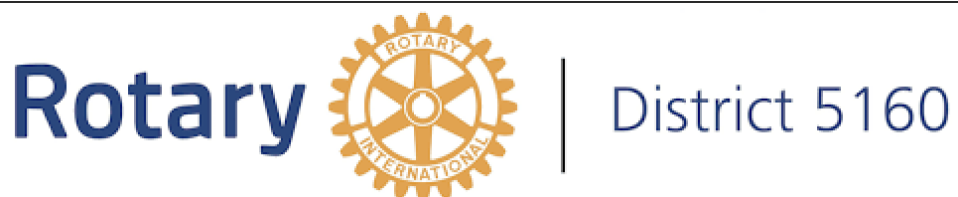
Our Club is once again involved in a **One World** project. We will be hosting journalists from Turkmenistan for a week and showing them a little bit of how a democracy works in just 1 week. A busy schedule is in store for these visitors. See **Michael Barrington** if you want to learn more about this, host a visitor or be a driver for a day or more.

The Pleasant Hill Rotary Club has their annual St Patrick's Day event coming up. Always a fun event that many members participate in every year, get some of your friends and join this always sold-out fundraiser. Saturday, March 16, 5 PM. Go to [PleasantHillRotary.org](http://PleasantHillRotary.org) for more info



The Contra Costa County Science and Engineering Fair will be held March 8th at Los Medanos for intermediate and high schoolers. They are in need of judges. A roughly 1-hour class will be held to teach the judges what to look for. See President Wanda for more information.

The District Assembly will be held March 23rd in Fairfield. See **Dave Litty** for more information. He is not only a fellow club member, but is in charge of the event along with **Beri Kasper** as chairs of the District Education Team.



The District Conference will be in Sacramento from April 23-28. Pay attention to your emails as there are plenty with conference information and registration information. Or visit the website [conference.rotary5160.org](http://conference.rotary5160.org)



### Happy Bucks:

**Scott Singley** is happy because he gets to go to Arizona to see his brother and the S.F. Giants.



**President Wanda** is celebrating her daughter's birthday.

**Gene Voelkel** and Gini went to the Super Bowl, and reported that it was like a very expensive cruise without any meals. Maybe these were sad bucks?



**David Miller** was happy as he won a prize at the Celebrate Love event, and even though he was unable to attend he still won the prize.

**George Calhoun** received a watercolor drawn by **Brad Prescott** as a gift for **Manuela Calhoun**. A very nice gesture indeed.

**Helen Crump** is happy to be back from a trip to El Salvador, where she worked on a project with her former club and friends from the Rotary Club of Duarte.

**Michael Barrington** has a new book coming out this coming week, and got another publisher to ask for a follow-up. Good luck and congratulations to **Michael**!

**Inge Yarborough** had two reasons to be happy. She finished remodeling a house and the sale has just closed, and she is off to Southern California.



Aaron Feldman, founder and CEO of Catscapes presented today's™ program. He described a unique type of cat furniture. Catscapes makes a shelving system that can be made into many configurations that cats really take to, evidently even before the project is completed. Please visit their website to get a better understanding of this unique shelving system for cats.

<https://www.catscapes.com/contact>







I am sorry to say I did not write down who won the drawing/winning ticket, but I do remember they did not win the pot and so it grows!

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***On this day, February 27***



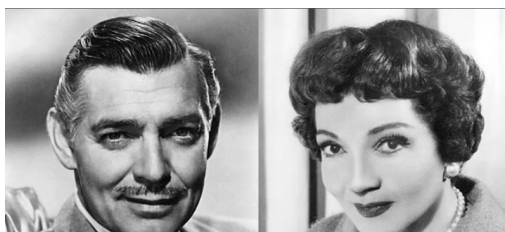
- ***237 Constantine, Emperor of Rome (306-37) who adopted Christianity, born in Naissus***



- ***1814 Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 in F major premieres in Vienna***



