

THE WALNUT LEAF

Rotary Club of Walnut Creek



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465

2020-2021 Theme:

"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

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This Week April 6: The Trinity Center

Next Week April 13: Bay Area Crisis Nursery

The Rotary Four-Way Test of All We Think, Say, and Do:

Is it the Truth?

Is it Fair to all Concerned?

Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?

Will it Be Beneficial to All Concerned?

We meet on Zoom on Tuesdays.

The Zoom session starts at 12:20pm with the meeting officially opened at 12:30pm.

Our NEW Weekly Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87366614936>

Meeting ID: 873 6661 4936

Local dialup audio numbers:

San Jose 1-669-900-9128 or

Houston 1-346-248-7799.

Join the Club Zoom Happy Hour on

Thursdays at 5:00 pm. Watch for an email on Thursday morning from **Darren Kelly** with the connection info, or contact Darren at darren@dmkarch.com.

In Memoriam: Nancy Alexander, Quent

Alexanders wife of 63 years, passed away unexpectedly last week. Nancy was a delight, a true Southern Lady, and a friend to many of us. Quent is comforted by their children and grandchildren, and reports that a great-grandchild is on the way (this fall). No services are scheduled as yet due to delays at the Neptune Society and also at San Ramon Valley Methodist Church. May her memory be eternal.

District Governor-Elect 21-22 Kathy Suvia invites us at 2021 Virtual District Assembly **THIS SATURDAY, April 10, 9 AM to 12 noon, via Zoom.** The 2021 District Assembly has Something for Everyone, especially new members. Expect useful information, inspiration, and a great selection of what you need as a Rotarian to "Serve to Change Lives." All from the comfort of your home!
Watch your email for your personal registration link.

April 16- 17 Rotary Club of Concord (and other local Clubs) "hands-on" volunteer project installing donated flooring in three meeting rooms at Salvation Army, Concord. Volunteers are needed Friday 2pm to 6pm and Sat 9-12 and 1-6pm. No experience necessary. Contact Gary Collins 925-323-9223 gary@windowsandbeyond.net to sign up or get more information.

April 17 Walnut Creek Spring Food Drive Shopping List and Info Letter to Send to Neighbors: Attached is a sample letter you can customize and send to your neighbors, with the "shopping list" of items that the City of Walnut Creek is requesting as part of its Spring Food Drive. Contact Jesse Smyers jesse.smyers@comcast.net who is coordinating our collections.

Rotary and Covid-19 Global Vaccination

Efforts: Click the link below for a Video Announcement from RI President **Holger Knaack** & The Rotary Foundation Chair **K.R. Ravindran**:

<https://vimeo.com/525084588/28e61fc6b0>

“Yosemite Beautification” Hands On Service Project, Monday May 2nd (including overnight camping Sunday May 2 and Monday Night. Michele MckayMcCoy provides the following special invitation: **If you want to participate contact Michele mckaymccoy@comcast.net right away (before this Friday). Space is very limited.** “In the face of incredibly long odds, we have won the lottery at Yosemite National Park to be one of the 20 group work projects for 2021. In a normal (i.e. pre-pandemic) year there are 75 - 100 projects, and even then the odds are never in your favor. (Yes, I know "The Hunger Games" are YA books, but good writing is good writing, no matter the audience.)”

“We get free entrance to the Park on Sunday, May 2 and free camping at Upper Pines in Yosemite Valley at noon on Sunday, Sunday night and Monday night. The work day is Monday, May 3 from 9 am to 2 pm. Departure date is May 4 by noon. The work project is "Yosemite Beautification" which could mean anything but is likely to mean cleaning out fire rings in campsites. This means you need grubby work clothes.”

“Here's the bad news. The group of volunteers is limited to 10 people. and every person in the group must also be a worker bee; no free loaders. Be prepared. No RV's, no pets, no youngsters are allowed. You will need a serious tent and a serious sleeping bag. It's cold in the valley, even in May. You can rent from REI or I can help. Probably. Please respond to my personal email: mckaymccoy@comcast.net. Woo hoo!”

District Governor Mark Roberts invites us to the 2021 Virtual District Conference - ALL ABOARD! April 30 - May 2 2021 The featured speakers will include:

Toni Scott, the successful young leader of Morrison, a decades old business consulting firm, brings a fresh approach to “Bridging the Gap Between Generations”. Her unique perspective will provide us with a greater understanding of what generational gaps may look like from both sides of the row and how to move past them. Overcoming these gaps to secure a more stable and successful future for Rotary is crucial as we strive to build up leaders who will continue the legacy of service above self.

Deepa Willingham is a fellow Rotarian and recipient of the 2018 United Nations Association Peace Prize. The founder of PACE Universal, a non-profit committed to ending trafficking and uplifting communities through the education of girls and women living in extreme poverty.

Tyler Schultz made headlines as he brought down arguably the greatest fraud in American business history, and saved hundreds, if not thousands, of lives. The company behind the fraud? Theranos - and its founder Elizabeth Holmes, who created a device to analyze one tiny drop of blood and run hundreds of tests simultaneously, on the spot. Tyler, the grandson of former Secretary of State George Schultz (who was a Theranos investor) was hired to provide analysis of efficacy and uncovered glaring irregularities which lead to physical threats and ultimately a shattering investigation by the Wall Street Journal, books and documentaries.

