

THE WALNUT LEAF

Rotary Club of Walnut Creek



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465

2018-2019 Theme:
"Be the inspiration"

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Meals on Wheels - Our Club has had a Meals on Wheels run since January of 2005 and many of the original volunteers are still at it. Once involved, you form relationships with the clients you serve. But we are having some turnover and could use a few more qualified volunteers. Before one can become a volunteer for this, he/she needs to make an application to Meals on Wheels, go through their training, and do at least one drive-along with an experienced volunteer. Many people volunteer as a team with their spouse. Others just volunteer on their own. We normally send out a team of 2, so when we get individual volunteers, we match them up with others. For info please contact **Jerry Benoit**.

Demotion Party Tuesday June 25th, 6pm to 9pm at The Club House at Boundary Oak. Help say sayonara to Pres Rich Fleming and Rotary Year 2018-2019. \$40 per person. Email **Gordon Fischer** gfisher@rcfisher.com with your number of attendees and entre' selections: Lemon Chicken; Baked Pacific Dory; or Vegetable Wellington.

Rotary LN-4 Artificial Hands Project Delivery in Guatemala City July 20th Please contact **Bob Romero** romero0425@aol.com if you are interested in participating in the next delivery of LN-4 artificial hands to needy recipients in Guatemala City, Guatemala. You

will have to make your own travel arrangements, but Bob can give you background information about the event.

Rotary District 5160 Installation Dinner and Kickoff Party for 2019-2020, is July 13, 2019, at the Woodland Community Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland, from 5:00 - 9:00pm. See your email for your customized registration link.

Rotary District Conference May 1-3 2020. Mark your calendar for the PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE at the Redding Civic Auditorium, and the beautiful Sheraton Redding Hotel at the Sundial Bridge.

Rotary International Convention 2020 June 6-10 Honolulu Hawaii USA. A special early bird registration rate of \$395 is available if you **register online between June 1 and June 5 2019** at www.riconvention.org

Burning Man Ranger **Hari Boukis**, with **Carl**



Manna and Jack Foley, following Hari's presentation last week.

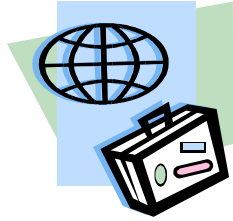
Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Tues Jun 11 Joseph LaBrie Walnut Creek Historical Society. "Shadelands Ranch and the Frank Lloyd Wright Connection."

Tues June 18 Larry Sly from the Contra Costa Food Bank

Tues June 25 Demotion Party, 6pm-9pm, Boundary Oak. Sign up with **Gordon Fischer**.

News from a Great Big Rotary World...



Polio Vaccine Demo Sample Mixup at Local Rotary Meeting Ends in 1960's Groove Fest

SMALLVILLE, USA The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Smallville is working with local officials to investigate an incident last Thursday in which several Club members apparently ingested a mind altering substance and embarked on a meandering romp through Peace and Friendship Park, astounding park patrons and the local populace.

According to police reports, Thursday's weekly noontime meeting ended abruptly after several Club members unwittingly ingested Ayahuasca, a hallucinogenic tea brewed from plants of South America and used in traditional indigenous Amazon basin religious ceremonies. They wandered out of the community center and made their way to the center of the park where several formed a drum circle and played into the night.

"This is Smallville, not Berkeley. You'd think we were in Peoples Park, the way they were behaving" complained Margot Thatcher, seventh grade teacher at nearby Ridgemont Junior High School. **"Our field trip to the park was ruined. They were a bad influence, urging our young teens to supplement the 4-Way Test with 'Question Authority' and 'Never trust anyone over 35'."**

One mystery was quickly solved. **"I just couldn't figure out how the revelers all suddenly changed into Rotary themed tie-dye t-shirts,"** said a confused Shirley MacAdams, Club Treasurer. It turns out that a local Interact Club recently held a



fundraiser that several of the revelers supported, stocking up on t-shirts that fit in nicely with the impromptu high jinx at the park.

Unfortunately, other revelers took affairs to even greater heights. Club Secretary, Ramona Wyley lamented about fellow Club member Darrell McSpadden that his **"Running helter skelter through the park half-naked, covered in body paint, was no way for a recipient of the Rotarian of the Year to comport himself. When he comes down from his high, he's got some explaining to do."**

Chairman of the Smallville Chamber of Commerce, and Club member Dave Henderson, also went off the rails during the event. Dave recently retired as head of sales at Tri-County Mower and Tractor, and was seen handing out flowers to park visitors, declaring **"I harvest love now."** After a search that lasted well into the evening, Dave was located by his family at the Flying J Truck Stop on Interstate 1.



Granddaughter Heather says **"I had to lure my stoned Grandpa into my Mom's Prius with a bag of Cool Ranch Jacked Doritos and a bottle of Red Vitamin Water. He kept asking me to help him find his lost sandals. 'Whatever'--Old people are weird."**

Trying to salvage some dignity for the Club, and for Rotarians worldwide, in a statement released this morning Club President, Matt Barnes, noted that last Thursday's ill-fated Club meeting started out on a very positive note, featuring a



presentation on **Rotary International's Polio Plus program**, which administers the oral polio vaccine in small, single-dose disposable ampules. Mock doses, containing sugar water,

were administered to Rotarians at the meeting to demonstrate how easily the distribution works. **"But, somehow, the sugar water was replaced with a mind altering substance that made everyone who tried the samples a little loopy. And it's a real mystery because the samples were stored in the refrigerator in my garage, and the only ones who ever go in there are myself and my son, Travis, who uses the garage with his friends for band practice."**...Sounds like another mystery solved...

Thanks to intrepid reporter and exotic herbals enthusiast, **Darren Kelly**, for this report. Ed.