

# Rotary



## Club of Concord

### Events

September 22nd  
Concord  
Weekly Club  
Meeting

### Birthdays

Parmod Kumar  
September 28th  
Leticia Almaro  
Nicolini  
September 29th  
Barry J Gordon  
September 30th  
Nelson Meeks  
October 6th  
Nickolas  
Peterson  
October 9th  
Gerald D.  
Hoobler  
October 10th  
Howard Jenkins  
October 17th

## 09/20/22 Concord Rotary Newsletter

Read below for 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 9/16/22

By **Rick Ernst**

### Welcome Rotarians and Guests!

Hooray!! Those scorching three-digit temperatures are now in our rearview mirror –hopefully for good! Our final meeting of the summer convened on this mild Friday afternoon with 24 high-spirited Rotarians and guests in attendance. Our 75th club president, **Memory Woodard**, brought the meeting to a reasonable semblance of order at 12:25pm.

**Nick Virgallito** led us in a flawless pledge to our flag and membership chair Rick Ernst ‘nailed it’ with a recital of Rotary’s 4-Way Test. Let’s hear it for two “old guys” who can still memorize and recite our lines when called upon. We welcomed District Governor Nominee Dan Gerald and today’s program speaker, Rotarian David Benet (Diablo View club), a staff member and volunteer of ‘Mobility Matters.’

**Major Gwyn’s** most recent birthday (September 5) was noted, in addition to **Chris Moulis** (September 15) who was in absentia today. President **Memory**, in light of mistakenly announcing **Chris’** birthday as September 4 instead of September 15 (making Chris 11 days older), confessed her error and offered up a \$5 bill to match Chris’ last week \$5 donation.

While on the subject, the **Prescott’s** reported that their birthday getaway to Cabo San Lucas delivered them right into Hurricane Kay, with 100mph winds challenging the construction quality of their hotel. All went well, however, and Brad contributed \$100 to grandson Bridger Beck Ranson’s sustaining Paul Harris Fellowship.



### The Ladybug Project Awarded District Grant

Thanks to **Stephanie Prescott’s** ‘entrepreneurial efforts,’ our 2-year old Ladybug Project, providing menstrual hygiene supplies for both girls and women, has increased traction and is

now expanding its reach beyond Concord. Kudos to **Steph** and her team for being awarded a \$14,000 District Grant. District Governor Nominee Dan Geraldi presented the check at today's meeting. Interested in joining The Ladybug Project team? Contact **Stephanie** (925-683-7460).

## CLUB HAPPENINGS

### • MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

**Rotary Means Business (RMB)** 5:30 – 7:30. Join fellow Rotarians and guests at **Paul** and **Kassey King's** home, 61 Rider Court, Walnut Creek. They are terrific hosts, with their home having the best view of the entire Diablo Valley.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

**We are 'Dark' today....no meeting!!!** Next meeting is September 30 at a new location. See specifics under Friday, September 30 below.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**"September of Service" Willow Pass Community Park Project.** 8:00 – 11:00, Saturday, September 24. Willow Pass Community Park. The second of two identified city parks, Councilmember Carlyn Obringer has reached out to service clubs, including Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and all those interested, to participate in the city's annual workdays to clean-up two of the city's parks. For last Saturday's Hillview Crest Community Park, Rotaract (with more than 25 members) and YV Interact each had good showings of their memberships (see photos).



#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**Our Rotary DV-8 "Pizza, Beer & Brats" Picnic.** Noon – 3:00, Sunday, September 25. Sugarloaf Open Space, 2161 Youngs Valley Road, Walnut Creek. More than 100 Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors and families from our eight area clubs will convene for a fun fellowship and networking outing—Plus an opportunity to mingle with District Governor Suzanne Bragdon and R.I. Zone Director Vicki Puliz. As a potluck, each club's members are responsible to bring a dish to share. Our club is responsible for salads and side dishes. Questions? Call President **Memory** at 925-457-3086.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**Club's Board of Directors** regular monthly meeting (via Zoom) 4:30 – 6:00, Tuesday, September 27. All members always welcome to tune in. Contact secretary **Sandy** or President **Memory** for Zoom information.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**The Ladybug Program Assembly Party.** 5:30 – 7:00pm, Tuesday, September 27 at **Prescott's** home, 3382 Silver Springs Court, Lafayette. Event set up with Diablo View Rotary Club, plus anyone who wants to get in on the fun to work with another club for the good of all. Beverages and munchies provided.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

It's Concord Rotary on the Move! 12:15 – 1:30 pm, Friday, September 30. Next club meeting will be at the Concord Historical Society building, 1928 Clayton Road,



downtown Concord—one block from Todos Santos Plaza. Ample parking behind the property.

## OCTOBER 28-29-30

Rotary's District Conference. Registration is still possible with lodging available at the Monterey Hyatt at Del Monte. Learn what Rotary is all about beyond the club level.



### Youth Exchange Update

President **Memory** brought us up to date on the activities of our exchange student from Switzerland, Maurice Straubhaar. Enjoying his senior year at YV. Maurice is becoming quite adept at playing American-style



football (No. 22) in any number of the positions is he learning.



