

The Walnut Leaf

The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek

www.rotarywc.org



Rotary International

International President

Holger Knaack

Germany

International President Elect

Shekhar Mehta

India

District 5160

District Governor

Mark Roberts

District Governor Elect

Kathy Suvia

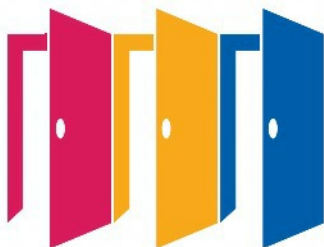
Walnut Creek Club 465

President

Cathy Durfee

President Elect

Peter Kohn



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Today's Meeting

Joan Lucchese *Heather Farms, Past, Present, Future*

We meet on Zoom on Tuesdays.

During the pandemic we are meeting via Zoom. The Zoom session starts at 12:20pm so members can gather and chat with the meeting officially opened at 12:30pm.

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

Meeting ID: 873 6661 4936

Local dial-up audio numbers:

San Jose 1-669-900-9128 or

Houston 1-346-248-7799.

Demotion Party June 29 at the Sugar Loaf Open Space

Let's get together to celebrate the demotion and a great year for Cathy. We will round up about 5:00pm with a dinner catered by Rob Cumming about 6:00pm followed by a short meeting in the amphitheater. Significant others or spouses are welcome. This meeting will take the place of our noon meeting so let's give Cathy the send off she deserves. The theme is western so dress accordingly. We need a head count for the dinner so please send Trudy Cumming an RSVP email at trudycumming@att.net.

2021-2022 Dues Invoices

Watch your email for your 2021-2022 dues invoices, covering your \$300 annual Club dues, \$20 birthday and \$20 anniversary recognitions, optional \$150 "free sharing" recognition for all vacations/cars/other

shares during meetings, and opportunities to make annual contributions to our Community Foundation and to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Two Goals the club is striving to meet!

Yes we are holding at TWO wild polio virus cases in the world since January 1st. Close - but still significant global work to do. And Rotary is responding.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U5a7NdeDXg&t=127s>. We need your help. We are down to the wire to receive the added donation club presidents have approved. The deadline is June 15th. Please answer DG Mark's challenge - each club needs to add at least four new members in the PolioPlus Society to answer the District pledge to contribute an additional \$50,000 to PolioPlus.

President Cathy's goal is a bit more elusive. She is striving to have our club be a 100% donation club this year. That means the each and every one of us needs to step up and contribute to their Paul Harris "account". It would be wonderful if everyone could make a sustaining donation of \$100 or even a double sustainer at \$200 but that is not necessary to meet this goal. All it takes is a donation of \$25! If you haven't checked lately that is less than a lunch out these days... not even a tank of gas! So, if you haven't contributed to your Paul Harris yet this Rotary year please consider doing so so we can send Cathy packing on the 29th knowing her club came through for her!

Borges Ranch Work Day

The Club work day at Borges Ranch was reported on last week. Here is a late submission of a photo of the entire team! Thanks to everyone who participated!



The Borges Ranch "Crew"

Rotary International Convention 2021 will be Virtual.



The Convention starts this coming weekend, June 12th!

Start by checking out the *Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide Fellowship's* virtual Happy Hour, 2pm PDT, June 12 but you must [register in advance!](#) Bring your favorite beer and party!

Join the Fun...Happy Hour

Every other Thursday at 5:00 PM members of the club, friends and guests gather at the Bay Club (2805 Jones Road Walnut Creek) to celebrate the almost conclusion of yet another week. Drinks, Nibbles and conversation all flow. There is free parking in the garage adjacent to the entrance (until the valet parking is Back)! Want to join us?

All you have to do is show up. No masks required if you have been vaccinated! Next meeting of the group is Thursday, June 10th.



Servero A Pasol Applying for Membership.

