

THE WALNUT LEAF

Rotary Club of Walnut Creek



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465

2020-2021 Theme:

"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

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This Week April 20: JDRF (Type 1 Diabetes Update) Erin Durfee, Jennifer Pliner, and Jonah Pliner

Next Week: April 27: Jon Haveman, Ph.D., Executive Director, National Economic Education Delegation

The Rotary Four-Way Test of All We Think, Say, and Do:

Is it the Truth?

Is it Fair to all Concerned?

Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?

Will it Be Beneficial to All Concerned?

We meet on Zoom on Tuesdays.

The Zoom session starts at 12:20pm with the meeting officially opened at 12:30pm.

Our NEW Weekly Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87366614936>

Meeting ID: 873 6661 4936

Local dialup audio numbers:

San Jose 1-669-900-9128 or

Houston 1-346-248-7799.

NOTE that the May 4, 2021 meeting will be led by Immediate Past President Jesse Smyers. Be on the watch for possible change to the Zoom log in for that date.

Walnut Leaf "Bulletin Editor" Needed: After over 23 years, I need someone to replace me as your weekly bulletin editor. I greatly enjoy this job because it keeps me very up to date with all of things going on in our Club and the Rotary world. But with the anticipated resumption soon of our weekly live meetings, my new role as Club Treasurer will expand dramatically and require a lot more of my time. The bulletin editor job takes about an hour a week to gather content submitted by the Club officers and membership and format it for email distribution and printing (when we are live). We have

several volunteers who generously donate printing and delivery to the meeting. And you can "make this job your own" and implement new innovations and features as you like. Please contact me if you are interested in taking this on.

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District Governor Mark Roberts invites us to the 2021 Virtual District Conference - ALL ABOARD! April 30 - May 2 2021 Watch your email for your personal registration link.

The featured speakers will include:

Toni Scott, the successful young leader of Morrison, a decades old business consulting firm, brings a fresh approach to "Bridging the Gap Between Generations". Her unique perspective will provide us with a greater understanding of what generational gaps may look like from both sides of the row and how to move past them. Overcoming these gaps to secure a more stable and successful future for Rotary is crucial as we strive to build up leaders who will continue the legacy of service above self.

Deepa Willingham is a fellow Rotarian and recipient of the 2018 United Nations Association Peace Prize. The founder of PACE Universal, a non-profit committed to ending trafficking and uplifting communities through the education of girls and women living in extreme poverty.

Tyler Schultz made headlines as he brought down arguably the greatest fraud in American business history, and saved hundreds, if not thousands, of lives. The company behind the fraud? Theranos - and its founder Elizabeth Holmes, who created a device to analyze one tiny drop of blood and run hundreds of tests simultaneously, on the spot. Tyler, the grandson of former Secretary of State George Schultz (who was a Theranos investor) was hired to provide analysis of efficacy and uncovered glaring irregularities which lead to physical threats and ultimately a shattering investigation by the Wall Street Journal, books and documentaries.

Registration is still only \$40” or a “first-class ticket” that will fill your Rotary cup. **Watch your email for your personal registration link.**

World Immunization Week April 24-30. Join with Rotary to combat vaccine hesitancy and misinformation by spreading the facts about why #VaccinesWork. With decades of experience fighting polio, Rotary plays a key role in informing people about the power and effectiveness of vaccines. As COVID-19 vaccines become more available, Rotary members are using our experience in fighting polio to help communities with their vaccination education and organization efforts. And today, because we and our partners have worked so hard, wild poliovirus remains endemic in only two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. But to eradicate it there and to prevent a resurgence in other parts of the world, we must continue to build trust in vaccines and raise funds for polio eradication, including vaccine delivery.

This year, you can take action for World Immunization Week in three easy ways:

1. Download and share our new two-minute video, “Rotary Inspires Leaders in Global Health,” and show it to your clubs. In it, global health leaders like U.S. infectious disease expert Dr. Anthony Fauci, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Co-Chair Bill Gates, UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta H. Fore, and World Health Organization Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus talk about what Rotary has achieved in the fight to end polio.
2. Post graphics and other content from Rotary’s World Immunization Week Toolkit on social media with the hashtags #EndPolio and #VaccinesWork.
3. Donate to Rotary’s PolioPlus Fund to help us and our partners deliver polio vaccines to vulnerable children. Your contribution will be tripled, thanks to the Gates Foundation.

Click this Link for Vaccination Week Materials:

<http://msgfocus.rotary.org/c/lufmRSFYn1lliiisDZNIXWotPui9>

Rotary International Webinar: Building Strong Intergenerational Relationships. Join us Thursday, 29 April, at 11:00 Chicago time (UTC-5) for the fourth webinar in our accountability and inclusion series. Check your email for your personalized registration link.

