Today’s Meeting is ZOOM and Live

See page 6 for instruction on Zoom meetings.

Ted Ford
Approved for membership

Ted is a resident of Walnut Creek and retired. Previously he was a Peace Corps Volunteer then a foreign service officer before working in the banking industry. In 2001 he started working with Cole European in auto sales. He is sponsored by Trudy Triner.

Two more Paul Harris awards.

Dess Benedetto and Gordon Fischer were both recognized for their continuing support of the Rotary Foundation at our last meeting. Dess received here 5th Paul Harris award, Gordon is 7th. Gordon is our Foundation secretary so he got to present his pin to himself!
DV8 BBQ
By now you should have received your signup sheet for the DV8 BBQ and Cornhole contest. If you didn’t contact Dess Benedetto. She can also answer any questions you have about this event!
**Rotary Gearing Up for Ukraine Disaster**

Rotary's Disaster Response Fund is a general fund to receive contributions for worldwide response to natural disasters. The fund typically provides for Disaster Response Grants of up to $25,000, made to Rotary Districts to assist on the ground in these disaster areas.

Due to the growing humanitarian and refugee crisis taking place in Ukraine and the impacted surrounding countries, on March 2, 2022, the Executive Committee of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, acting on behalf of the Trustees, agreed that the sudden and extreme needs prompted by the crisis in Ukraine warrant immediate action to bring relief in these impacted areas.

All contributions to Rotary's Disaster Response Fund, through 30 April 2022, will be used to support relief and recovery efforts in Ukraine and surrounding areas. Rotary districts that have been affected by the Ukraine crisis will receive priority access to Disaster Response Grants until 30 June 2022.

The current decision specifically provides that Rotarians in Rotary Districts in (1) Hungary, (2) Poland, (3) Ukraine/Belarus (they are one district), (4) Czech Republic and Slovakia, and (5) Republic of Moldova and Romania are eligible for a Disaster Response Grant of $50,000 until 30 June 2022. When one grant is completed, another grant can be requested, to mobilize donations as soon as possible to make the most difference.

In summary, donations go to Rotary's Disaster Response Fund, and grants are made to Rotary members in the field. This channel of support gives donors the greatest assurance that contributions are going to help those most in need.

Disaster Response Grants may be used to provide basic items such as water, food, medicine, and clothing and for providing immediate aid to support refugees of this crisis.

If you would like to help, please click HERE to donate to the Disaster Response Fund.

Vicki Puliz,  
Rotary International Director  
2021-2023

Larry Lunsford,  
Rotary Foundation Trustee  
2021-2025

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**Rotary Supporting Ukraine**

Peace is a cornerstone of our global mission. We stand with the people of Ukraine.

DONATE
in June 2016 members of a Rotary Exchange program designed to spread peace and understanding worldwide visited our club to introduce us to their homeland.

Sadly... this is their message to us today, four years later.
THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENICIA INVITES YOU TO

SPRING CONCERT & BBQ!

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH, 2022 @ 4 PM
AT THE BENJAMIN’S WINDMILL OAKS
4147 OAKWOOD DRIVE, FAIRFIELD, CA 94534


MENU: BBQ TRI-TIP, BAKED POTATO, CORN ON THE COB, SALAD, ROLL AND DESSERT

Pre-sale tickets only! $50/person
Please contact Heidi at (707) 333-5995 or online at beniciarotary.org - under “News”

All proceeds benefit the Rotary Club International and Ten For Girls Project.
Tax Payer ID#: 68-0484934
**Bocce Returns**

**Gordon Fischer**

The annual Bocce Event put on by the Martinez Rotary Club is on for 2022. The date will be May 14th 2022 at the Martinez Waterfront Park Bocce Ball Courts.

There is no cost to participating members and it is a lot of fun. Food and drinks are included.

In the past we have had up to 4 teams participating in this event and we have brought the first place trophy home twice in the past. Let's get some great teams together and bring it home for the 2022 year.

If you are available that day and would like to join one of our teams please let me know as early as possible. I need to let the Martinez Club know by April 15th how many teams we will have.

