

# The Diablo Gazette's CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Organized by Category*

## MAY 2015

### HOLIDAYS/CELEBRATIONS

May 5 Cinco De Mayo

May 10 Mothers Day

May 25 Memorial Day

### FUNDRAISERS

• **Tenth Annual Festival of Tables & Fashion. Concord United Methodist Church. May 9** Concord- 1645 West St. Fashions are by Draper's and Damon's of Walnut Creek. Seating is limited. For Reservations (\$40), call Rosemary Harwood at 925-672-3490. Proceeds from the luncheon and fashion show will go to selected community charities and scholarships. For more information on the Women's Club, go to [claytonvalleywomansclub.org](http://claytonvalleywomansclub.org).

• **Golden Gate Park- May 9th Girls on the Run 5K**. A family-friendly, community event that strives to share the tools and inspiration for healthy living and self-confidence from the Girls on the Run program with all members of the Bay Area community. All proceeds from the event benefit the incredible girls of Girls on the Run of the Bay Area. 5K FUN RUN - DJ MUSIC - ZUMBA - FACE PAINT - TECH TEES FOR EVERY PARTICIPANT- MEDALS FOR ALL KIDDOS - HEALTHY FOOD & BEVERAGES

• **Lafayette Juniors 16th Annual Kitchen Tour for Charity: May 16th** - | \$40 Tickets are on sale now for the Lafayette Juniors 16th Annual Kitchen Tour. This self-guided tour will feature six special Lafayette homes with beautifully designed classic, traditional, contemporary, transitional, and modern cottage kitchens, and a mid-century modern kitchen recently featured in Houzz "Kitchen of the Week." Kitchen Tour program details special design elements of the kitchens as well as information on the architects, designers and contractors who created these spaces. Proceeds from this year's event benefit the work of five local non-profit organizations: Ruby's Place, Boys & Girls Club of Diablo Valley, Las Trampas, Trinity Center Walnut Creek, and VESTIA

• **Double Elimination Bocce Tournament Senior Men of Clayton Valley Charter High School** will host their inaugural fundraiser Bocce Tournament at the Ipsen Family Bocce Park. **May 30** Clayton Sixteen, 4-person teams compete for great prizes. The entry fee is \$35 per person which includes breakfast and a complimentary gift bag. Prizes throughout the day, silent auction for a weekend at Lake Tahoe. Breakfast for all participants at 9:30 AM. The tournament will get underway at 11:00 AM

• **Buying into Education Day June 3** -The Walnut Creek Education Foundation and Walnut Creek Downtown are partnering to support 5000 students and parents in our community. Help build stronger schools and support programs such as art, music, PE, science, technology and so much more in Walnut Creek Schools and at Las Lomas High School.

• **June Wine Walk 6P-9P June 17** Walnut Creek

Enjoy sipping a variety of hand-selected wines while strolling charming downtown Walnut Creek's retail shops, art-work and restaurants to live, acoustic music. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the WC Library Foundation & Diablo Regional Arts Association. Tickets: Advance tickets are \$30/person; tickets at the door \$40/person. Ticket sales end 11 a.m. on June 17. Purchase tickets at [www.walnutcreekdowntown.com](http://www.walnutcreekdowntown.com). Maps of participating businesses and complimentary wine glasses will be available to those 21 and over at the starting location at Walnut Creek City Hall, 1666 N. Main Street.

• The Concord Senior Center and the Contra Costa Humane Society (CCHS) invite animal lovers of all ages to the **Furry Pet Faire and Maddie's Pet Adoption Day May 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at John Baldwin Park on Parkside Circle in Concord. The event will be held across from the Baldwin dog park.