- ***1925 Adolf Hitler resurrects NSDAP political party in Munich***





- *1935 7th Academy Awards: "It Happened One Night", Clark Gable, and Claudette Colbert win*



- *1941 13th Academy Awards: "Rebecca", James Stewart & Ginger Rogers win*



- *1949 Chaim Weizmann becomes 1st President of Israel*



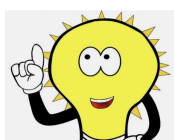
- *1981 Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder record the single "Ebony & Ivory"*



### ***Joke of the Day***

*Are all math puns bad?*

*No, just sum.*



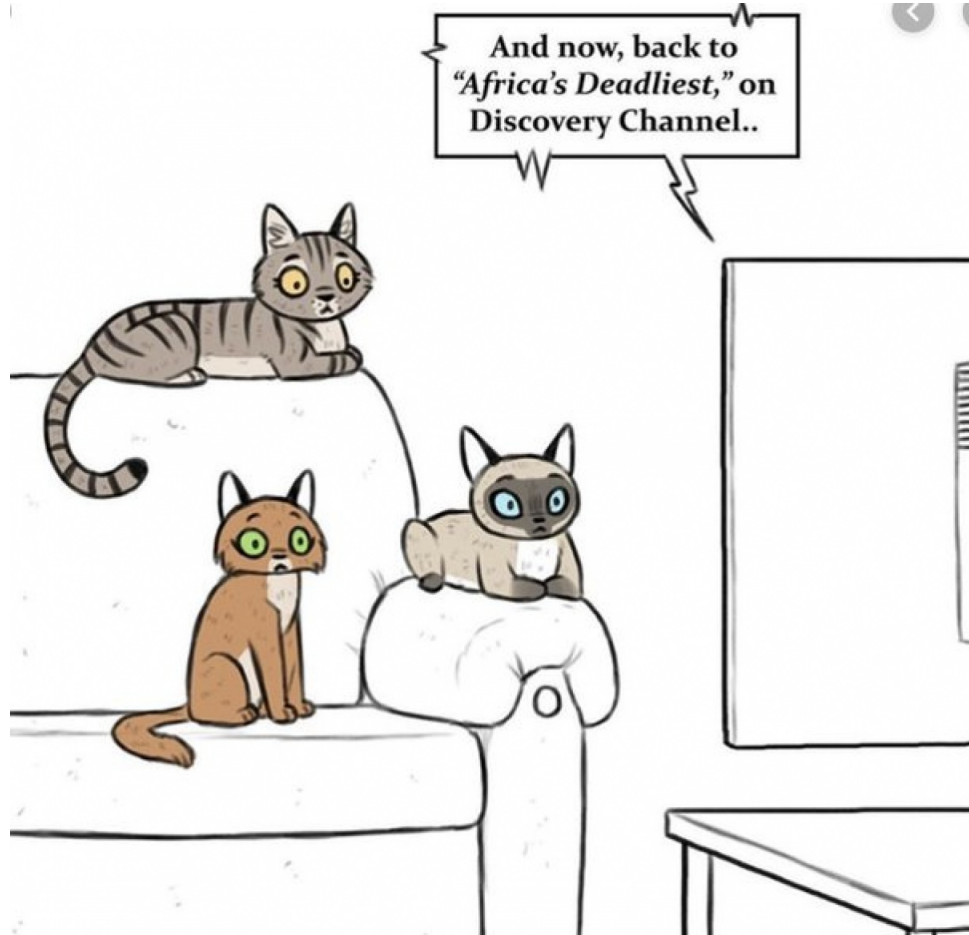


## Thought of the Day

“Failure at some point in your life is inevitable, but giving up is unforgivable.”

- Joe Biden

## Cartoon of the Day



## Upcoming Speakers

February 29th

[Josephine Leiva/Stanza Tax Services @ La Fritanguera Restaurant](#)

Social & Business Networking Night Out in Downtown Concord!

## Club Leaders



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