Generational diversity is one of Rotary’s competitive advantages. Few organizations span generations and build personal connections the way we do. Yet we also can find ourselves segmented by age groups and unable or unwilling to challenge our biases about people of other ages. According to a study by consulting network Deloitte, 70% of survey respondents from around the world say that leading multigenerational organizations is important or very important for their success over the next 12 to 18 months, but only 10% say they’re very ready to do so.

In this webinar, we'll hear from several Rotary program participants who have built strong intergenerational relationships, and:

- Empower young leaders to act on issues they are passionate about
- Build awareness of the biases that create tension between the generations
- Recognize that everyone, no matter how old or young, has something to teach and something to learn

Borges Ranch Work Day May 22 8:30am to Noon: We have arranged with Ranger Dan Bylin for a Rotary Club work day at Borges Ranch on the morning of Saturday May 22 from 8:30 to noon. We will be constructing a fence which we started about a year and a half ago. There will also be some painting and perhaps some light landscape work. This is a great chance to get outdoors with your friends for some community service. Bring water, gloves and wear your Rotarian at Work t-shirt. Tools and materials will be provided. Please email **Don Willoughby** at dfwilloughby@gmail.com with your best contact email and phone number.

Scholarship Committee Report from Scott Wilson. We received six applications from seniors at Las Lomas High School; Unfortunately, for the second year in a row, we received zero applications from Northgate High School. Our committee was **Cathy Durfee, Trudy Triner, Christy Devoe, Matt Guichard** and me. After reviewing the applications and interviewing all six applicants, the committee has selected two LLHS seniors to receive \$3,000 scholarships each (consistent with the \$6,000 budgeted). We will invite them to attend a future Zoom meeting to introduce themselves.

Thanks for your Generous Support of our Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Community Foundation Fundraiser 2020-2021. We have raised \$38,242 from 52 donors thus far. But there is still room to build on that total, to benefit our Community Foundation. The needs supported by RWCCF are as great as ever and deserve our support. You can mail checks payable to RCWCCF to PO Box 4191, Walnut Creek CA 94956.

Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) Big West Regional Chapter Zoom Meeting April 14 Links! The following is a link to the recording of the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6481041224053brcUzwpB3Us6hJc6A--LZDWf45w6Ut66pR>

During the meeting, the participants viewed the following April 22nd Earth Day related youtube videos:

"It can be done" :

<https://youtu.be/AXqG615ATiw>

Earth Day 2021: <https://youtu.be/ge8Xd30JKuo>

And the following two short videos are recommended as follow-up:

Earth Day 2020:

<https://youtu.be/7I0sFyDKKBA>

Nature is Speaking: <https://youtu.be/WmVLcj-XKnM>

Join the New Rotary Polio Plus Society:

Rotary International continues its fight to End Polio Now. The financial need remains great as we strive to eradicate the last and most difficult pockets of polio, and the Polio Plus Society has been started to encourage further donations.

You can join the society by pledging to donate \$100 per year until the World Health Organization certifies the world as Polio Free. Complete and send the attached pledge form to **Trudy Cumming** trudycumming@att.net who will forward it on to District 5160.

Then the easiest way to donate is to go to <https://www.endpolio.org/donate>. You can make a one-time donation of \$100 or more, or you can make a recurring monthly, quarterly, or annual donation. Or you can donate by writing a check payable to The Rotary Foundation, with "PolioPlus" in the memo field, and send the check to **Gordon Fischer** to forward on to RI. **Rotary International Conference 2021 will be Virtual.** Registration will be only \$49. Dates and other information to follow.

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

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April 27 Jon Haveman, Ph.D., Executive Director, National Economic Education Delegation



The PolioPlus Society



As a Rotarian and supporter of Polio Eradication, **Rotary's Number One Priority**, I am participating in the Countdown to History as a member of the

PolioPlus Society of District 5160

I hereby commit to making an annual donation to the PolioPlus Fund of The Rotary Foundation as follows (select one):

- \$100 USD per year (minimum amount to become a society member)
- A contribution of \$_____ per year to PolioPlus (more than \$100)

I pledge to help Rotary make history by continuing to contribute the above amount each year until the World Health Organization certifies that polio has been fully eradicated because ...

Until the world is polio-free, every child is at risk.

Society members will receive a PolioPlus Society membership pin, certificate and an End Polio Now bracelet...and your contribution qualifies for Paul Harris Recognition Points credit.

To make your tax-deductible donation go to <https://www.endpolio.org/donate> or point your smart phone camera to the QR Code on this page. You can choose a one-time donation of \$100 or more, or a recurring donation in the amount and frequency of your choice (We suggest \$10/month as the "easy way" to become a PolioPlus Society member.)

Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Email Address _____ Club Name _____

Please email your form to Mike Crosby (MikePcioPlus@Rotary5160.org)

or mail to Mike Crosby 1713 Chardonnay Lane Brentwood CA 94513.

Your PolioPlus Society certificate, pin and bracelet will be presented at your club meeting to make sure you are recognized for your commitment to polio eradication.