Former exchange student Isabel Greitzke (Germany – 2011-12) had a week-long visit with one of her former Concord Rotary host families—**Wanda** and Chuck **Waltman**. It's always gratifying to reconnect with these amazing young adults and to see how Rotary's Youth Exchange program impacted their lives and ours in such positive ways. Isabel is a successful representative responsible for staging global events. (See photos of Maurice and Isabel)

## Concord Rotary. . . . Literally, "On The Move"

This past Friday may be our club's final meeting at The Salvation Army Community Center. In our efforts to identify the most appropriate venue for our club, we're considering relocating to the **Concord Historical Society Center** in downtown Concord. That iconic building is now fully restored with many of the components we seek, including superb acoustics and easy freeway access. We've scheduled a "test run" at this property on **Friday, September 30**. (Note: we are dark on September 23). At the conclusion of this test meeting, we'll ask for members' feedback to help us make a decision on where our 'home base' will be.



### Today's Program

David Benet, a Rotarian in the Diablo View Rotary Club, is a volunteer AND staffer for an organization named **Mobility Matters**. Its mission is to provide mobility management services throughout Contra Costa County by matching riders to transportation providers who meet their individual needs.

**Mobility Matters** operates volunteer driver programs that provide free, one-on-one door-to-door rides for seniors and disabled veterans who cannot access other forms of transportation. These rides are primarily for the purpose of obtaining medical care, groceries and other basic necessities. Their organization's impressive track record includes 4,141 rides YTD, 64,074 total rides, with 385 members and 163 volunteers.

David is looking for volunteers who can spare just three hours a month. Contact him at (925) 284-2215 or via his email: [david@mobilitymatterscc.com](mailto:david@mobilitymatterscc.com). This very active Rotarian is also successful in using effective networking techniques and volunteer commitment as a way of meeting new acquaintances and potential business contacts. Want to learn more? Visit their website: [mobilitymatterscc.com](http://mobilitymatterscc.com)

## President's Closing Remarks



Reminder - - there will be no meeting next Friday, September 23. Our next meeting will be on Friday, September 30 at the Concord Historical Society building, 1928 Clayton Road, two blocks from city center and Todos Santos Plaza.

### **Drawing**

For the second consecutive week, **Rick Ernst** had the winning number on his ticket, but the black marble continued to be evasive. So, next meeting we'll be down to just 3 marbles; the pot will most assuredly go beyond \$500.

Thank You's were given to those who helped make today's meeting a success: **Tina Akins** and **Rick Ernst** for arranging this week's box lunches, and a round of applause was given to Dennis Woodard for the audio/visual set-up and execution.

With a mighty striking of the Rotary bell, our meeting adjourned at 1:40.

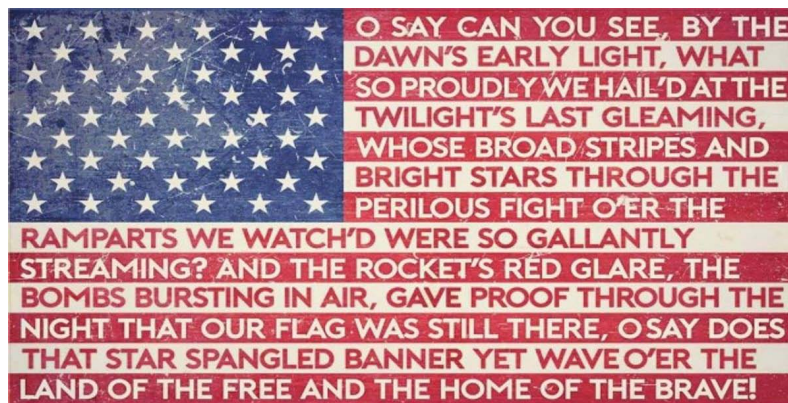
P.S. A correction to an entry in last week's newsletter. First time guests Joe Sullivan, Beth Willer and Dr. Tom Joseph were identified as Rotarians. Actually, they are taking a look at Rotary and we hope to have them as new members of our Rotary family soon.

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## **On This Day September 20**



- ***1519 Spanish expedition led by Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan sets off on the 1st successful circumnavigation of the globe***



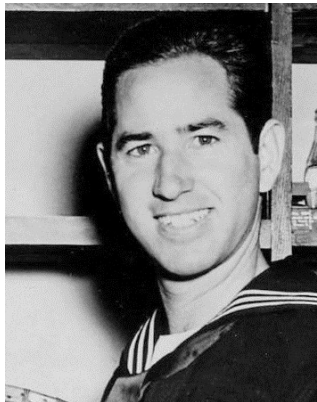
- ***1814 "Star Spangled Banner" published as a song, lyrics by Francis Scott Key, tune by John Stafford Smith***



- ***1870 Mayor William “Boss” Tweed accused of robbing NY treasury***



- ***1926 Bugs Moran attempts to assassinate Al Capone in a drive-by shooting but fails***



- ***1973 Billie Jean King beats Bobby Riggs in battle-of-sexes tennis match***

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

***How do you tell the difference between a bull and a cow?***

***It is either one or the udder! Thought of the Day*** “It’s better to grow old with a sense of humor than

***to grow old with no sense at all."***  
**- Anonymous**

## Cartoon of the Day



## Upcoming Speakers

September 22nd  
[Thursday Night Out Business Social](#)

## Club Leaders



[Memory A. Woodard](#)  
President



[Wanda D. Waltman](#)  
President-Elect



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Secretary



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Youth Exchange



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Governor