### OUTDOORS:

• **MARTINEZ:** - See AD PAGE 10

•**DANVILLE: First Sunday of every •Month: Cars 'n Coffee**, On the First Sunday of every month, automotive enthusiasts gather in the parking lots of the Blackhawk Automotive Museum to share their vehicles and admire the other fabulous classics, exotics, rods and anything else with wheels and a motor. There is no fee for Cars & Coffee. Come when you want, leave when you want, but know that early arrivals do get the parking space they prefer. Also, the Museum opens at 9am on Cars & Coffee Sundays. 8am-10am, Blackhawk Museum • 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle • Danville, CA 94506 p:925.736.2280 • f:925.736.4818 • museum@blackhawkmuseum.org, <http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org/carsncoffee.html>

•**LAFAYETTE: 5/10/15, Family Day at Sienna Ranch**, Each Fall and Spring, Sienna Ranch opens its doors for special family and community open house days. Come enjoy our lovable animals, fun activities, good company, and wholesome environment. Bring your own picnic lunch or pre-order a healthy lunch to eat on the day. Family Day Passes are \$85, Admission to Sienna Ranch Family Day for up to 5 people, 3 pony or horse ride tickets 3 archery tickets, 5 tractor-pulled hayride tickets, Participation in the hands-on activity, Opportunity to go on a guided nature hike to our Tree Fort. Unlimited animal visits to goats, sheep and chickens during open pen times. <http://bit.ly/1FOtrdc> to register Sienna Ranch, 3232 Deer Hill Rd., Lafayette

•**SAN FRANCISCO: Gray Whale Migration Season**, Numerous locations along the Pacific coast Thru – 5/31/15, Paid boat tours or Free from shore. Watch some 20,000 gray whales migrating from the Arctic to Baja, Mexico. Tour boats leave San Francisco, Half Moon Bay, Moss Landing and Monterey during this season. Or, watch them from on shore. <http://www.hiddensf.com/gray-whale-migration-california.html>

## CLUB/SUPPORT GROUP EVENTS

•**CONCORD: 4th Friday: Concord Ducati Bike Night, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** on the fourth Friday of each month at Lazy Dog Café, 1961 Diamond Blvd, Concord. 925/849-1221 <http://norcaldoc.com>

•**“Tenth Annual Festival of Tables & Fashion”** event. The proceeds from the luncheon and fashion show will go to selected community charities and scholarships. The date is **Saturday, May 9, 2015**, at 11:00 am and the place is the Concord United Methodist Church at 1645 West Street in Concord. Fashions are by Draper’s and Damon’s of Walnut Creek. Luncheon by Rick’s On Second. Seating is limited and the event was sold out last year. For reservation information (\$40), please call Rosemary Harwood at (925) 672-3490. For more information about the Woman’s Club, check out [www.claytonvalleywomensclub.com](http://www.claytonvalleywomensclub.com).

•**The Stroke Support Group of Contra Costa County will meet in the Concord I Room at John Muir Medical Center - Concord Campus, (2540 East Street, Concord) May 11 from 7-9 p.m.** The speaker will be Susan O’Grady Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist. Her topic will be “Intimacy Following Stroke”. After the program, attendees will break up into three coping groups: stroke survivors without aphasia, stroke survivors with aphasia, and caregivers and families of stroke survivors -- each group led by a trained professional. For further information about the Stroke Support Group, contact Ann Dzuna at 925-376-6218. Meetings are free and open to the public.”

•**Clayton Valley Garden Club (CVGC) -Annual Plant Sale May 9 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Endeavor Hall, 6008 Center Street, Clayton. Annual Plant Sale will offer 1-gallon pots of Alestromeria, Parrot’s Beak, Scilla, Iris, assorted Geraniums, Clivia, Bromeliads, Container Tomatoes, Black Sunflowers, Hostas, various Plectranthus, a range of succulents and even more plant species.

## KID/FAMILY EVENTS

•**Mount Diablo Music Education Foundation’s 6th Annual All Area Music Festival, featuring music students from Mt. Diablo elementary, middle and high schools. May 9 Concord 12pm-5pm.** Admission is free. 1pm Mayor Grayson announces Winners of the Mother’s Day Essay Contest. The AAUW Art and Wine (and Beer) Walk 1pm-4pm

•**Studios on the Streets, May 9** presented by Martinez Chamber of Commerce. Visual artists’ works and live workings of crafts, paintings, sketching, pottery making, sculpting, music, children’s activities, music, beer and wine [www.studioson-thestreet.com](http://www.studioson-thestreet.com) for more information.

