

# The Walnut Leaf

*The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek*  
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This Tuesday's lunch  
Sheppard's Pie  
by Rodney Cummings

## Today's Meeting...

### Tribute to **John "Jack" Fischer**



It was with profound sadness that we reported the passing of past president and all around great Rotarian, **John "Jack" Fischer**, father of our current president, **Gordon over the year end. Jack's** impact on the club can not be fully appreciated, To many of us he, as our club's new member coordinator, was our first "contact" with what it meant to be a Rotarian. To even

more of us he was "Mr. Project", finding, planning and coordinating one local project after another to, as Rotary says, "Do Good" in our community. Today Jack was originally scheduled to address us on his view of Club history; instead, we are dedicating our meeting to our remembrances of Jack! Lunch, a Sheppard's pie, will be provided by **Rodney Cummings**, husband of **Trudy** as a tribute to Jack.

## New Meeting location

Starting February 6th we will be meeting at a new location.: the Assistance League Diablo Valley at 2711 Buena Vista, Avenue Walnut Creek.

## Dr. Craig DeVinney

Doctor **Craig DeVinney** our newest member will be inducted today!



## Linda Johnson

Our newest Paul Harris member! Presented her recognition by **Layton Hansen** and Pres. **Gordon!**



the year of the Dragon. Join with fellow Rotarians and celebrate a second New Year with a Chinese dinner at Uncle Yu's in Lafayette. A special "prix fixe" menu has been selected for \$50/person (tax and gratuity included). Drinks... you are on your own! Space is limited to a total of 24 people, Xiān dào xiān dé\*. Sign up today and turn in your check for payment to our treasurer or to **Clint Collier** to insure your place at this once in a year event!

\*first come first served

## Girl Scout Troop 30810 Marcia Gerg



Thank you all for your generous donation to the Foothill Middle School for the Wellness Center being organized by GS Troop 30810 for their silver badge.

It was truly amazing that our speakers today were the Girl Scouts and that they took on this project to provide a mental health safe space for their middle school. Today we collected \$3,000 towards their goal of \$5,100.

I am very moved that these four sixth grade girls made this their silver project especially that this year's Rotary Theme is to "Create Hope in the World". I don't know if you know this but **Gordon McI-**



## Time for some Rotary Fun & Fellowship!

The Lunar or Chinese New Year starts on February 10<sup>th</sup> this year;



Uncle Yu's

nally, our RI President, had a brother that took his life and he made the theme for this year in honor of his brother and mental health.

### **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 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...**

January 23: Taylor Foxworthy  
Organizing and Decluttering Tips

January 27: District Grant Training

January 30, 2024: **Hari Boukis**  
New Website Introduction

February 6: Kerry Hillis  
Update on BART

February 10: Chinese New Year

February 14: Valentine's Day Event!

February 27: Sherry Nadwony &  
Caitlin Sly

Meals on Wheels

March 12 Ben Lavender CCC San  
Pollution Prevention

April 26-28: District Conference

### **District Conference.**

Our 2024 District Conference is scheduled from April 26-28, 2024!

REGISTER NOW for the TEAM 5160  
World Series District Conference-MVP

Status.

The Conference Hotel, Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown-Arena is located just steps away from the historic Old Sacramento Waterfront District.

The Conference Hotel, Holiday Inn, is in the middle of EVERYTHING, with discounted room rates of \$184/night.

Register and book NOW so you don't miss out on early bird rates. Use this link to book rooms:  
[Rotary5160Booking Link](#)

You can find more information about our Field of Rotary Dreams District Conference, as well as the surrounding Sacramento area right here on the Conference website. If you need assistance, our registration team can be reached at [Registrar@Rotary5160.org](mailto:Registrar@Rotary5160.org).

Full package pricing includes:

Friday Night Social; Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast buffet. Dynamic speakers that will motivate and inspire you! Also included; access to all general sessions on Saturday/Sunday; House of Friendship; participate in community service projects and LOTS of fellowship!

Registration

- Regular Registration: \$299 Dec. 1—January 31, 2024
- Late Registration: \$325 Feb. 1—April 19, 2024

## Other Club Positions

Immediate Past President

**Gary Stein**

Secretary

**Marcia Gerg**

Rotary International

Secretary

**Layton Hansen**

Attendance Secretary

Polio Plus Warrior

**Trudy Cumming**

Treasurer

**John McClintic**

Sergeant at Arms

**Trudy Cumming**

Bulletin Editor

**Clint Collier**

Membership

**Jerry Benoit**

Community Outreach

**Trudy Triner**

Club Hospitality

**Darren Kelly**

Audio Visual

**Tony Pasol**

Fellowship

**Jason Callan**

Speaker Committee

**Carolina Alas-Hemphill**

**Matt Guichard**

**Prem Abraham**

**Peter Kohn**

2021-2023 Directors

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**Darren Kelly**

**Trudy Triner**

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**Jason Callan**

**Jerry Benoit**

**Lance Mendes**

District Officers

DV8 Asst Governor

**Cathy Durfee**

### January's Team!

Milt Smith (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 [jmclintic@bamlaw.com](mailto:jmclintic@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 12:00pm so members can gather and chat before the meeting officially opens at 12:30pm.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84410765063?pwd=dVBnK1hPV3NhcStWaitqUTU0YXdEQT09>

Meeting ID: 939 5921 4209 Passcode: WCRotary



# Weekly 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  
Gluten Free Bread

No Lunches today.  
Enjoy Jack's favorite  
Sheppard's pie!.

## 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 & Broccoli, 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