

# The Walnut Leaf

*The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek*  
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## Today's Meeting...

Leah Briones: Foothill Mental Health Project

## John "Jack" Fischer



As we start the new year with Rotary, it is with profound sadness that we report the passing of past president and all around great Rotarian, **John "Jack" Fischer**, father of our current president, **Gordon**. **Jack's** impact on the club can not be fully appreciated. To many of us he, as our club's new member coordinator, was our first "contact" with what it meant to be a Rotarian. To even more of us he was "Mr. Project", finding, planning and coordinating one local project after another to, as Rotary says, "Do Good" in our community.

## Welcome our newest member...

Doctor **Ogechi ("Chi") Ike-diobi** was inducted as the newest member of our club at our last meeting when President **Gordon** and Secretary **Marcia Gerg** presented her with the Rotary pin and red badge.



## Officer Election.

At the last meeting of 2023 the club elected the following officers for 2024:

- Newly Nominated Board Members: **Betsy Yuan, Shalini Lugani, Ted Ford**
- Recording Secretary: **Jason Callan**
- Attendance Secretary: **Trudy Cumming**
- RI Foundation Secretary: **Gordon Fischer**
- Treasurer: **John McClintic**
- Sergeant at Arms: **Tony Pasol**
- President Nominee 2025-2026: **Tony Pasol**.

### Dr. Craig DeVinney

Doctor **Craig DeVinney** has been accepted as a new member of our club. **Craig** has been working as an Emergency Room doctor working for John Muir in Walnut Creek for the last 17 years. While there, he has served as chair for the disaster preparedness committee. He and his wife Jennifer live here in Walnut Creek with their 3 sons. He has coached boys soccer, basketball and lacrosse. He will be formally inducted at our next meeting, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Paul Harris

**Carolina Alias-Hemphill** is our newest Paul Harris recipient! Secretary **Layton Hansen** presented her with her first Paul Harris recognition pin at the January 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting!



### Blue Badges presented.

President **Gordon** presented their Blue Badges to two of our newest members, **Betsy Yuan** and **April Sun** at the last meeting,



recognizing them as full fledged Rotarians! **April** was **Betsy's** sponsor and **Betsy** was previously recognized as our Rookie of the Year Rotarian!

### And thank you!



At our last meeting of 2023 **Mary Azavedo** donated one of her fabulous quilts to the club; a special holiday gift to be auctioned off to raise funds for Rotary. This resulted in spirited bidding for the item and

when the dust settled **Tom Rockwell** out bid **Ken Anderson** and the club was the recipient of \$600!

And... thank you so much, **Jana** and **Gary Stein** for not only hosting us for a wonderful lunch but for all the work you did in setting it up and making for such an enjoyable meeting!

### 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 conclu-

sion of yet another fortnight of Rotary. Drinks, nibbles and conversation all flow. There is free parking in the garage adjacent to the entrance (until the valet parking is back)!

Contact [Darin Kelly](#) for details and to see if this is a meeting week.

## Coming Meetings & Events...

January 16: **Jack Fischer** Tribute

January 23: Taylor Foxworthy

Organizing and Decluttering Tips

January 27: District Grant Training

January 30, 2024: **Hari Boukis**

New Website Introduction

February 6: Kerry Hillis

Update on BART

February 14: Valentine's Day Event!

February 27: Sherry Nadwony &

Caitlin Sly

Meals on Wheels

March 12 Ben Lavender CCC San

Pollution Prevention

April 26-28: District Conference

## District Conference.

Our 2024 District Conference is scheduled from April 26-28, 2024!

REGISTER NOW for the TEAM 5160 World Series District Conference-MVP Status.

The Conference Hotel, Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown-Arena is located just steps away from the historic Old Sacramento Waterfront District.

The Conference Hotel, Holiday Inn, is in the middle of EVERYTHING, with discounted room rates of \$184/night.

Register and book NOW so you don't

miss out on early bird rates. Use this link to book rooms: [Rotary5160Booking Link](#)

You can find more information about our Field of Rotary Dreams District Conference, as well as the surrounding Sacramento area right here on the Conference website. If you need assistance, our registration team can be reached at [Registrar@Rotary5160.org](mailto:Registrar@Rotary5160.org).

Full package pricing includes:

Friday Night Social; Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast buffet. Dynamic speakers that will motivate and inspire you! Also included; access to all general sessions on Saturday/Sunday; House of Friendship; participate in community service projects and LOTS of fellowship!

Registration

- Regular Registration: \$299 Dec. 1—January 31, 2024
- Late Registration: \$325 Feb. 1—April 19, 2024



[CLICK HERE](#)  TO REGISTER



## A good Christmas Day!

Trudy Triner

Gary and Jana, Jason with John and Luke joined John and me on the 25th to cook and serve Christmas dinner at Trinity Center. **Jana's** chicken pot pies were the hit of the evening!

We will have plenty of opportunities to prepare winter dinners so stay tuned!

## And the volunteering continues...

Trudy Triner

Faithful 5 (**Ted Ford** missed the picture) helped pack over a thousand pounds of food today. They asked if we will continue the Wed afternoon shift for 2024 which I will ask about at our first Jan meeting.



## Fourth Little Library



We installed our fourth little library just prior to the end of the year. A fitting conclusion to a year of Rotarians at work in our community.



## Other Club Positions

Immediate Past President

**Gary Stein**

Secretary

**Marcia Gerg**

Rotary International

Secretary

**Layton Hansen**

Attendance Secretary

Polio Plus Warrior

**Trudy Cumming**

Treasurer

**John McClintic**

Sergeant at Arms

**Trudy Cumming**

Bulletin Editor

**Clint Collier**

Membership

**Jerry Benoit**

Community Outreach

**Trudy Triner**

Club Hospitality

**Darren Kelly**

Audio Visual

**Tony Pasol**

Fellowship

**Jason Callan**

Speaker Committee

**Carolina Alas-Hemphill**

**Matt Guichard**

**Prem Abraham**

**Peter Kohn**

2021-2023 Directors

**Prem Abraham**

**Darren Kelly**

**Trudy Triner**

2022-2024 Directors

**Jason Callan**

**Jerry Benoit**

**Lance Mendes**

District Officers

DV8 Asst Governor

**Cathy Durfee**

### January's Team!

Milt Smith (Leader)

Trudy Triner

Clint Collier

Lance Mendes

Peter Kohn

Jack Fischer

Mary Azevedo

Al Sevilla

Shalini Lugini

Frank Sues

## Live Meetings

Members have the choice of joining our meetings on zoom or attending the live meeting at Heather Farm Lakeside Room, 301 N San Carlos Drive. 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 preceding the meeting.**

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.

Want to join us by Zoom? The Zoom session starts at 12:00pm so members can gather and chat before the meeting officially opens at 12:30pm.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84410765063?pwd=dVBnK1hPV3NhcStWaitqUTU0YXdEQT09>

Meeting ID: 939 5921 4209 Passcode: WCRotary



# Weekly 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 & Broccolini, 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