

THE WALNUT LEAF



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465

2015 2016 Theme:

"Be a Gift to the World"

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Thought for the Day: Tom Rockwell

Roving Mic: Milt Smith

August Birthdays: Andy Halperin

Today's Speaker: Jill Lawrence, Loaves and Fishes

Monument Crisis Center Backpacks—Thanks to all the Club members and friends for their efforts on this annual project. We collected and donated \$870 in cash, 16 backpacks with supplies, and 33 backpacks without supplies. Special thanks to **Bob Romero** for organizing the project, **Steve Derby** and his law firm for donating many backpacks. And see our E-Edition for a photo of volunteers from **Bruce Johnson's** Eldercare Services with some of the specially decorated backpacks they donated.

Fellowship Fest Events—Sign Up Now. You still can sign up for the many fellowship events scheduled over the next few months. See the information table. To lock in your reservation, please also make the required payment to the host when you sign up. Over \$1500 has been raised for the Club thus far by these new fundraising events.

Farewell Party for Hikari Yamashita: This Sunday Aug 16th, 11am to 2pm in Sausalito. RSVP to Trudy Cumming at <http://evite.me/8C2ZG4WrbH>

Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary "Row with Champions" Fundraiser, Sat Aug 22, San Pablo Reservoir: \$20 adults, children free. For info go to www.rowwithchampions.org.

Rotary District 5160 Foundation and Membership Training Seminars: Two Dates/Locations: Saturday, August 22, Solano Community College
545 Columbus Parkway, Vallejo, CA
OR Saturday, September 26 Red Bluff Community Center, 1500 S Jackson St Red Bluff, CA Coffee served at 8:30. Program is from 9:00 - 1:30 Includes working lunch.

2015-2016 Club Directories Available: Please take two of the directories -- one for the office and one for home. This year's edition features an expanded format and BIG PRINT. If you need more, please ask **Doug Switzer**.

Meals on Wheels 25th Anniversary Fundraiser Gala Thurs September 24, 6pm to 9pm Pleasant Hill Community Center. Small plates, wine, music, and "Never Too Late" show by Stagebridge Senior Theater company. \$65 per person for tix purchased by August 1. Buy tix at <https://mowofcc25th.eventbrite.com>.

Walnut Festival Parade, Sat Sept 25th. We will be walking the parade route this year, accompanying **Marty Larsen's** Model A.

Rotary Foundation Family Fun Day, Sat October 3, Noon to 10pm, Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Vallejo, California. VALLEJO.

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to meet Rotarians from all over the Bay Area and Northern California. And what a deal!! \$40 ticket includes admission, all you can eat picnic lunch and, with purchase of 4 tickets - parking. \$5 of each ticket goes to the Rotary Foundation.

Rotary Apparel. See the information table if you are interested in purchasing any Rotary apparel. See **Doug Switzer** with your order.

August Birthdays: Many happy returns of the day to the following Rotarians celebrating birthdays in August: **Dess Benedetto, Phil Eyring, John Fenoglio, Fran Gallati, Wendy Jones, Dave Killebrew, Dave Levien, and Rob Walters.**

Recognitions: Frequent guest, **Ron Light** from the Concord Club, completed 60 years of perfect attendance in June (many of those make-ups with us. Ron announced that he skipped a few meetings last month to start a new string, so that his friend **Adrien Mendes** can catch up and also make it to 60 years! **Marty Larsen's** summer kids camp operated at Waldon Woods for the past 25 plus years recently hosted a group from Monument Crisis Center. Thanks Marty! Thanks also to Team 1, led by **Clint Collier**, for great programs in July. Rotarian of the month for July is **Doug Switzer**, for his dedicated efforts as Club secretary. **Carl Manna** is happy his NY Mets are back in first place for the first time in seven years. **Trudy Triner** was excited and anxious about doing a huge outdoor training program for 100 participants—a big increase over her usual task. **Trudy Cumming** announced that our Club is working on a Global Grant Rotary Scholar program to host a visiting graduate student at UCSF medical center who

Upcoming Club Meetings/Events:

Aug 18 Gloy Webb and Nicole Bustamonte, Camp Venture; August Anniversaries host **Jerry Benoit**

Aug 25 Mike Robbins, Motivational Speaker

FridayNov 13th Rotary Poker Night, St Isadore's Church Hall in Danville. 5:30pm Dinner, 6:30pm Cards Fly! See **Carl Manna.**

Sat Nov 21st, Rotary Day at the Races Fundraiser, Golden Gate Fields.

will be studying prenatal and post natal infant care issues in the 3rd world. More information to follow.

Re-introduction to long-time member Doug Switzer:

Doug shared the following background information with us. He is a Marine Corp veteran, married 46 years to US Navy nurse Annette. He is the oldest of nine siblings, and grew up in upstate New York. He went to a Jesuit school, then joined the Marines serving as a photojournalist. He and Annette have relocated 16 times during her Navy career. After discharge from the Marine Corp he had a career in banking, retiring from Bank of America when it relocated its headquarters to North Carolina in 1992. He stayed busy as a Scoutmaster for a Boy Scout troop for several years, then joined our Club and has been with us for 17 years. He and Annette now are kept busy chasing around their grandchildren.

Today's E-Edition features a photo of some of the specially decorated backpacks donated to Monument Crisis Center by staff at **Bruce Johnson's** Eldercare Services.

