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Rotary Club of Walnut Creek



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Watch Your Email for Instructions for Joining Next Week's Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Next Week: Be sure to have a bottle of Corona beer on hand to toast Cinco de Mayo during our Virtual Meeting!

Thanks again go to Pres Jesse for organizing our terrific and fun packed Virtual Meetings. You can connect to Zoom with your PC, laptop, iPad or other tablet, or you can dial in from any phone. Watch your email for the invitation and connection/dial in instructions.

And also watch your email for Zoom connection information for our Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Virtual Happy Hours on Thursdays.

COVID-19 #RotaryResponds Livestream One-Hour Telethon This Saturday, May 2nd, 8 A.M. PDT, simulcast on the Rotary International Facebook page [facebook.com/rotary](https://www.facebook.com/rotary). This summary is from Rotary International. This live broadcast will be conducted in all of Rotary's official languages which, as you can imagine, is of the utmost importance to create a respectful and inclusive event. Given the amount of people we are expecting to participate, we want to do it right and make sure we have a best practice user experience. This Telethon is to raise critical funds for disaster response. The goal is to raise more than \$1 million dollars. Donate Now at <http://on.rotary.org/df>

Join this live event to hear stories of hope, inspiration and gratitude from Rotarians, Rotaractors and friends of Rotary from across the globe as they share what they are doing to help their communities. The telethon will also showcase how our polio eradication infrastructure is helping to combat COVID-19.

How you can participate:

1. Participate in the telethon on Facebook Live on 2 May at Rotary International's Facebook Page ([facebook.com/rotary](https://www.facebook.com/rotary)). The live stream will be simulcast in eight languages.
2. Share this event & spread the word through your social media channels.
3. Invite friends, family, and members of your community to watch and see first-hand what Rotary's People of Action are doing to combat COVID-19.
4. Post on social media during the broadcast and on the day of the event using the hashtag #RotaryResponds.
5. Donate as an individual or as a club at <http://on.rotary.org/df>

Celebrate World Immunization Week 24-30.

Join with Rotary as we raise awareness of the importance of vaccinations and our work to #EndPolio.

Each year, Rotary and our partners vaccinate more than 400 million children against polio. When children receive the polio vaccine, their pinkie fingers are marked with purple ink so health workers will know which children are protected.

Raise awareness of vaccination and polio eradication efforts by painting your nails — or your pinkie — purple. Or customize our new End Polio Now artwork with your signature and words of support. For a chance to be featured on Rotary's social media channels, take a photo of your purple pinkies or customized artwork and share it on your page using the hashtags #EndPolio and #VaccinesWork.

[**Download Toolkit**](#)

Prospective Member Susan Alker. Susan is founder and CEO of Alker Law Group in Walnut Creek. Her practice focuses on loans and debt securities, business formation, review and negotiation of contracts, and strategic transactions. For the past five years she has been on the board of directors, and currently is the Chair, of Trinity Center, which provides shelter and other services to the homeless in Walnut Creek. Susan and her husband Greg live in Concord. Please provide any comments to the Club Secretary.

Neighbor Express managed by the City of Walnut Creek is looking for volunteers to make deliveries and assist isolated seniors in our community. For more information go to <https://walnutcreek.neighborexpress.org/volunteer>

Food Collection for Monument Crisis Center: MMC is distributing food to needy families in their community. **You can donate cash through their website**

<https://www.monumentcrisiscenter.org/donate-now>. It's fast and easy and cuts down the need for human contact in the supply chain.

White Pony Express and over 60 partner businesses and organizations provides food, clothing, and books at 58 community based mobile boutiques and partner locations throughout Contra Costa County. In Just 6 Years they have served over 80,000 each year through 60+ Contra Costa partners. That includes 10,569,878 pounds of fresh, high-quality food rescued and repurposed to provide over 7.7 million meals. And 512,705 clothing items, shoes, coats, toys and books. They need volunteers and cash donations. Contact them at <https://www.whiteponyexpress.org/> Our Community Foundation is donating \$2,500 to the cost of an additional refrigerator truck.

Other Community Service Opportunities from the City of Walnut Creek, with links:

Donate Protective Supplies

[Contra Costa Health Services](#) is coordinating donations of equipment and supplies that will then be made available to frontline health workers. For a [list of specific items and drop-off locations](#) visit the [CCHHealth Donations](#) webpage.

Feed Those in Need

The number of individuals and families in need of food has grown exponentially during this crisis. Please consider helping these local organizations.

Our [local Food Bank](#) continues to need our support. Can you [sponsor an emergency food box](#) (\$20)? Or, could you [assist with food distribution](#)?

[Monument Crisis Center](#) is accepting [donations of perishable and non-perishable food](#) at scheduled times and locations.

The food rescue group, [White Pony Express](#), continues to operate its programs. [Volunteers and donations](#) are needed.

[Meals on Wheels Diablo Region](#), which helps local seniors, continues to deliver meals and other supplies and provide its Friendly Visitor services (by phone). [Consider helping](#).

Now more than ever those who are homeless desperately need the services of [Trinity Center](#). The best way to help: purchase and [donate local restaurant gift cards](#) to Trinity Center. Your gift card purchase will also help local restaurants. Here's a [list of local businesses that are open](#).

Help Our Neighbors & Seniors

Many of our neighbors, particularly seniors, may be isolated and need help during this crisis. You can help these individuals by volunteering through [Neighbor Express Walnut Creek](#), which connects volunteers with those who need a delivery, a meal, or a helping hand. Learn more about [volunteering](#).

Support Local Non-Profits & Businesses

Most of our favorite non-profits are closed, just like our local businesses.

You can support the non-profits with a financial contribution . . . or you can check their websites and participate in the online classes and workshops that many non-profits are offering for a nominal price. Check out this [list of non-profits to get started](#).

You can support local restaurants by ordering lunch or dinner for delivery or take-out. Check out the [list of eateries that are open](#).

Give Blood

Patients in our hospitals rely on lifesaving blood transfusions -- and our hospitals continue to face a shortage of blood supplies. Healthy individuals are needed to donate now to help patients who need blood, and appropriate safety protocols are in place. The [American Red Cross](#) is coordinating donations. You can [make appointments online](#) or by [calling 1-800-733-2767](#).

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

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May 5 meeting. Speaker TBA. Have a bottle of Corona ready to hold up and toast Cinco de Mayo during our Virtual Meeting on Zoom.

May 12 Virtual Meeting speaker Andrew Shalauta - attorney Employment Law and best employment practices in the workplace

May 19 Virtual Meeting speaker Ernie Avila - Contra Costa Water District on our wonderful water system in CC County

May 26 Speaker TBA