

THE WALNUT LEAF

Rotary Club of Walnut Creek



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465

2019-2020 Theme:

"Rotary Connects the World"

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Today's Program: Chief Lewis Broschard, Contra Costa Fire

District 5160's Fall Training Seminars are here – help Strengthen Your Club! DG Tina Akins invites us to attend the 2019-20 Fall Seminars. The theme of the Seminars is the Rotary 3-legged stool - Public Relations/Branding, Foundation and Membership. Attend the Seminar that best fits your schedule and location. **Fairfield** Saturday, October 5, 2019 Location: Fairfield High School, 205 E. Atlantic Ave, Fairfield; **Redding**. Saturday, October 19, 2019 Location: Simpson College 2211 College View Drive, Redding. See your email for your customized registration link.

Rotary/Loaves and Fishes Poker Fundraiser is Friday November 8. Mark your calendars. Details to follow.

Rotary Day at the Races, November 16, Golden Gate Fields, 11:00 am. buffet at noon, first race 12:45. \$41.00 per/ person. Includes Valet Parking, entry, lunch buffet. Sign up with **Milt Smith**.

From Pres Jesse: "Money Money Money"
"Our club operates out of two pots of money. Club operations, including building rent, lunches, the Japanese exchange, the I House tour, fellowship events, and RI dues, are funded by our club budget which the board approved last month. We are budgeted to spend about \$74,000 this year. Our income to the club comes mostly from dues of \$250 per member lunches and club fund raisers of which the poker tournament is the largest. Total income is expected to be \$65,000, thus a deficit of about \$9,000. This will come from reserves which are

currently just over \$30,000. In addition, to these sources or funds there is The Rotary Foundation, (TRF) which is Rotary International, your "Paul Harris". Each Rotarian is expected to contribute to this account each year. These funds go toward the eradication of Polio as well as the many other projects that Rotary works on worldwide. A good portion of the TRF funds come back to our district to be used for district wide projects through District and Global grants.

Our club gifting comes from the Community Foundation not to be confused with The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Our Community Foundation has done quite well since it was created 30 years ago. We now have a balance of over \$650,000. The major source of funds is the crab feed. We gift about \$40,000 to various community groups each year including scholarships, the WASH program, Rota Care, and the Wheelchair foundation. So far this year we have granted \$9,000, with Yours Humanly, \$2,000; WASH, \$5,000; The Ruth Bancroft Garden, \$2,500; and Swimming Saves Lives, \$500.

So ..., I would like every Rotarian to make a gift to TRF every year and earn credit toward Paul Harris recognition and help end Polio. For recognitions and club fines, the best choice is our club to help cover the scheduled annual deficit."

Hurricane Dorian Rotary Relief Effort: The Rotary Clubs of South Florida are collecting funds for their 180' 4 containers (20' long and 8' high) ship of supplies that they took to the Bahamas this past weekend. Go to www.rotary6990.org

Prospective Member Simon Makdessi: Simon is President of Quantum Geotechnical in Concord, and lives in Walnut Creek with his wife Judy Baker. He has lived here for 23 years and is eager to join us in serving the community. Please provide any comments to the Club Secretary.



Last week's speaker Sunny Singh from Yours Humanly, which supports educational services for needy children locally and internationally. Their 5K Fundraising Run at Heather Farms is on Oct 19th.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Tues Set 24 Tom Tomura, Contra Costa County Crisis Center

Fri Nov 8, Rotary/Loaves and Fishes Poker Fundraiser. Details to follow.

Sat Nov 16 Rotary Day at the Races, Golden Gate Fields. \$41 includes valet parking, entry, buffet. See Milt Smith.