Monument Crisis Center 2017 Backpack Project!  For several years now, we have provided a large number of backpacks filled with supplies for school children served by MMC.

Deadline for donations is today’s meeting August 1st.  Don Willoughby is collecting checks payable to “Monument Crisis Center.” $60 funds a full backpack.

Boy Scout Troop 832 will present a flag ceremony today and then do a brief slide show of events they have helped our club with including two crab feeds and work at Heritage Day and Borges Ranch.  There will be mention of an Eagle Project recently completed. Those attending today are: Robbie Chyr, Kirby Galbraith, Oliver Galbraith, Adam Gysin, Henrik Hong, Daniel McFarland, Ethan Lumanlan, Chris Powell, and Nicholas Powell. Adults: Jenny Gysin, Ann Hong, and Michael Powell

Membership Month – August is Membership Month for Rotary. To kick off this month, we would like to announce a fabulous contest! Trudy Cumming and her husband Roderick will prepare, serve and clean up, a wonderful and romantic dinner in your home for two. This will be awarded to the person(s) who has the most new member applications submitted by the end of the month. Should there be a tie, we will do a single dinner with the tie recipients and one guest each altogether. Think of someone you either know or meet that might enjoy being part of something bigger than themselves. Show them how, through Rotary, they can make a difference.

Summer of Love Retro Dance Party This Saturday August 5th. The Rotary club of Martinez has invited all DV-8 clubs to pull out those bell-bottoms and tie-dyed shirts to join them at the Martinez Veterans Memorial Hall, 930 Ward St. Martinez. Tickets are $40. Email marianneclarkrotary5160@gmail.com for tickets or info.

Rotary e-Club of Silicon Valley “Laptops for Good” fundraising event, This Sunday Aug 6th Noon to 3:30pm Retzlaff Winery 1356 S Livermore Ave Livermore, CA 94550 $50 per person includes admission, wine, a delicious lunch, and more. Tickets and info are at https://rotaryeclubofsiliconvalley.ticketspice.com/a-taste-of-good-with-rotary
Signup Now to Host our Exchange Student from Tokyo-Kohoku Japan, Ms. Yuri Hitomi, from Aug 6 to 25. Yuri is 19, and a forest science and garden construction major at Nihon University. Contact Richard Hsu ric88899@yahoo.com 510-449-8675.

LN-4 Artificial Hands Delivery Projects in Honduras and Ecuador. Our former Club member Bob Romero now with the Rotary Club of Houston, Texas, invites us to join with him on two upcoming trips to deliver LN-4 artificial hands to disabled persons in Honduras and Ecuador. The Honduras trip has been organized rapidly, and will be August 18-19 in Puerto Cortes.

Volunteers should plan to arrive in San Pedro Sula, a big city near Puerto Cortes, on or before Aug 17th for training on the 18th and delivery of the artificial hands on the 19th. Bob encourages volunteers to stay a few extra days and visit the beautiful Caribbean side of Honduras. Bob also is planning a 3 city trip to deliver LN-4 artificial hands in Ecuador in early November.

Details are being developed. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these projects, please contact Bob Romero directly at romero0425@aol.com. Volunteers are responsible for their own expenses and must make their own travel arrangements, but Bob can provide suggestions.

Annual Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Poker Tournament with Loaves and Fishes—Friday November 10th. St. Isadore Church, Danville, 5:30pm. More details to follow. See Carl Manna.

Natalie with Club Rotario Managua Tiscapa doing a site inspection in Agua Nicaragua

Upcoming Club Meetings and Events:
Tuesday, August 8th – American Cancer Society – Carol Lousisell
Tuesday, August 15th – Contra Costa County Zero Tolerance for Human Trafficking Coalition – Justin Gomez
Tuesday, August 22nd – TBA
Tuesday, August 29th – Sheriff’s Department of Contra Costa County – The Honorable Sheriff David Livingston