Tony Paaol, a recently retired BART employee has applied for membership in the club. On his application he wanted us to know: "Life at BART is all consuming – My extra-curricular activities at BART included Joint Union/Management Safety Committee, Educational Development Specialist (training), Exec. Board member ATU 1555 (9 yrs.), Exec. Board member of AFSCME (7 yrs.), Current in various PUC and FEMA certifications required of all Transportation Supervisors (Managers) and other activities related to the safety and advancement of BART members and their families. California State University East Bay certified Train the Trainer.

"As you can see from the above my community activities were limited. In my personal life, however, I have had a passion for European style fencing all my life and even competed in various local, state and national competitions in my more formative years, pitch a mean game of softball, strike with the best of them in bowling and make the tastiest Lumpia (my mother's recipe – ok – with help from my wife) ever."

His wife is Katie, they live in Walnut Creek and it is rumored that he likes to eat our crab. He is sponsored by Jerry Benot. Questions or comments should be directed to Jerry Benot, our membership chair.

Help for India.

Many clubs and individual Rotarians in our District have asked how they can support COVID-19 relief in India. Two District clubs have initiated a plan that will give all of us an opportunity to provide substantial aid to the people of India in a timely and meaningful way that will be carefully monitored.

BACKGROUND

In early May, a member of Moraga Rotary visiting family in Nagpur, India, in District 3030 reported appalling conditions to Club President Brian South. The President of the largest Rotary Club in Nagpur reached out to Brian to ask if Moraga Rotary could help. The logistics of the situation are challenging, and Brian talked with Randeep Singh Arora, a member of Fairfield-Suisun Rotary and a Past President of the Rotary Club of Amritsar South in India's District 3070. They invited District International Service Chair Sheila Hurst to join their conversations, emails, and Zoom meetings with District Governors in Districts 3030 and 3070. (Please see the attached map of Districts in India.)

In response to requests from Sheila, Brian, and Randeep, I joined the District 5160 team along with other key District leaders. Together with the team in India, we crafted a project to provide funds for needed COVID-19 relief equipment and a method to get the equipment to health care facilities in Districts 3030 and 3070 as quickly as possible.

THE SITUATION

India has been hit by a devastating second wave of COVID-19 cases that has overwhelmed the healthcare system and resulted in people struggling to get hospital beds, oxygen, and medicines. While the goal of getting assistance where it is desperately needed is critically important, ensuring that it goes where and when it is needed is essential as well. This involves following specific procedures.

The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) is India's law regulating the flow of foreign funding into the country. Indian nonprofits must have a valid FCRA Registration or receive prior approval from the Ministry of Home Affairs to be able to legally receive charitable funds from donors outside of India.

THE PLAN

Funds donated by Clubs and individuals in District 5160 to The Moraga Rotary Foundation will be transferred to the FCRA-compliant bank account of the Rotary Club of Chandigarh in District 3080.

By written Agreement, Chandigarh Rotary Club will purchase the needed devices and supplies identified by the District Governors of Districts 3030 and 3070. The Agreement

includes a required acknowledgement of receipt of funds, a summary of intended usage of the funds, and reporting requirements to describe how and when the funds have been used including photographs, testimonials, and explanations of the impact and benefits.

The funds donated by Clubs and individuals in District 5160 will be closely supervised by local clubs and District Governors and are to be used only as specified in the written Agreement.

DISTRICT LEADERS IN INDIA

- District 3030 - District Governor Shabbir Shakir, Rotary Club of Nagpur Ishaniya, Fine Marketing India Pvt Ltd
- District 3070 - District Governor Davinder Singh, Rotary Club of Amritsar, Chartered Accountant
- District 3080 - Past District Governor Madhukar Malhotra, Rotary Club of Chandigarh

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Clubs and individuals can contribute tax-deductible funds for COVID-19 relief in India through The Moraga Rotary Foundation using PayPal, credit cards, or checks. For instructions on how to contribute, please visit Moraga Rotary's website. <http://moragarotary.org/> (An image of the website is attached.) Contributions will be accepted until Monday, June 21, 2021. Then the proscribed process of transferring funds to the FCRA account in India will begin. The Moraga Rotary Foundation is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so donations to it to support the India relief project are tax-deductible to the donor. The federal Tax ID for the Foundation is 68-0459094.

