

THE WALNUT LEAF

Rotary Club of Walnut Creek



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465

2018-2019 Theme:
"Be the inspiration"

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Today's Speaker: Chris Carpenter, Contra Costa Sanitary District

Rotary Bocce Tournament. This Saturday May 11, Registration 9:35, Matches from 10:30am to 1:30pm, Martinez Waterfront. See **Gordon Fischer** to join a team.

Ability Now "Free Lunch Fundraiser" Next Wednesday May 15, at the Ability Now facility 4500 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602. See **Peter Kohn**.

Rotary Happy Hour May 16 4:30pm to 6pm, at the new Yard House. Steve Derby reports "As the weather gets nice, my thoughts turn to draft beer so I thought we would try a newer place in the Veranda Shopping Center (off Diamond Blvd.) called Yard House. They boast the largest selection of beers on tap (including yard beers of course) plus good food like wings, nachos, fried calamari, lettuce wraps etc."

2nd Annual Rotary Golf Tournament and Fellowship Event - Friday, May 24th. For the golfers (or wanna-be golfers), we tee off at 2:45pm for 9 holes in the afternoon at Boundary Oak Golf Course in a scramble format, each 4-some competing against the other 4-somes. Then the golfers will be joined by non-golfers in the evening at the home of Jerry and Chris Benoit for dinner, a celebration of the earlier event, and fellowship. (You don't have to be a golfer or related to a golfer to join in the dinner.) Sign-up now. See **Jerry Benoit, Milt Smith or Peter Kohn**.

Ukrainian Business Visitors Program:
Volunteer drivers are needed **May 31 to June 6**

to provide rides to a group of Ukrainian business men and women hosted by members of our Club and other neighboring Clubs as they visit local businesses to observe how they operate.

Walnut Creek Art and Wine Festival June 1st. We will be volunteering in the ticket booth.

Demotion Party June 25th. Time flies and it's time for Rich Fleming to leave office as our President. We will be recognizing his year at our annual demotion party and dinner. Details to follow.

Our Rotary Scholarship Recipient from Northgate High School, Sam Sankisov, is going to UCLA and aspires to be a CEO of a Fortune 500 Company.



Recognitions: Rem and Vera Barnard enjoyed a cruise on the Mekong River in Vietnam and Cambodia, and they have a new puppy "Lulu."

Trudy Triner and the Club were presented a Rotary Citation for outstanding service projects during 2017-2018, her year as president.

Sunshine Committee Report: Marcia Gerg is recovering from colon surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Wheelchair Project Sequel in Honduras: Bob Romero is asking for funding from our Club for a sequel wheelchair project in Honduras. The 110 chairs we delivered on March 16 to needy recipients from Puerto Cortes and other near cities and towns, only started to fill the continuing need. The Puerto Cortes, Honduras Rotary Club is working to get some funding from local companies to obtain additional wheelchairs, and Bob is working with the Wheelchair Foundation on a fund matching program. The Wheelchair Foundation is no longer sending the smaller 20' containers, only the large containers that can carry All Terrain

wheelchairs and also the special Kanga wheelchairs (see the following link https://www.medicaleshop.com/drive-medical-kanga-ts-pediatric-tilt-wheelchair.html?gclid=Cj0KCQjwh6XmBRDRARIsAKNlnDE2EcECcLnB9V56w_yl6-BtlJp8aZuQmxqkCsqPS6Z2fVRFRvAp7DMaArzxEALw_wcB). The larger container is more costly to fund, but delivers more chairs. If you can help, please contact Bob at romero0425@aol.com.

Rotary District 5160 Installation Dinner and Kickoff Party for 2019-2020, is July 13, 2019, at the Woodland Community Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland, from 5:00 - 9:00pm. See your email for your customized registration link.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Tues May 14- Lorna Van Ackerman with Hillendale Home Care. "Aging in Place"

Tues May 21- Catherine Baker. Retired CA State Assemblywoman

Fri May 24 Rotary Golf Tournament (9-Hole Scramble 2:45pm), Dinner at the Benoit Home, Attend Either or Both.

Tues May 28- Hari Boukis, Burning Man Part 2

Sat June 1 Volunteers needed for the ticket booth at the Art & Wine Festival.

Thur June 25 Demotion Party. Details TBA.