•**Orinda Restaurant Tour – Dining Al Fresco, May 12 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.** Theatre Square in downtown Orinda with most of the Orinda restaurants providing samples of some of their finest offerings to tour participants. “Taste” Orinda at its finest in one easy walking tour, al fresco! Up to 20 restaurants so “abbondanza!” Live music by The Ripplers. Tickets \$30.00 available at [www.orindachamber.org](http://www.orindachamber.org) or at First Republic Bank, 224 Brookwood Road, Orinda, or the Orinda Chamber of Commerce at 26 Orinda Way.

•**Rodie’s Annual Customer Appreciation and Pet Adoption Day May 16 9am-2pm.** Contra Costa Animal Services Pet Adoption Mobile, which will be here from 10am to 2pm with dogs and cats in need of a loving home. Learn pet care, safe, responsible pet rescue, or adopt an animal from the Contra Costa Humane Society. One Day Sales, Prizes, and lunch for purchase. See back page for more deals. Rodies Feed and Pet Supply 8863 Marsh Creek Rd. Clayton

•**Thursday Night Music and Market Series takes place in Todos Santos Plaza** Concord when Zydeco Flames opens the season with its authentic re-creation of the sounds and feel of Louisiana’s Mardi Gras. **Starts May 16**

•**Meadow Homes Spray Park Opening Day May 23** at 1351 Detroit Ave., Concord

•**Bay Area KidFest May 23-25 Memorial Day Weekend, 10am- 6pm** Silver Anniversary KidFest is East Bay’s largest annual family event. Aussie Kingdom educational show with kangaroos, wallabies and other birds and animals, Kent Family Circus, Dorothy from “The Wizard of Oz” Judy Garland impressionist Elaine Horn, Nickelodeon superstars Dora the Explorer and SpongeBob SquarePants, PETFEST, exhibitions by Concord Police K9, Nonstop entertainment on community stage, 5th annual Memorial Day ceremony featuring U.S. Navy Band veteran Deborah Del Mastro performing the armed services theme songs and the Star Spangled Banner with the Mt. Diablo High School Jr. ROTC color guard. Del Mastro originated the role of Sr. Robert Anne in the “Nonsense” touring show and was a cast member of Beach Blanket Babylon. Face painting, balloon art, sports, golf, bounces and crawls, Kid’s Town America. Arts & crafts and exhibitor

booths, food court, 20 rides and more. Admission \$6 per person with the donation of a canned good for the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano. \$7 without can donation. Babies under 24 months and seniors 65+ are FREE. Downtown Concord, 2450 Grant St. Sorry, pets may not be brought on the grounds. [www.KidFestConcord.com](http://www.KidFestConcord.com) Sorry, pets may not be brought on the grounds. See our ad on cover.

• **Contra Costa County Fair opens May 28 -31** at the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds SEE AD PAGE 3

## HOME & GARDEN/FARMERS' MARKETS

• **Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association:**

• **Concord** Tuesdays, 10am to 2pm, year-round, rain or shine, Todos Santos Plaza. • **Concord** Thursdays, 4pm to 8pm, Todos Santos Plaza.

• **Clayton**, Saturdays 10am - 2pm

• **Martinez**, Sundays, 10am to 2pm, year-round, Main St. and Estudillo.

• **Pleasant Hill** Saturday, May 3rd through November 15th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Downtown Plaza (in front of Jack's Restaurant) <http://www.pcfma.com> <http://www.pcfma.org>

• **Walnut Creek** Sundays 9am-1pm North Locust between Giamona and LaCassie St.

