

# THE WALNUT LEAF



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465

2014 2015 Theme:  
"Light Up Rotary"

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**Thought for the Day: Brian Dutler**

**Roving Mic/Introductions: Trudy Cumming**

**Today's Speaker: Kelly Davidson, Mt. View Sanitary District,  
"The Peyton Slough Marsh Complex"**

**Social Media Info:** Our Facebook site is:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/18996176074>. Our Twitter account is:  
<https://twitter.com/rcwalnutcreek/status/555112323514245120>. On Facebook, you must have your own account and request to join the WC Rotary group. On Twitter, use the URL above and click on "Follow". Contact Doug Switzer if you need further help.

**Demotion Extravaganza:** We will usher Pres Milt out of office with a demotion party on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, at 6:00 PM at Boundary Oak. Sign up sheet with menu information will be available starting at our April 7 meeting. There will be no regular Club meeting at Heather Farm on June 30th. For more information contact **Rem Barnard**.

**ROTARY DISTRICT 5160 ASSEMBLY:  
SATURDAY, APRIL 25—South--Solano  
Community College – Vallejo, 545  
Columbus Parkway, Vallejo, CA 94591.**  
Coffee: 8am, Program: 8:30am–2pm. Learn about The Rotary Foundation, Membership, Youth programs, ways to improve your public speaking skills, how to get into the DacDb database and what it can do for your club.

**Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kohoku Summer Exchange 2015.** We are looking for college

students 18-22 years of age to apply to be our Club's exchange student to visit with the Tokyo-Kohoku Club in Japan this July or August. Please contact **Richard Hsu** 925-988-0826 or ric88899@yahoo.com.

**Fishing in the City, Sat April 11<sup>th</sup> (8:30 to 11:30) at Heather Farms.** For those of you who are new to Fishing in the City, it's a fourth graders' fishing event we put on in partnership with the Buena Vista School, the Department of Fish and Game, the City of Walnut Creek and our Rotary Club. Buena Vista incorporates a curriculum around fishing, watershed issues and conservation in the classroom. Then the week prior to the event, a few of us will be going out to Buena Vista Elementary School on Wednesday and Thursday to teach the kids how to tie knots, bait hooks and cast, as well as telling fishing stories and teaching ethics. The Department of Fish and Game plants fish at Heather Farms, and on Saturday the kids and many of their parents come out for a morning of fishing and fun. If you want to help out with the kids on the day of the event please contact **John Gardner**, at the meeting or by email at [JGardner@Donahue.com](mailto:JGardner@Donahue.com), or phone at 925-746-7770. You don't need to know anything about fishing in particular, and it should be a beautiful morning for it!

**Rotary Golf Tournament, April 17, Boundary Oak Golf Course:** Reg/Lunch 11:45, Shotgun Start 1pm, Dinner 5:45 to 7pm. \$95 includes range, lunch, dinner, prizes. Proceeds benefit Agua Nicaragua Project. **Raffle prize donations are requested.** Please see **Brian Dutler**.

**Rotary LN-4 Artificial Hand Project—A Trip to help the Rotary Club of Cartago, Costa Rica, May 9-10.** Cartago is a city 25 km (16 miles) east of the capital city San Jose, Costa Rica. It's an eight hour flight from here with 1 stop. Contact **Bob Romero** [romero0425@aol.com](mailto:romero0425@aol.com) 925-256-8470 if you would like information about this International service project trip. You also can expand your trip (on your own) to include a vacation in local safe and beautiful beaches and resorts at Manuel Antonio, Playa Conchal, Hacienda Pinilla, and rain forest sites including Monte Verde and Tortugero. Check these locations out on the internet (Bob suggests searching Costa Rica generally and Cartago or any of the above locations individually).

**Upcoming Club Meetings/Events:**

Apr 7 David Gerson, Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa

Apr 14 Felicia Fernandez, First Tee of Contra Costa County

Apr 21 Harvey Samuels, Rossmoor Seniors Tutor Program for the Boys Ranch

Apr 28 Jay Caywood, Inner Wheel Club's Myoelectric Limb Project—Empowering Human Potential

**Career Connections Day May 12:** Our Club will host a career connections program on May 12 to coincide with our lunch program that day about the Four Way Test presented by **Karen Lile**. The format this year will be different from years past. This year we will adopt a one to one format in which one mentor will host one or two students for a morning of career guidance. The mentor could host the student for coffee or breakfast then spend a few hours showing that person what his chosen career is like. How did he get started? What are the possible career paths? A day in the life! Students and mentors are then invited to join us for our noon lunch. Each mentor will be asked to recruit his or her students from local professional organizations or colleges. **Karen Lile** has contacts with DVC and can help with finding students to mentor. A signup sheet will be circulated. Please contact **David Levien** [dlevien48@gmail.com](mailto:dlevien48@gmail.com) or **Jesse Smyers** [jesse.smyers@comcast.net](mailto:jesse.smyers@comcast.net) with questions.