# The Walnut Leaf

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CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

## Today's Meeting

Matt Guichard: Legal issues in the news.



## New member application.

Linda Fodrini-Johnson of Walnut Creek has applied for membership in our Club. Linda is a geriatric care manager and counselor, providing elder care management advice to individuals, couples, and families. She is the author of the book *The Empowered Caregiver*. Linda is

well-known to many in the Club and was active in many Club projects and events with her late husband Bruce. Linda and Bruce shared a passion for working to address homelessness and food insecurity issues and elder care issues. Please provide any comments regarding her proposed membership to the Club Secretary.

## ...Get ready to welcome Miu!

Our 2023 exchange student from the Kohoku Japan Rotary Club is Miu Ishii. She is 18 years old, likes K-Pop music, plays volleyball, and has never been outside Japan. Rose's grandson, Dylan, met her a few days ago and reports that she is excited about traveling to the US, unfortunately, speaks little English, and



doesn't know much about the Bay Area or California. He recommended to her that she study and learn more English, and research the greater Bay Area to identify anything that interests her. **Rose** and **Don** are coordinating Miu's itinerary. She will arrive on August 4th and return to Japan on August 30th. Students typically were very interested in daily life in the US. If you would like to host Miu, e-mail **Don** with the dates, which nights she would stay with you, and any proposed activities. Don is still in need for 8/21, 24, 25, and 28.

## Sign up to welcome Miu!

President **Gordon** is hosting a "Welcdome Miu" party the Sunday following her arrival, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Tentatively around 3:30pm. It is a traditional American Pot Luck event; Gordon is supplying the main course and everyone is invited to come and bring their favorite side dish, salad or dessert. An e-mail has gone out on this event but if you haven't responded do it now so we have an accurate head count! And while you're deciding what dish to bring, Rotarian **Prem** suggests you practice your Japanese...

In Japan, the words used in greeting vary depending on the time of day:

- Ohayou-gozaimasu: Good morning
- Kon'nichiwa: Hello (during daytime)
- Konbanwa: Good evening (during evening/night)
- Arigatou gozaimasu: Thank you This is a phrase to express thanks and gratitude. You can shorten the

phrase to "arigatou" in a casual situation, but "arigatou gozaimasu" is more polite. If somebody tells you "Arigatou gozaimasu," you can reply with "Dou itashimashite," or "You're welcome."

- Hai : Yes
- Iie : No
- Sumimasen: Excuse me

This useful phrase can be used as both an apology and as thanks, as well as to address a stranger or unfamiliar person. Its nuance is quite similar to the English equivalent "excuse me."

- Genki desuka: How are you (How is your Health)
- Itadakimasu: Phrase said before eating food
- Gochisōsamadeshita: Phrase said after eating; also means "Thank you for the meal."

In Japan, it is customary to say "Itadakimasu" before eating (literally, "I receive [the food]), and "Gochisosamadeshita" ("Thank you for the meal") when you are done eating. These both express gratitude to the people who prepared the meal, so please use to show your appreciation. It is also polite to say the expression "Gochisosamadeshita" to the restaurants front staff before leaving. [Want to hear how these are pronounced? Click on the link and then on the speaker icon to listen]

## Join the Fun...Happy Hour

Every other Thursday at 5:00 PM mem-

bers of the club, friends and guests gather at the Bay Club (2805 Jones Road Walnut Creek) to celebrate the almost conclusion of yet another fortnight of Rotary. Drinks, nibbles and conversation all flow. There is free parking in the garage adjacent to the entrance (until the valet parking is back)!

Contact **Darin Kelly** for details and to see if this is a meeting week.

## Coming meetings & events...

August 1: Eve Birge, Ex. Director White Pony Express August 6: Exchange Student Miu Isahii Welcome party at **Gordon**'s! August 8: Linda Fodrini-Johnosn Memory August 22: Priscilla Tudor Walnut Creek Historical Society August 29: Charles Fracchia: Top Scams Targeting Older Adults September 5: Ford Roosevelt USS Potomac September 12: Louise Nayer Author

## **Community Service Day.**

Walnut Creek will be holding its annual Community Service Day in October

(the 14<sup>th</sup>). Rotarian **Jesse Smyers** will be coordinating our participation in this event. Want to help, be involved? Contact Jessie.



## August Anniversaries...

Do you recognize these happy Rotarians?







## **Other Club Officers**

Immediate Past President Gary Stein

#### Secretary Marcia Gerg

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> Treasurer John McClintic

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# July's Team!

Milt Šmith (Leader) Trudy Triner Clint Collier Lance Mendes Peter Kohn Jack Fischer Mary Azevedo Al Sevilla Shalini Lugini Frank Suess

## **Live Meetings**

Members have the choice of joining our meetings on zoom or attending the live meeting at Heather Farm Lakeside Room, 301 N San Carlos Drive. 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.

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://zoom.us/j/94987367676?pwd=TUJiWXFINWk3SWI2dz VZZ01vdzBuQT09

Meeting ID: 939 5921 4209 Passcode: WCRotary

#### **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 Caulflower & 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

