

# The Walnut Leaf

*The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek*

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## **Today's Meeting is ~~LIVE~~ and ZOOM!**

Due to the Garden Center being unavailable, this week's meeting is Zoom only.

**Rich Fleming** and **Milt Smith** on diversity, inclusion and equity.

## **Carolina Alas-Hemphill membership approved.**



I have been active in many non-profit volunteering events throughout the years and have enjoyed it tremendously. I look forward to be of service to the Walnut Creek Rotary and use my prior experience to that end. Carolina is a native of El Salvador, Immigrated to the U.S. in 1980 as an exchange student

and is bilingual. She graduated from San Francisco State University, with a BS in Business Administration. Is a Walnut Creek resident, married with 2 children and worked in the Banking industry for 35 years, of which 25+ years were in Commercial Banking. She is planning to retire at the end of this year. "I enjoy traveling and spending time with family. Also, I'm in the process of learning the game of golf.

Community support has been a very important aspect of my working life. Most recently, I sat on the Advisory Council for Assistance League of Diablo Valley (2018-2021). Additionally, I have been supporting several other non-profit entities throughout my career,

including: Rosie the Riveter, Food Bank of Contra Costa, Loaves & Fishes and Meals and Wheels to name a few.” Her husband is Craig and she is sponsored by **Cathy Durfee**.

### **October is Membership Month!**

Bring a friend to a meeting and take home some great swag! Our District is designated the week of October 18th as Every Rotarian Bring a Guest week with a photo contest and prizes. You know our club. We’re leaders. So we’re doing one better than our district. For anyone who brings a guest to any of our October meetings, you will get some really awesome Rotary swag. Bring someone to each meeting in October!

### **Countdown to History**



With your help, we can end Polio. Rotary’s 2021 International Polio Day will be an online event. This will include a Global Update on October 24, 2021. It will be hailing this past year’s historic achievement in polio eradication. Polio eradication is a collective effort belonging to all of us. Challenges of this past year with the Pandemic, issues with areas of the world in conflict and how we are moving into the future with the fight against polio.

Join Rotary with the [online celebration of our quest to make polio a thing of the past](#).

# *Gala of the Century*

Club member and President elect **Gary Stein** is hosting a fellowship gathering on Saturday October 23 at 3:00pm at his home at 3723 Rancho Estates Court.

We are planning on putting on a Gala of the Century. We have a headliner Jonathan Peretz who you can preview on YouTube. A grand piano artist as well to provide accompaniment.

A safe luxurious environment. A menu to die for including filet mignon, ribs, wine, beer, and sodas all free for the imbibing at no extra charge.

With Assistance from the Inner Wheel we are preparing for an army of revelers that should rank in the top echelons on WC Rotary fame.

Individuals will be picked up from their cars via golf carts driven by experienced progeny of Rotarians and shuttled directly to the outside venue without having to enter any indoor spaces. All present will

be vaccinated so it will be high on enjoyment but low in risk

## Rotarians make good citizens.

**Marcia Gerg & Husband Mitch** volunteering at the Women's Cancer Resource Center Swim a Mile Walk a Mile fund raiser 10-2-21.



## Giving a hand.



**Bob Romero** is instrumental in getting hands onto the limbs of disabled Latin Americans. Here is the result of his latest efforts.

## Global Uplift Project



### Drew Marshall

The club has contributed \$2000 for the purchase of books to supply the new library. The build-out of the library was paid for by the Olive Seed Foundation and our club supplied the books.

The school is an all boys high school with about 295 students. The useful life of the books should be about 5 years or \$1.35/student/year. There was some discussion as to why we funded an all boys school and not coed. The primary reason was that most girls in Kenya don't attend

high school, and those that do go to all girls schools. Robert Freeman, who is the director of The Global Uplift Project, believes that as the boys are educated the women's standard of living rises also.

Members can read more about the project at <https://tgup.org/wcotary>

## Fifth Paul Harris

**Scott Wilson** was recognized with his



fifth Paul Harris award at the last

meeting by **Gordon Fischer**, the club secretary for the Society.. Each represents a donation of \$1,000 to the Society.

