

THE WALNUT LEAF



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465

2015 2016 Theme:

"Be a Gift to the World"

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Thought for the Day: Barry Slavin

Roving Mic: Rod Uffindell

Today's Event: Randy Iwasaki, "Driverless Vehicle Research as an Economic Driver in Central County"

In Memoriam: Sal Blasquez. Longtime Club member Sal Blasquez passed away on Oct 1. Sal was president of our Club in 1963-64. He was not able to attend meetings for the past several years. Services will be 10:00 am this Saturday, October 24 at St. Mary's Church, 2039 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Walnut Creek.

Fellowship Fest Events—Sign Up Now. See the information table for fellowship events scheduled over the next few months. To lock in your reservation, please also make the required payment to the host when you sign up. **Events coming up include:** Dess Benedetto's Italian Extravaganza, Sat, Nov 7, 2015, (this Event is sold out); Wine & Cheese Tasting, Sat, December 5, 2015 4:00PM, hosted by John & Stephanie Fenoglio, 581 El Capitan Drive, Danville, \$25.

Rotary LN4 Artificial Hands Project El Salvador Nov 21 and 22 and Nicaragua Feb 2016: See **Bob Romero** if you are **Upcoming Club Meetings and Events:**

Tues Oct 27 Rabbi Gordon Freeman, "Walnut Creek Village Program"

Friday Nov 13 Rotary Poker Night, St Isadore's Church Hall in Danville. 5:30pm Dinner, 6:30pm Cards Fly! See **Carl Manna**.

Sat Nov 21, Rotary Day at the Races Fundraiser, Golden Gate Fields.

Sat Dec 19, Rotary Holiday Party, Elks Lodge, Walnut Creek Time TBA.

interested in going to El Salvador to assist in delivering artificial hands to disabled persons. Bob is coordinating this with two local Rotary Clubs in El Salvador. Bob also is working on planning for a trip to Nicaragua in February 2016. Details to follow.

Thank yous: We received a thank you letter with pictures from The Creek middle school for our Community Foundation grant of \$3000 used to purchase computers for their computer lab. Thanks to the **Jack Fischer and the other 18 Rotarians and their family members** who worked several hours spreading wood chips, replacing fencing, planting plants, and repainting the amphitheater at the Sugarloaf Open Space.

Recognitions: **Jesse Smyers'** Masters Swimming 200meter short course relay team took home 1st place beating the former record time by 12 seconds.