PLEASE NOTE: Since these donations are NOT being made through or processed by The Rotary Foundation, donors will NOT receive TRF donor recognition or credit toward Paul Harris Fellow levels.

With questions, please contact:

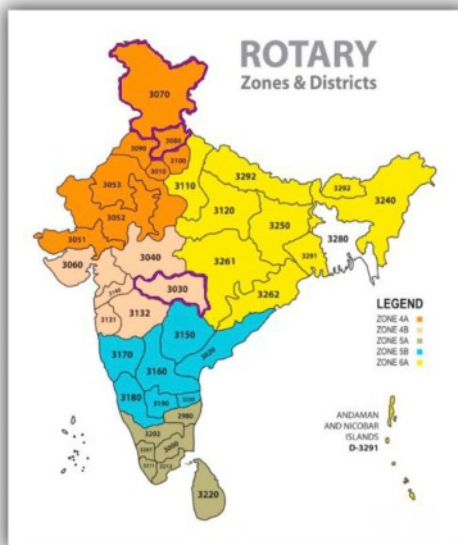
- Brian South: President of the Rotary Club of Moraga and The Moraga Rotary Foundation, south@moraga.ca.us
- Randeep Singh Arora: Rotary Club of Fairfield-Suisun, Past President of the Rotary Club of Amritsar South in District 3070, randip.arora72@gmail.com
- Sheila Hurst: District International Service Chair, Rotary Club of Redding West, sheilahurst@mac.com

I would have liked to donate some of our Global District Designated Funds (DDF) to this most worthy effort but Rotary Foundation regulations stipulate that those funds can be used only for approved Global Grants (which can't happen by June 30th), Peace Centers or PolioPlus. That's why I'm asking clubs in our district and individual Rotarians to support this effort. I am hoping that, together, we can raise and donate \$50,000 or more to this life-saving project.

I recognize that our clubs have generously supported MANY valuable local and international service projects this year. Many have fully allocated their budgets for these projects. In that case, I would ask you to consider making a donation from your club's endowment or foundation. I also encourage individual Rotarians to make their own personal donations, as Claire and I have, to help our fellow Rotarians in India acquire the equipment and supplies needed to save lives in their communities.

The need is immediate and great. But I know that we, as District 5160 Rotarians, are PEOPLE OF ACTION. Please take advantage of this opportunity to act NOW and generously support this vital project.

As always, THANKS for your consideration and participation!



Best Rotary Regards,
District Governor Mark Roberts

Register NOW for District Conference District 5160 Goes Back to the Future Oct 29-31, 2021

How does a family-friendly weekend getaway to a beautiful resort sound after our pandemic isolation? Well, you're invited!! For the first time in over two years, District 5160 Rotarians will gather IN-PERSON for Rotary fun and inspiration at our District Conference and it's only five months away!

As the incoming District Governor on July 1, I've heard from so many of you requesting we return to a fall conference. And we've been missing each other so much! What better time to hold the 2021-2022 District Conference than in beautiful October -- and in the stunning Olympic Valley in the North Tahoe region to boot?

Please join me Halloween weekend at The Resort at Squaw Creek for the 2021-2022 District 5160 annual conference! I promise to get you home in plenty of time for your Halloween evening activities. Full information and registration... [Click Here!](#)

Kathy Suvia
District Governor 2021-22



Coming meetings & events...

June 12-16: Rotary International Virtual Convention

June 15 Ron Wetter *Healthcare & the Pandemic*

June 22 Catharine Baker *Government Accountability 101*

June 29: Demotion Party for president **Cathy!**

Club Officers

Immediate Past President

Jessie Smyers

Secretary

Jason Callan

Attendance Secretary

Trudy Cumming

Treasurer

John McClintic

Sgt. at Arms

Jonathan Bishop

Bulletin Editor

Clint Collier

2019-2021 Directors

Gary Stein

Rod Uffindell

Carl Manna

2020-2022 Directors

Jean Edwards

Anthony Ivanich

Jennifer Stowell