![Bocce Ball](BOCCE.jpg)

**Live Meetings**

Members now have the choice of joining our meetings on zoom or attending the live meeting at Heather Farms Garden Center. If you choose to attend the live meeting you can pre-order your lunch (catered by Sunrise Bistro).

Choices for lunch are shown on the next page.

If you want to order a lunch, please email your order to **John McClintic** at jmcclintic@bamlaw.com or leave voicemail at 925-256-8200.

Be sure to specify your desired "Selections" from the menu if you are ordering the Sandwich Box or Salad Box. Bottled water is included.

**Orders must be received no later than noon, Friday preceding the meeting.**

Your meal is included in the $23 live meeting charge for diners.

"No-shows" will be charged the full $23.

The meeting charge for non-diners attending live is $10.

**Zoom Meetings**

Want to join us by Zoom? The Zoom session starts at 12:20pm so members can gather and chat before the meeting officially opens at 12:30pm.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3315080026](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3315080026)

Meeting ID: 331 508 0026

Local dial-up audio numbers: San Jose 1.669.900.9128 or Houston 1.346.248.7799.
Lunch Choices
Catered by Sunrise Bistro

BOX LUNCHES

Sandwich Box
Made with our Herbed or Whole Wheat Breads
Includes Potato or Pasta Salad, Lemon Bar, Brownie or Chocolate Banana Bread (Chef's Choice)

Selections:
- Turkey - Turkey & Cranberry - Ham - BLTA
- Tri Tip & Caramelized Onions - Cashew Chicken Salad
- Tuna Salad - Egg Salad
- Vegetarian: Herbed Cream Cheese, Avocado, Carrots, Beets, Cucumber, Tomato & Sprouts
- Roasted Veggie: Roasted Veggies with Tomato Basil Pesto Spread
- Vegan: Hummus, Avocado, Carrots, Beets, Cucumber, Tomato & Sprouts

Salad Boxes
Include Fresh Roll, Butter, Lemon Bar, Brownie or Chocolate Chip Banana Bread (Chef's Choice)

Selections:
- Cobb (GF) - Thai Chicken, Cashew Chicken Salad (GF) - Chicken or Flaked Salmon Caesar’s Goddess - Greek - Chicken & Roasted Vegetable (GF) - Edamame & Avocado Quinoa (GF)

** (GF) (Vegan) includes Piece of Fresh Fruit & Chia Seed Pudding
** Mariposa Gluten Free Bread

SPECIALTY BOXES

Cindy's Special Box
Grilled Mary's Chicken Breast, Roasted Vegetables, Sweet Potato, House Salsa, Fresh Baked Roll, Brownie or Lemon Bar (Chef's Choice)

Tahini Lentil Bowl
Roasted Cauliflower & Broccolini, Charred Red Onions, Lentils, Baby Chard & Kale, Toasted Seeds, Herbed Lemon Tahini Dressing, Fresh Baked Roll, Brownie or Lemon Bar (Chef's Choice)

Paleo Box (GF)
Grilled Mary's Chicken Breast, Roasted Vegetables, Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Fresh Fruit & Nuts
**District Conference**
**Not to be missed!**
The 2022 District Conference has been set and announced on the District web page. It will be October 28th to the 30th in Monterey (at the Marriott Monterey). The hotel cost is $225 per night. Conference registration:
- Early Bird Registration - $199 through June 1, 2022
- Regular Registration - $225 through August 31, 2022
- Late Registration - $250 September 1

Full-package pricing includes all the great speakers and sessions you've come to expect from a District conference. Not to be missed!
Friday Night Event: $25 per person, Register by Sept 1. Registration will be available soon. Limited space available, sign up early!

**Coming meetings & events…**
April 2: DV8 party at Sugarloaf Open Space
April 23: Dinner party hosted by PE Gary Stein
April 19: Candace Andersen CCC Supervisor
April 24-30: World Immunization Week
May 14: Bocce Tournament
June 1: deadline for conference early registration.
October 27-30: District Conference, Monterey

**Past copies of The Walnut Leaf**
Past copies of the Walnut Leaf for President Peter’s term can be found at:
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9nr3398euvrz4zo/AACaJd1tHoXzvMUSF4guDSyCa?dl=0

For all of our Japanese friends…
happy Kanamara Matsuri this coming weekend!
(April 3rd)

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