• **Contra Costa Certified Farmers Market** Sundays 9 am - 1 pm, Year Round, WalnutCreek, North Locust St between Giamona and Lacassie St. (925) 431-8361 <http://www.cccfm.org>

## VISUAL ARTS/THEATRE/MUSIC

• **Pittsburg Pittsburg Pops Presents Mariachi Sol De Mexico May 7, 2015** --The expression of México's authentic Musical heritage lives on through the voice of Sol de México 7PM. All tickets are \$39

Comedy at the California Theatre May 8 Pittsburg - Auggie Smith, featuring Robin Cee & Hosted by Dan Mires. An evening of riveting, take-no-prisoners stand-up comedy. 8PM. Tickets \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door.

• **Ygnacio Valley High School's Jazz Band will be holding it's annual "Blast from the Past Swing Dance" in the school Multi-use room May 8 from 7-9pm.** The event is open to the public and the tickets will be available at the door. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. The proceeds from this event will benefit the YVHS instrumental music program. Our school is located on 755 Oak Grove Rd in Concord.

• **Diablo Ballet's 21st Season continues with Celebrated Masters at the Del Valle Theatre May 8** in Walnut Creek. The performances feature live music and a lively, interactive Q&A with the dancers hosted by local celebrity moderators. A reception with tasty dessert delicacies is served up close and personal with the artists. Celebrated Masters: Performances: Friday, May 8, 2015 at 8:00 pm and Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Location: Del Valle Theatre, 1963 Tice Valley Boulevard, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Purchase tickets online at [www.LesherArtsCenter.org](http://www.LesherArtsCenter.org) or by calling (925) 943-7469. For more information, please call the Diablo Ballet office at (925) 943-1775 or e-mail [diablo@diabloballet.org](mailto:diablo@diabloballet.org)

• **California Theatre. May 9** Pittsburg.-- Sargent Tucker Salutes The MOTOWN Era with HEY JUDE honoring "The Beatles" and legends such as Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson & The Miracles and Martha & the Vandellas, Stevie Wonder. 8 PM. \$17 in advance & \$20 at the door

• **The Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra closes its 2014-2015 season** with an unusual program, "Some Assembly Required", featuring the full group as well as the brass, wind, and string sections performing separately. The program opens with the brilliant brass fanfare from La Peri by Paul Dukas, followed by an eclectic combination of wind instruments performing Stravinsky's Octet. The full orchestra then assembles to perform Haydn's joyful Symphony No. 1 in D Major, known as "The Clock." The strings will perform a trio of works, including the first movement of David Diamond's most popular piece, Rounds, and the full orchestra reassembles to close the program with Grieg's powerful Peer Gynt Suite. **Friday May 8 7:30pm** Alhambra High School, Martinez, \$5-\$10 at the door ; **May 9 -- 2:00 pm**, El Campanil Theatre, Antioch, \$5-\$10 at the door. **May 10-- 2:00 p.m.** Lesher Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek, \$10-\$30 at the door, by phone (925-943-SHOW) or online at [www.LesherArtsCenter.org](http://www.LesherArtsCenter.org)

• **Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga performing at the Concord Pavilion, May 28**

• **Pittsburg Community Theatre Greater Tuna.** What do Arles Struvie, Thurston Wheelis, Aunt Pearl, Petey Fisk, Phineas Blye and Rev. Spikes have in common? In this hilarious send-up of small town morals and mores, they are all among the upstanding citizens of Tuna, Texas' third smallest town. Bonus show. A hilarious two-man show featuring, Brian Villaneuva and Greg Brown, will keep you laughing in your seats. **May 14-May 17 Performance(s): Thursday at 7:00PM; Friday at 8:00PM Saturday at 8:00PM; Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 2:00PM** Ticket(s): Adults \$25 Seniors & Students \$15; Children \$10

• **Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir** with 55 singers and a full band, this 'Celebration of Gospel Music' is sure to bring everyone to their feet. **June 4**

• **The Diablo Women's Chorale present "Get Happy"**, at Mount Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. **May 15 and 16**. Show times are 7:30pm Friday night and 2pm Saturday. Advance tickets are \$16.00 General Admission, \$10.00 Student, \$20.00 Premium seating. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$20.00 Adult and \$10.00 Student. Tickets can be purchased at [www.DiabloWomensChorale.org](http://www.DiabloWomensChorale.org) or call 800-838-3006.

