

# 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 Feb 23: Jennifer Turner, Rotacare

Next Week Mar 2: Eric Ball, "Election 2020"

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### 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?

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#### 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.

#### Join the Club Zoom Happy Hour on

Thursdays at 5:00 pm. Watch for an email on Thursday morning from Darren Kelly with the connection info, or contact Darren at [darren@dmkarch.com](mailto:darren@dmkarch.com).

#### Please Support 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. If you have not donated yet, think about what you usually spend on tickets for friends and family, drinks at the event, raffle tickets, sponsorships, silent and live auction bidding, etc. and contribute something similar as you are able. And if you can afford to donate more, please do! The needs supported by RWCCF are as great as ever and deserve our support. You can mail checks payable to

RWCCF to PO Box 4191, Walnut Creek CA 94956.

**In Memoriam: Leon E. "Lee" Schneider,** former member and past president of the Club 1982-83, passed away on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Lee and his late wife Elizabeth actively participated in our Club service projects and social events. Your editor has a fond memory of being taken to lunch by Lee in 1989 at the old Vic Stewart's railcar restaurant, where Lee gave me my new member introduction and impressed upon me the grandeur and responsibility of being an active and faithful member of our Walnut Creek Club. Lee loved Rotary and was proud to be part of Rotary's positive impact worldwide. Lee has many friends in the Club who will miss him but remember him fondly.

**The Rotary Foundation—Every Rotarian Every Year. Please make a minimum \$25 contribution to The Rotary Foundation so that we can reach 100% participation by our Club.** Send your check payable to The Rotary Foundation to PO Box 4191 Walnut Creek CA 94956. We will route it to Gordoin Fischer to send to RI.

**St Patrick's Day Virtual Gala Celebration,  
Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill, March 20-25:**

Support this local Club as they raise funds for Meals on Wheels Diablo Region, the Monument Crisis Center, and the Pleasant Hill Rotary Foundation's grants program. Click this link to access their event webpage:

<https://pleasanthillrotary.ejoinme.org/StPat>

**Mobility Matters** Needs Volunteer Drivers to drive Seniors to medical appointments and vaccinations. See the flyer on the back page of this edition for the details. Or go to [www.mobilitymatterscc.com](http://www.mobilitymatterscc.com)

**Loaves and Fishes Drive-Thru Food Drive, Tomorrow Wednesday Feb 24 2-4pm at St John Vianney Lower Parking Lot, 1650 Ygnacio Valley Road (enter from Marchbanks Drive).** Place your non-perishable donation items in your trunk or back for easy retrieval by the volunteers. Suggested items include peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce, rice and beans, Mac and Cheese, boxed foods, snack bars, canned fruits and vegetables, snack cups or pudding cups.

**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.

**Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

March 2nd- Eric Ball, "Election 2020"

March 9th -Steve Lack, "Beer Time"

March 16th- Roger Howland, "The Crossing of the Mayflower 1620"

March 23rd- Gloria Kimberly, "The Kinder Leeds Project"

(March 30<sup>th</sup>. No speaker; A group discussion event is planned)

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](mailto: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.

**2021-2022 Rotary Theme:**



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**



## 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 (MikePcilioPlus@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.



# Can You Help Seniors and Veterans? Volunteer Drivers are needed in Contra Costa County



Matching riders with providers

The Rides for Seniors and Veterans Programs bridges the gap in services for ambulatory seniors and disabled veterans in Contra Costa County who no longer drive and cannot access other forms of transportation. We are looking for volunteers to drive seniors and veterans to medical appointments and to get their vaccine shots.

## VOLUNTEERS

### Requirements for volunteer drivers:

- ♦ Be a caring, mature individual who is willing and able to provide transportation to an ambulatory senior or veteran who can no longer drive.
- ♦ Age 25 - 75 with a current driver's license.
- ♦ Excellent driving record and crime free background.
- ♦ Own or have access to a reliable, safe vehicle that is registered and insured.
- ♦ Participate in a three hour training class before giving first ride.

If you meet these requirements, come join our team and find out what a difference you can make in another person's life. It will change their life, and it will most certainly change yours!

If you would like more information about volunteering for the Rides for Seniors or Veterans programs please call:

(925) 284-2215 or email  
david@mobilitymatterscc.com

*(GAS REIMBURSEMENT PROVIDED ON REQUEST)*



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