

# THE WALNUT LEAF

## Rotary Club of Walnut Creek



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465

2020-2021 Theme:

*"Rotary Opens Opportunities"*

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Next Week Feb 16: Maureen DeCoste, Ability Now Bay Area

### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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](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.

**"So Where are We Today?" Update.** There were 150 wild polio cases in 2020, confined to Afghanistan and Pakistan. So far in 2021, there has been only 1. 400 million children received the polio vaccine worldwide in 2019.

## **Dana Gunders of ReFED: Advancing food security, sustainability, and economic well-being by preventing food waste**

**Save The Date: February 18, 2021, 11 a.m. PST**

In 2019, 35% of the food produced in the US went to waste. That uneaten food – worth \$308 billion - accounted for 4% of the US's carbon emissions. Cost-effective, systemic solutions are ready to deploy. Dana Gunders, ReFED Executive Director, will describe the logistics and economics of work now underway in the U.S. to reach the national goal of reducing food waste 50% by 2030. As her predecessor Chris Cochran says, this is “a tremendous economic, environmental, and social opportunity.” ESRAG's Drawdown Food Waste Task Force offering this webinar on practical solutions, to inform and inspire Rotarians and anyone committed to food security and a livable planet worldwide. Please register here.

<https://forms.gle/rxNsyP6G5Ei8SKQB6> A zoom link will be sent via email.

Before becoming a founding board member of ReFED, Dana Gunders served as a senior scientist at the Natural Resources Defense Council, then launched Next Course LLC to provide strategic advice on preventing food waste. She is the author of the landmark *Wasted* study <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/dana-gunders> , launched the Ad Council's Save the Food campaign, and is a leading public voice for solutions, including testifying to Congress and appearing on *Last Week Tonight* with John Oliver.

ReFED <https://refed.com/> is an entrepreneurial nonprofit powered by leaders in the food industry, capital investment, foodbanks, foundations, and the public sector, including the Rockefeller Foundation, General Mills, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The staff bring international experience including sub-

Saharan Africa. <https://refed.com/about/our-team/>

The US feeding industry is estimated to count for 80% of water use, 51% of land use, 10-15% of energy use, 10% of greenhouse gas emissions, and 21,000,000 jobs.

ReFED works to prevent waste across the food system by leveraging data and insights to highlight supply chain inefficiencies and economic opportunities; mobilizes and connects people to take targeted action; and catalyzes capital to spur innovation and scale high-impact initiatives. ReFED's goal is a sustainable, resilient, and inclusive food system that optimizes environmental resources, minimizes climate impacts, and makes the best use of the food we grow. ReFED's Insights Engine <https://insights.refed.com/> is an online tool for learning about the problem, exploring solutions, connecting with solution providers, and calculating impact. For more information about ReFED, please watch this inspiring video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMmmcDVzmo8&ab\\_channel=ReFED](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMmmcDVzmo8&ab_channel=ReFED)

**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**

**District 5160 Governor Mark Roberts sends the following news:**

**The ALL ABOARD! District Conference** will be virtual on the original weekend: April 30-May 2. Folks who made their reservation with a \$20 payment are all set -- and you too can register for a total fee of \$20 if you do so by February 15th! Just visit the district website, [Rotary5160.org](http://Rotary5160.org), scroll down the home page and click on Learn More to register. More info to follow!

**Camp Royale** also will be going virtual this June. Dates TBA. The company that provides the curriculum has all of it ready to go virtual. The sponsorship fee per camper paid by the clubs will be substantially lower since there will be no food or lodging involved. Stay tuned for more info.

**Club History Files on DACdb:** Several Club Members, including **Doug Switzer and Jack Fischer**, have been collecting Club history documents over the past few years. **Jerry Benoit** now has added a file folder to start making this information available in our Club's part of the DACdb database. You can access it by going to [www.rotarywc.org](http://www.rotarywc.org), then clicking on DACdb Login at the upper right, and then login. After that click on the My Club tap towards the upper left. Then click on Club Files (New) in the middle of the page. Then click the Secure tab at the middle left. Then click on the Club History file. Then you can click on and open several individual file documents. Whew! But it does work. And its fun to check out the stuff that has been saved.

**Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

- Feb 16: Maureen DeCoste, Ability Now Bay Area
- Feb 23: Jennifer Turner, Rotacare
- 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)



## 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.