• **Playwrights' Theatre series, the Eugene O'Neill Foundation**, Tao House is featuring Golden Boy by Clifford Odets, seen by many as "the heir to Eugene O'Neill." **May 17 2 PM** Danville -- Reserved tickets for both events are available online at [www.eugeneoneil.org](http://www.eugeneoneil.org), or by phone at (925) 820-1818. There is limited seating available in the Old Barn performance site. All seats are \$25.00 per person.

• **Walnut Creek Art Exhibitions** Here is a round-up of curated art exhibits and events open to the public at locations around Walnut Creek:

**Until June 17:** Walnut Creek Photo Forum exhibit, 'Local Landscapes,' City Hall, 2nd Floor

**Until June 1:** Fumiyo Yoshikawa, ink paintings, City Hall 1st Floor

**Until June 1:** Michelle Su, color photography, City Hall 2nd Floor and City Clerk's office

**Until May 20:** David VanderJagt, multimedia ceramic wall pieces, Heather Farm

## GOVERNMENT

• **Concord Budget Workshop May 12** ; Residents are invited to attend the 2015 City of Concord Budget Workshop during the regular City Council meeting held at the Civic Center, 1950 Parkside Drive. The evening will include a presentation on the proposed fiscal year 2015-16 City budget and the ten-year financial forecast.

• **Concord City Council**, 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Council Chambers, 1950 Parkside Dr, Concord. Or watch online at <http://www.ci.concord.ca.us/citygov/agendas/council/>

• **Clayton City Council**, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7pm. Hoyer Hall, Clayton Library, 6125 Clayton Rd, Clayton. <http://ci.clayton.ca.us>

• **Martinez City Council**, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. City Hall, 7 pm, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez. Or Listen online at <http://www.granicus.com/streamingMediaHelp/minimumSystem.htm>, <http://www.cityofmartinez.org>

• **Walnut Creek City Council**, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7 pm. Or watch online at <http://www.walnut-creek.org/services/citizen/granicus.asp>

• **Pleasant Hill City Council**, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, Council Chambers of the Pleasant Hill City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Or follow online at <http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/media/>

## CLUBS

• American Association of University Women - Concord Branch

[www.aauw-concord.org](http://www.aauw-concord.org)

• American Legion Post 171 - 5 p.m. third Tuesdays, Veterans Memorial Hall, Concord. 687-1427.

• B2F Business Networking Group - noon first and third Thursdays. 998-8844.

• Beachcomber Singles - Social and service activities for active adults age 45 and above. For more information call (510) 799-2207, Or visit our website: [www.beachcombersingles.org/](http://www.beachcombersingles.org/)

• British Club - 11:30 a.m. first Wednesdays, Zio Fraedo's, Pleasant Hill. 682-7978.

• Circle of Friends - second Mondays, Walnut Country Club, Concord. 998-8844.

• Clayton Valley Garden Club- 7p.m. second Wednesdays, February-November. Diamond Terrace, 6401 Center St., Clayton. Contact: [www.claytonvalleygardenclub.org](http://www.claytonvalleygardenclub.org)

• Clutch Busters Square Dance Club - 7:30 p.m.-9:30 pm Thursdays, New dancers and those wanting brush-up are welcome. Willow Pass Community Center, 2748 E Olivera Rd, Concord. 686-3774.

• Concord Art Association - 12:50 p.m. second Tuesdays, Concord Library. 646-5455.

• Concord Diablo Rotary - 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Concord. [dirk@wentlingstudio.com](mailto:dirk@wentlingstudio.com) 685.7760

• Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise Rotary Club- 7 a.m. Thursdays, Oakhurst Country Club, Clayton. 689-7640 or [www.claytonvalley-rotary.org](http://www.claytonvalley-rotary.org).

