

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 March 23 Gloria Kimberly, "The Kinder Leeds Project"

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.

CLUB BEER AND BRATZ (AND OTHER STUFFS), THIS SATURDAY MARCH 27, 11:30AM, SUGARLOAF OPEN SPACE.

Have fun, wear masks, follow social distancing protocol, and (did I say?) HAVE FUN!. RSVP to **Milt Smith** miltsmith549@gmail.com or **Peter Kohn** pkohninsurance@gmail.com so we know how much to buy.

St Patrick's Day Virtual Gala Celebration,

Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill, March 20-25:

Support this local Club as they raise funds for Meals on Wheels Diablo Region, the Monument Crisis Center, and the Pleasant Hill Rotary Foundation's grants program. Click this link to

access their event webpage:

<https://pleasanthillrotary.ejoinme.org/StPat>

Prospective Member Dan "Prem" Abraham

has been proposed for membership in our Club. His sponsor is **Rod Uffindell**. Prem is Chairman of Gladstone Abraham Group, a private merchant banking group that advises technology based companies on top management strategy and corporate finance. Prem formerly was a member of the Rotary Club of Los Altos, Sunset. Prem and his wife Judith live in Walnut Creek. Please provide any comments to our Club Secretary.

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.

Congratulations to Our Club on Turning 84!

We received the following message of congratulations: from Suren Poruri, Past President from RI District 3150, India. "Your rotary club of Walnut Creek was chartered on 19-Mar-1937, which is today. I would like to extend my warm wishes to you and to all your club members on this joyous moment. Rotary is the only organization which has global foot print and is working towards happy communities across the world with it's noble initiatives. Thanks to our Paul Harris, we are able to make a difference in the communities where we live. Looking forward to working with your club on service projects . Thanks and regards
Suren Poruri
District Best Club President for year 2017-18
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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



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

LOAVES AND FISHES' NEW DINING ROOM OPENING AT TRINITY CENTER IN WALNUT CREEK

Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 11:00 A.M.
1888 Trinity Ave, Walnut Creek, CA



Upcoming Meetings and Events:

March 16th- Roger Howland, "The Crossing of the Mayflower 1620"

March 23rd- Gloria Kimberly, "The Kinder Leeds Project"

(March 30th. No speaker; A group discussion event is planned)



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 (MikePcilioPlus@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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www.rotarywc.org

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.