## Join the Fun...Happy Hour

Every other Thursday at 5:00 PM members of the club, friends and guests gather at the Bay Club (2805 Jones Road Walnut Creek) to celebrate the almost conclusion of yet another week. Drinks, nibbles and conversation all flow. There is free parking in the garage adjacent to the entrance (until the valet parking is back)!

Want to join us? All you have to do is show up. Next meeting of the group is Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

# Community Food Drive

WALNUT CREEK  
Community  
Service Day

VOLUNTEER & DONATE  
[www.Walnut-Creek.org/service](http://www.Walnut-Creek.org/service)

F&M BANK  
Walnut Creek  
The Golden Business Alliance



**EACH ONE  
BRING ONE**

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**New & Past Pics  
Welcome**

**DISTRICT 5160**

**2021**

**MEMBERSHIP  
PHOTO  
CONTEST**



**October 1st-23rd**

**Inducted New Member ?  
Guest at Meeting ?  
Have a Picture ?**

**\$1,200 total CASH giveaway !  
6000 PHF total points worth \$6,000 !  
3 Clubs will each receive \$400 and 2000 PHF points**

**Rotary**



Send your Picture to Dan Gerald, District  
Membership Chair

**daniel@geraldi-law.com with**



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## Live Meetings

Members now have the choice of joining our meetings on zoom or attending the live meeting at Heather Farms Garden Center. If you choose to attend the live meeting you can pre-order your lunch (catered by Sunrise Bistro).

Choices for lunch are shown on the next page

If you want to order a lunch, please email your order to **John McClintic** at [jmclintic@bamlaw.com](mailto:jmclintic@bamlaw.com) or leave voicemail at 925-256-8200.

Be sure to specify your desired "Selections" from the menu if you are ordering the Sandwich Box or Salad Box. Bottled water is included.

**Orders must be received no later than noon, Friday September 17th.**

Your meal is included in the \$23 live meeting charge for diners.

"No-shows" will be charged the full \$23.

The meeting charge for non-diners attending live is \$10.

## Zoom Meetings

Want to join us by Zoom? The Zoom session starts at 12:20pm so members can gather and chat before the meeting officially opens at 12:30pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3315080026>

Meeting ID: 331 508 0026

Local dial-up audio numbers:

San Jose 1.669.900.9128 or

Houston 1.346.248.7799.



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## Coming meetings & events...

October 14: Happy hour at Bay Club, 5:00pm

October 19: Walnut Creek Mayor Kevin Wilk  
'State of the City'



October 23: *Gala of the Century* Fellowship

October 24: World Polio Day

October 29-31 District Conference

# Lunch Choices Catered by Sunrise Bistro

## BOX LUNCHES

### Sandwich Box

Made with our Herbed or Whole Wheat Breads  
Includes Potato or Pasta Salad, Lemon Bar, Brownie  
or Chocolate Banana Bread (Chef's Choice)

#### Selections:

Turkey - Turkey & Cranberry - Ham - BLTA  
Tri Tip & Caramelized Onions - Cashew Chicken  
Salad - Tuna Salad - Egg Salad  
Vegetarian: Herbed Cream Cheese, Avocado, Carrots,  
Beets, Cucumber, Tomato & Sprouts  
Roasted Veggie: Roasted Veggies with Tomato Basil  
Pesto Spread  
Vegan: Hummus, Avocado, Carrots, Beets,  
Cucumber, Tomato & Sprouts



### Salad Boxes

Include Fresh Roll, Butter, Lemon Bar, Brownie or  
Chocolate Chip Banana Bread (Chef's Choice)

#### Selections:

Cobb (GF) - Thai Chicken, Cashew Chicken Salad  
(GF) - Chicken or Flaked Salmon Caesar's Goddess -  
Greek - Chicken & Roasted Vegetable (GF) -  
Edamame & Avocado Quinoa (GF)