• Clayton Valley Woman's Club. For meeting times call Aleta at 925-672-9448 [www.claytonvalleywomensclub.org](http://www.claytonvalleywomensclub.org).

• Concord Garden Club - 9:30 a.m. third Tuesdays, Bethel Baptist Church, Concord. 687-2334.

• Concord Lions Club - 7 p.m. third Tuesdays, La Tapatia Mexican Restaurant, Concord. 687-3594.

• Concord Mystery Book Club - 2:30 p.m. second Sundays, Concord Library, 646-5455.

• Concord Senior Club - ballroom dancing, 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 p.m. second Saturdays. 2727 Parkside Circle, Concord. 798-4557.

• Contra Costa Genealogical Society - 7 p.m. second Thursdays, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Concord. [www.rootsweb.com/~caccgcs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~caccgcs).

• Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society - 7:30 p.m. second Mondays, Centre Concord. 429-2748 or [www.ccmgs.org](http://www.ccmgs.org).

• Creekside Artists Guild Meets 2nd Wed. each month @ 7-8:30pm. Clayton Library Story Room, 6125 Clayton Rd., Clayton. Arlene 673-9777, [akixsen@aol.com](mailto:akixsen@aol.com)

• Concord United Methodist Women Monthly Meeting 510-758-4837

• Diablo Numismatic Society - 7 p.m. third Thursdays, Veterans Memorial Hall, Concord. 825-0649 or [xsteamerx@aol.com](mailto:xsteamerx@aol.com).

• Diablo Toastmasters, every Thursday 7 – 9 p.m., Sizzler Rest., Concord. <http://www.diablotoastmasters.org>.

• Diablo Valley Democratic Club - 7 p.m. third Wednesdays, Ygnacio Valley Library, Walnut Creek. 946-0469 or <http://www.dvdems.org>.

• Diablo Valley Macintosh Users Group - 6:30 p.m. third Tuesdays. Bancroft Elementary School, Walnut Creek. 689-1155 or [www.dvmug.org](http://www.dvmug.org).

• Diablo Valley Mustang Assoc meets 7:00 pm second Wednesdays each month at Fuddrucker's Concord. All Mustang aficionados invited. Nancy Russell 925-825-5994. [www.dvma.org](http://www.dvma.org)

• Diablo Valley Wings, Chapter P of the Gold Wing Touring Association - 12:15 p.m. third Tuesdays, Sizzler, Concord. 686-3774 or <http://www.GWTA-CA-DVW.org>.

• East Bay Prospectors Club - 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday, 1021 Detroit Ave., Unit D, Concord. 672-1863 or [www.eastbaygpaa.webs.com](http://www.eastbaygpaa.webs.com).

• Ellen's Guild - 10 a.m. second Tuesdays, Family Stress Center, Concord. 672-5409 or [www.familystresscenter.org](http://www.familystresscenter.org).

• Hope Academy Concord Open House, Third Thursday of each month, 9 – 9:45 a.m. Reservations required: Judy Davies 687-7555; 5353 Concord Blvd.

[www.hopeacademyconcord.org](http://www.hopeacademyconcord.org)

• Kiwanis Club of Greater Concord - 8:15 a.m. Wednesdays, Buttercup Grill and Bar, 4301 Clayton Rd., Concord. 372-5348.

•Knife Throwing Club/Diablo Impalement Arts Group:We throw anything with a point on our 40 foot multiple target range, Wed, Thurs, Sat & Sun-part of the Diablo Rod and Gun Club, 4700 Evora Rd.

Concord,(925)709-9199

[www.throwzini.com/events.html](http://www.throwzini.com/events.html)

•Knitting Group - 2 p.m. first Sundays, Concord Library. 646-5455.

•Knights Of Columbus, Concord Council 6038

Meets 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, St.Bonaventure Church, 5562 Clayton Road, Contact Rayce at 683-9717 or [rayce@aol.com](mailto:rayce@aol.com).

