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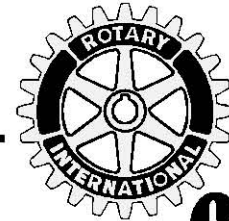
**Upcoming Meetings:**

- June 5,** Bill Hollingshead reports on Polio Plus. Meeting starts promptly at 12:15pm
- June 12.** “Meet the Recipients”
- June 19** Oscar Wu’s China Trip
- June 26** Demotion Party

**Upcoming Events:**

- June 30<sup>th</sup>,** District 5160 Sundial Bridge Dinner Dance, Redding
- Oct 6.** The annual UC Berkeley International House “Agricultural Tour of CC County”
- Jan 13-14** 66<sup>th</sup> Annual East Bay Rotary Reno Inter-City Train Trip
- Feb 2, 2008.** Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Crab Feed Fundraiser

For the latest “scoop” on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page:  
[www.rotarywc.org](http://www.rotarywc.org)



# The Walnut Leaf

**ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK**

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**People In Charge this Week**

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|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Presiding .....    | Clint Collier | Thought/Pledge.....    | Barry Slavin   |
| Director.....      | Bert Payne    | Song Leader.....       | Lu Hughes      |
| Team Captain ..... | Milt Smith    | Guest Intro & Mic..... | Jack Fischer   |
| Meeting Setup..... | Lance Mendes  | Birthdays.....         |                |
| Greeter.....       | Ron Huppert   | Anniversaries.....     |                |
| Ticket Sales.....  | Alex Lommel   | Speaker Intro.....     | John McClintic |
|                    |               | Meeting Take-Down....  | Lance Mendes   |

**Today’s Program:**

Susan Lynn, Project Second Chance

**NOTICE:**

**Next Week:**  
The June 5th meeting will start promptly at our published meeting time of 12:15 due to the length of the program on Polio Eradication. Members are asked to arrive prior to this time in order to be seated by 12:15pm.

**CLUB NO. 465  
ROTARY  
INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 5160**

Chartered April 7, 1937

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International President

*Lead The Way*

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District Governor

**Stan Smalley**  
District  
Governor Elect

**Clint Collier**  
President

**Pam Raumer**  
President-Elect

**Oscar Wu**  
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**Lance Mendes**  
**Gill Bordenave**  
**Carl Manna**  
**Jesse Smyers**

## Announcements:

### Reception Celebrating Renovation of the Nellie Casey meeting room at the Thurman G. Casey Library, Friday June 8th

The Rotary Club of Walnut Creek requests the pleasure of your company at a reception celebrating the renovation of the Nellie Casey meeting room Friday June 8th at 4:00pm, at The Thurman G. Casey Library 2661 Oak Grove Road Walnut Creek CA 94598. Please RSVP by June 5<sup>th</sup> to Pres Clint at [clintc@rotarywc.org](mailto:clintc@rotarywc.org)

### Service Project at Borges Ranch, Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>

Ranger Bylan at Borges Ranch has us to provide 4 or 5 Rotarians who can help out on Saturday June 9th at their Western Heritage Days. There will be two sessions 10 - 1:30 and 1:30 to 5. If you can help out, please contact **Jack Fischer** 933-6725, [jackfi@rotarywc.org](mailto:jackfi@rotarywc.org). The Club uses the Borges Ranch every year for the post I House Tour BBQ.

### “Your American Freedoms: Protect Them or Lose Them” Presentation by Fred LaCosse, Sunday June 10, 2007

How did we Americans get so lucky? How did we Americans defy history and produce America’s great treasure of freedoms, freedoms that we often take for granted today? Find out as Fred LaCosse, Retired San Francisco TV broadcaster “talks” with America’s Founding Fathers. Sunday, June 10, 2007 Veteran’s Memorial Building 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA 2:00pm Reception 2:30pm-3:30pm Presentation Scouts 12 years and older, in uniform, are welcome if accompanied by a parent. No charge, but reservations are required. Call Valerie Ridgers at 925-674-6155, email at [ase@bsa-mdsc.org](mailto:ase@bsa-mdsc.org) or register online through the Council Calendar. This presentation is hosted by The Mt. Diablo Silverado Council, Boy Scouts of America Endowment Committee Members.

