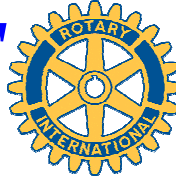


THE WALNUT LEAF



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465
2016 2017 Theme:

"Rotary Serving Humanity"

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Thought for the Day: Jonathan Bishop

Roving Mic: Drew Marshall

Today: Fran Robustelli, Interim City Manager, "What's New with Walnut Creek"

District 5160 Annual Assembly, THIS Sat May 13, 8:30am to Noon, NEW LOCATION Acalanes High School 1200 Pleasant Hill Rd, Lafayette. District Governor Elect Gary Vilhauer invites us to attend this year's District Assembly training featuring FIVE topics chosen through last year's survey of District 5160 Rotarians.

Old Borges Ranch Day This Sat May 13th 10:30am-1:30pm and 1:30-4pm shifts. We will be helping with many activities and events, including crafts, carnival games, and the historic ranch house. See **Jack Fischer** to sign up.

9th Annual "May Joust" Bocce Tournament, May 20th, 9:30am till it's done, Benicia Waterfront. See **Gordon Fischer** if you would like to play on our Bocce teams for this annual fun and fundraising event.

"Out of the Darkness" Walk, May 20th, San Diego. This year's annual Out of the Darkness fundraiser walk for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is May 20th in San Diego. Suicide is currently the third leading cause of death among young people age 15 to 24. The highest overall rates of suicide are for adults age 40 to 59. AFSP's bold goal is to reduce the annual suicide rate in the U.S. by 20% by 2025! We all are affected by this tragic threat. Marcia Gerg is walking again this

year in memory of her son Aaron. For more information go to www.theovernight.org. [Click Here to Sponsor Marcia Gerg.](#)

Walnut Creek Art and Wine Festival Sat June 3rd. We will have a booth to promote Rotary and our Club at this year's wine festival. Sign up for 4 hour shifts with **Marcia Gerg.**

Fellowship Events: See **Jonathan Bishop** to sign up to host a fun fellowship event for Club members, family, and friends.

Wheelchair Distribution in Costa Rica: This project came to a fantastic conclusion with the distribution of 120 wheelchairs to disabled children and adults in Costa Rica. Thanks especially to **Mike Lommel** and family and to Bev and **Clint Collier** for handling the unboxing and assembly of the chairs. It was a great tribute to our fearless leader, **Bob Romero**, who has relocated to Houston, Texas.

Update Your Club Directory Information for the 2017-2018 Rotary Year. All members have been sent by email a copy of their current information. You either can verify your information or edit it by using the links in the email. If you want a different picture, please email Doug Switzer a new passport size color .jpg picture and I can add it to the database. Deadline for changes is May 15. For help, contact **Doug**

Switzer, daswitzer25@msn.com, 925-360-1058.

Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Community Foundation Grants for 2016-2017. Pres Bruce reported that thus far our Community Foundation has distributed \$38,340 in grants during this Rotary year, with another approximately \$4,660 left available with several grant requests under review. This year's grant recipients include the following:

Project	16-17
	Actual
LOCAL GRANT GIFTS	
Diablo Symphony Association - Music Zoo	\$500
Diablo Boy Scout Hispanic Initiative	\$1,000
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention	\$1,000
Shelter Box	\$1,000
Walnut Creek Village	\$1,500
Camp Venture	\$1,600
Camp Royal	\$1,790
Walton Woods Camp	\$1,950
Ability Now	\$2,000
Northgate scholarship	\$3,000
Las Lomas scholarship	\$3,000
Concord Rotacare Mobile Clinic	\$3,000
Shelter Inc	\$3,000
R6VR program	\$3,000
Bolivia Cochabamba Bridges	\$4,000
Wheelchair Foundation	\$6,000
TOTALS	\$38,340
Available	\$42,000

Upcoming Club Meetings and Events:

May 16 Sara Kelly

May 23 Steve Lack, "Rotary Brewing Fellowship"

May 30 Mayor Rich Carlston, speaking on the overall direction of Walnut Creek and community service.

June 27 Demotion Party for Bruce Johnson. See **Milt Smith** to help with planning.