

THE WALNUT LEAF

Rotary Club of Walnut Creek



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465

2019-2020 Theme:

"Rotary Connects the World"

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Today's Program: Kathy Hemmenway, Exec Dir of Walnut Creek Downtown

District 5160's Fall Training Seminars are here – help Strengthen Your Club! DG Tina Akins invites us to attend the 2019-20 Fall Seminars. These are an opportunity for Rotarians from across the District to come together to strengthen our Clubs. The theme of the Seminars is the Rotary 3-legged stool - Public Relations/Branding, Foundation and Membership. Attend the Seminar that best fits your schedule and location. Dates and locations are: **Fairfield** Saturday, October 5, 2019 Location: Fairfield High School, 205 E. Atlantic Ave, Fairfield; **Redding**, Saturday, October 19, 2019 Location: Simpson College 2211 College View Drive, Redding. See your email for your customized registration link.

Rotary/Loaves and Fishes Poker Fundraiser is Friday November 8. Mark your calendars. Details to follow.

Volunteer Opportunity this week

The Ruth Bancroft Garden is holding a Tequila y Tacos evening on Thursday the 15th from 5 to 8 pm. They are asking for help directing parking traffic at the beginning of the event. If you would like to help contact Gretchen Bartzen at Gretchen@ruthbancroftgarden.org or Alice@ruthbancroftgarden.org.

Money Money Money

Our club operates out of two pots of money. Club operations, including building rent, lunches, the Japanese exchange, the I House tour, fellowship events, and RI dues are funded by our club budget which the board approved last month. We are budgeted to spend about \$74,000 this year. Our

income to the club comes mostly from dues of \$250 per member lunches and club fund raisers of which the poker tournament is the largest. Total income is expected to be \$65,000 thus a deficit of about \$9,000. This will come from reserves which are currently just over \$30,000.

Our gifting funds come from the Community Foundation not to be confused with The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The money you donate to TRF goes toward your Paul Harris recognition and is the source of international Rotary projects. Our Community Foundation has done quite well since it was created 30 years ago. We now have a balance of over \$600,000. The major source of funds is the crab feed. We gift about \$40,000 to various community groups each year including scholarships, the WASH program, Rotacare, and the Wheelchair foundation.

So, I would like every Rotarian to make a gift to TRF every year and earn credit toward Paul Harris recognition and help end Polio. For recognitions and club fines, the best choice is our club to help cover the scheduled annual deficit. I hope this untangles any questions about our club finances.

-Jesse.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Tues Aug 20: Kerry O'Brien, Swimming Saves Lives
Tues Aug 27: Beth Goldberg, Contra Costa Youth Homes
Tues Aug 27 5:45pm Crab Feed Committee Meeting, at Marcia Gerg's office at Summit Bank 1701 California Blvd.