Registration is still only \$40” or a “first-class ticket” that will fill your Rotary cup.

Watch your email for your personal registration link.

Thanks for your Generous Support of our Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Community Foundation Fundraiser 2020-2021. We have raised \$38,242 from 52 donors thus far. But there is still room to build on that total, to benefit our Community Foundation. The needs supported by RWCCF are as great as ever and deserve our support. You can mail checks

payable to RWCCF to PO Box 4191, Walnut Creek CA 94956.

The Rotary Foundation—Every Rotarian Every Year. Please make a minimum \$25 contribution to The Rotary Foundation so that we can reach 100% participation by our Club. Send your check payable to The Rotary Foundation to PO Box 4191 Walnut Creek CA 94596. We will route it to **Gordon Fischer** to send to RI.

Rotary Environmental Sustainability Project: Join other Rotarians develop programs and projects to be implemented throughout the world, in developing and developed countries, to make our activities environmentally sustainable. An example is the "Becoming a Food Waste Warrior" project. Check out the "ReFED" recording and PowerPoint presentation on the ESRAG website <https://www.esrag.org/events>

Check out the ESRAG newsletter with the following link: [Ready to download/print](#)

RI Past Pres Ian Riseley ("Plant one tree per Rotarian in 2017-2018"), Rotary, and the Environment Webinar: For another update on Rotarian efforts to improve the global environment, check out the following link to a short .pdf article and the webinar video <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N05bzl0799mTWQu0eKZb4vhjoGgPGUg9/view>

Join the New Rotary Polio Plus Society: Rotary International continues its fight to End Polio Now. The financial need remains great as

we strive to eradicate the last and most difficult pockets of polio, and the Polio Plus Society has been started to encourage further donations.

You can join the society by pledging to donate \$100 per year until the World Health Organization certifies the world as Polio Free. Complete and send the attached pledge form to Trudy Cumming trudycumming@att.net who will forward it on to District 5160.

Then the easiest way to donate is to go to <https://www.endpolio.org/donate>. You can make a one-time donation of \$100 or more, or you can make a recurring monthly, quarterly, or annual donation. Or you can donate by writing a check payable to The Rotary Foundation, with "PolioPlus" in the memo field, and send the check to **Gordon Fischer** to forward on to RI. **Rotary International Conference 2021 will be Virtual.** Registration will be only \$49. Dates and other information to follow.

2021-2022 Rotary Theme:



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

April 6 The Trinity Center
April 13 Bay Area Crisis Nursery
April 20 JDRF (Type 1 Diabetes Update)
April 27 TBA



The PolioPlus Society



As a Rotarian and supporter of Polio Eradication, **Rotary's Number One Priority**, I am participating in the Countdown to History as a member of the

PolioPlus Society of District 5160

I hereby commit to making an annual donation to the PolioPlus Fund of The Rotary Foundation as follows (select one):

- \$100 USD per year (minimum amount to become a society member)
- A contribution of \$_____ per year to PolioPlus (more than \$100)

I pledge to help Rotary make history by continuing to contribute the above amount each year until the World Health Organization certifies that polio has been fully eradicated because ...

Until the world is polio-free, every child is at risk.

Society members will receive a PolioPlus Society membership pin, certificate and an End Polio Now bracelet...and your contribution qualifies for Paul Harris Recognition Points credit.

To make your tax-deductible donation go to <https://www.endpolio.org/donate> or point your smart phone camera to the QR Code on this page. You can choose a one-time donation of \$100 or more, or a recurring donation in the amount and frequency of your choice (We suggest \$10/month as the "easy way" to become a PolioPlus Society member.)

Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Email Address _____ Club Name _____

Please email your form to Mike Crosby (MikePcioPlus@Rotary5160.org)

or mail to Mike Crosby 1713 Chardonnay Lane Brentwood CA 94513.

Your PolioPlus Society certificate, pin and bracelet will be presented at your club meeting to make sure you are recognized for your commitment to polio eradication.



Spring Food Drive Sample Solicitation Letter and Shopping List: Use the sample solicitation letter and “shopping list” below to solicit food donations for the City of Walnut Creek Spring Food Drive. Contact Jesse Smyers jesse.smyers@comcast.net who is coordinating our collections.



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Hello Neighbor;

The City of Walnut Creek has organized a food drive for Saturday April 17 to benefit the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. The Rotary Club of Walnut Creek, of which I am a member, is helping in this effort. I have attached a shopping list and drop off information for donations. If you like, give me a text or phone call and I will pick up your donation the morning of April 17 and transport it to the drop off point. There are many ways to help with this effort including money donations. You can learn more by visiting the the city web site : www.Walnut-Creek.org/Service

Thanks for any help you can provide.

See next page for the shopping list.

Community Food Drive

Need for Food is Greater than Ever

SHOPPING LIST

- Natural Peanut Butter _____
- Whole Grain Cereals _____
- Hearty Low-Sodium Soups _____
- Beans and Lentils (dry or canned) _____
- Canned Tuna and Chicken in Water _____
- Canned Fruit in Juice _____
- Nonperishable, Low-Sodium, Ready-to-Eat Meals (chili, ravioli, etc.) _____
- Low-Sodium Canned Vegetables _____
- Brown Rice _____
- Whole Wheat/Grain Pasta _____
- Canned Tomato Products _____

NO GLASS, please.