•Mt Diablo Metal Detecting Club and have Meets at the Elks Lodge in Walnut Creek. 1475 Creekside Dr. 730 pm [www.mdmdc.com](http://www.mdmdc.com) meets on the second Wednesday.[www.mdmdctreasurehunting.com](http://www.mdmdctreasurehunting.com).

•Mt. Diablo Branch, California Writers Club 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill \$35 for CWC members. Contact [jeanieg-pops@comcast.net](mailto:jeanieg-pops@comcast.net), or 934-5677 for more information.

•Soroptimist International Diablo Vista - 12:15 p.m. first, second and third Wednesdays, Sizzler, Concord. 672-2727

•National Marine Corps Business Network: [www.nmcbn.com/](http://www.nmcbn.com/) We normally meet the second Tuesday of each month. Contact 925-680-8714.

•Odd Fellows - 3 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays, Pacheco Lodge 117, Concord. 682-7358.

•Pleasant Hill Walnut Creek Mothers' Club, <http://www.phwcmothersclub.org>

•Rising Stars Toastmasters. This group was created for job seekers. For more information, contact Derrick Smith at (925) 381-4551 or go to [risingstarstm.toastmastersclubs.org](http://risingstarstm.toastmastersclubs.org).

•Snowchasers Ski Club - Snow skiing and Snowboarding- First and Third Wednesdays of each month. Snowchasers meets 7:30 pm Sizzlers Concord.Contact iSteve and Rosalie Rhodes,925-228-8145.

[www.snowchasers.org](http://www.snowchasers.org)

•Toastmasters International - 7 p.m. Mondays, Montecito of Concord, 682-7211. Also, 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays, John Muir Concord Campus. Toastmasters can help! Our local club, Word Weavers, meets Mondays, 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. at 4756 Clayton Road, Concord 686-1818. [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).

•Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1525 - 9 a.m. second Saturdays, Veterans Memorial Hall, Concord.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

•Al-Anon Family Group - 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Martins of Tours Anglican Church and Preschool, Concord. 932-6770 or [www.ncwsa.org](http://www.ncwsa.org).

•Alcoholics Anonymous - 939-4155 or [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).

•Cardiac Care Support Group - 7 p.m. second Thursdays, John Muir Walnut Creek or Concord. 947-5206.

•Hearing Loss and Cochlear Implant Wearers Support Group - 7 p.m. first Wednesdays, Walnut Creek United Methodist Church. [HLAADV@hearinglossdv.org](mailto:HLAADV@hearinglossdv.org) or 264-1199.

•HIV/AIDS Support Group - 7-9 p.m. 2nd & 4th Thursdays, John Muir Concord. 674-2190.

•Leukemia Society Family Support Group - 7 p.m. first Thursdays. 947-4466, ext. 32797.

•Living with a Mental Illness? Join NAMI Connection Peer-led support group. Saturdays 1:00 - 2:30 pm Held at John Muir Behavioral Health Center 2740 Grant Street Concord. Call 925-942-0767 or [www.namicontracosta.org](http://www.namicontracosta.org)

•Nar-Anon - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, John Muir Concord. <http://naranoncalifornia.org>.

•Pet Loss Support Group, Every first Tuesday of the month, 12:00 - 1:30 PM. (925) 887-5681. Pre-registration required.

•Rainbow Community Center - Check Website for services. 3024 Willow Pass Road, Suite 200, Concord. [www.rainbowcc.org](http://www.rainbowcc.org).

•Retired & Senior Volunteer Program - 472-5777.

•The Stroke Support Group of Contra Costa County will hold its monthly meeting. For details of time and place contact Ann Dzuna at 925-376-6218. Meetings are free.

## TESTIMONIAL

After spending what seemed like hours today googling for seasonal events in the east bay area, I discovered at the end of my search that **I should have begun with the Diablo Gazette!** Thank you for such a comprehensive list of events and activities! ~Christine Ondersma

Visit our Website for Full Printable Calendar and Support Group Listings at [www.DiabloGazette.com](http://www.DiabloGazette.com)