\*\* (GF) (Vegan) Includes Piece of Fresh Fruit & Chia  
Seed Pudding

\*\* Mariposa Gluten Free Bread

## SPECIALTY BOXES

### Cindy's Special Box

Grilled Mary's Chicken Breast, Roasted Vegetables,  
Sweet Potato, House Salsa, Fresh Baked Roll,  
Brownie or Lemon Bar (Chef's Choice)

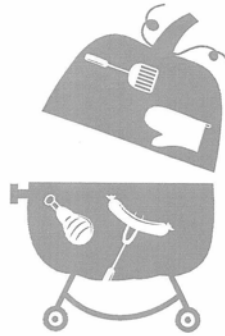
### Tahini Lentil Bowl

Roasted Cauliflower & Broccoli, Charred Red  
Onions, Lentils, Baby Chard & Kale, Toasted Seeds,  
Herbed Lemon Tahini Dressing, Fresh Baked Roll,  
Brownie or Lemon Bar (Chef's Choice)

### Paleo Box (GF)

Grilled Mary's Chicken Breast, Roasted Vegetables,  
Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Fresh Fruit & Nuts

# BACN's SPOOKtacular Drive Thru BOO BBQ



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021  
WITH PICKUPS BETWEEN 4-6 PM

The Bay Area Crisis Nursery is kicking off the holiday season with a Spooktacular Drive Thru BBQ event! The holiday season is a time filled with giving thanks and giving back. It's a spectacular time around the Nursery.

Join us for a drive thru BBQ event the day before Halloween! You'll get to virtually meet some of the families who have benefitted from Nursery services over the past year and learn how you can support BACN's clients during the holiday season.

Tickets are \$40 which includes a \$20 donation to the Nursery. Choose your pickup time when purchasing your tickets. Time slots are limited, purchase early! Register before Oct 23.

We are also selling discount cards for \$15 each. You can pick them up with your meal, or we can ship yours to you. Discount cards offer up to 20% off local merchants. Check the website for more details.

Highlights for the evening include:

- \* Enjoy a Kinder's 3 piece meal which includes Tequila Lime Ribs, Marinated Ball Tip, Quarter Chicken, served with Potato Salad and BBQ Beans.
- \* Meet our clients and hear their stories from home
- \* And a Treat Bag for dessert!

BACN'S ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING  
1510 MENDOCINO DRIVE  
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, DISCOUNT CARDS,  
OR DONATE TO BACN ONLINE AT  
[WWW.BAYAREACRISISNURSERY.ORG/SPOOKTACULAR-BBQ](http://WWW.BAYAREACRISISNURSERY.ORG/SPOOKTACULAR-BBQ)  
PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS BY OCTOBER 23, 2021



## Register NOW for District Conference District 5160 Goes Back to the Future Oct 29-31, 2021



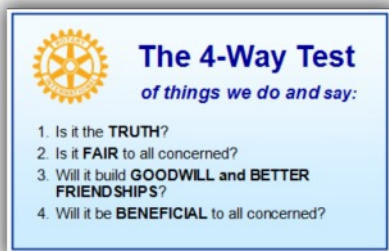
How does a family-friendly weekend getaway to a beautiful resort sound after our pandemic isolation? Well, you're invited!! For the first time in over two years, District 5160 Rotarians will

gather IN-PERSON for Rotary fun and inspiration at our District Conference.

As the incoming District Governor on July 1, I've heard from so many of you requesting we return to a fall conference. And we've been missing each other so much! What better time to hold the 2021-2022 District Conference than in beautiful October -- and in the stunning Olympic Valley in the North Tahoe region to boot? Please join me Halloween weekend at The Resort at Squaw Creek for the 2021-2022 District 5160 annual conference! I promise to get you home in plenty of time for your Halloween evening activities. Full information and registration... [Click Here!](#)

**For Rotarians and guests at our conference, we are requiring proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test within 48 hours. Masks are required when indoors, except while actively eating or drinking.**

Kathy Suvia  
District Governor 2021-22



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