### Bob and Frances Schroder to receive BSA 2007 Distinguished Citizen Honors Sunday, June 24th

The Mt Diablo Silverado Council of the Boy Scouts of America is honoring Bob and Frances Schroder at a fund-raising benefit for Outreach Scouting Programs for boys and girls in the Council. The event will be held Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. For tickets and further information, please contact Valerie Ridgers, 674-6155 [ase@bsa-mdsc.org](mailto:ase@bsa-mdsc.org)

### Recognitions

We passed the hat in honor of **Rod Uffindell**’s new grandson, James.

**Frank Suess** is going back to Switzerland. We enjoyed his visit.

**Tom Noble** has been recognized by RI as a Major Donor to

the Rotary International Foundation.

**Mitch Ambro** reported that the District 5160 Poker tournament and dinner was a big success. And our own **Lu Hughes** made it as a finalist at the last table. Over 70 players and over 60 guests participated, and the event raised over \$8,000 for our District’s programs.

**Marv Epstein** was happy to take off the neck brace he has worn for over 8 ½ months, and even happier that the pain in his neck is gone.

**Ron Huppert** won a local trivia contest for spotting “VIN Number” as an example of a redundant acronym phrase (VIN meaning “vehicle identification number”).

**Pam Raumer** made a contribution to the Community Foundation for losing the “Adrian Mendes Award” plaque honoring **Hari Boukis**. Hari made a contribution, too.

### Special Presentations

Thanks to the following Rotarians for “filling in” when our planned program didn’t materialize on May 15.

**Mel Bacher** gave us a status report on his Parkinson’s treatment. Last August, Mel underwent deep brain stimulation treatment at UCSF. This is a very special program and Mel went through a lot of tests to qualify for it. The surgery implanted probes in his brain which Mel can stimulate with electrical current through a remote control device. Mel’s speech noticeably improved in just the last few weeks, and it was great to hear Mel’s voice and his positive attitude at our meeting. He also reported that his tremors have gone away. So, the treatment seems to be going very well thus far.

**Kim Brandt** reported to us on her 13 years of service on the Pleasant Hill City Council, including one year as Mayor. She served during the years in which Pleasant Hill planned and developed its the brand new “downtown” theater, restaurant, and shopping complex, along with a revised General Plan. Walnut Creek and other cities have now taken elements of the Pleasant Hill experience to revitalize areas of their existing or new “downtown” development projects. If you or your business is involved in community development planning, Kim would be happy to share her experiences with you.

**Joe Stein** reported on the Walnut Festival plans for 2007, and its theme “It’s a Small Town After All.” The Festival committee is attempting to get back the “community/non-profit” oriented focus, and involve schools and other non-profit groups in the planning and activities. Plans are to include pre-teen, teen, and organization/business booth exhibition areas. 18 restaurants are signed up to participate.

### Good Bye Polio!

In the history of mankind we have been successful in eradicating only one disease; small pox. For over two decades Rotary and the World Health Organization has worked tirelessly at running polio to the ground to make it the second scourge we have eliminated. For the past 10 years we have remained so very close but still so very far, for if there is even one case we will not be at our goal. We can not let up in our pressure to

consign polio to the history books. To have gotten so close and not do so is simply not acceptable.

As of this month, the world wide “case count” was 145 cases of polio. For comparison, in 2006 there were a total of 1,996 cases with 309 cases reported through May. 145 compared to 309... over a 50% decrease! It is a hard fight but we are winning!

Rotary has asked every one of its members to step forward this year with a donation of \$12.50... less than the cost of a lunch. At our meeting on June 5th we will have a special presentation on polio and the campaign to eradicate it and the part Rotary is playing. Our district will match our donations of \$12.50 per Rotarian. **President Clint** is confident that we can and will do much better than “just what is required”. He will be calling on every one of us to stand up and support this effort on that day.

### Every Rotarian, Every Year

Every Rotarian is asked to make a \$100 donation to the Paul Harris Foundation, Rotary’s foundation. President Clint is asking every member of the club to make this donation this year so we will become a 100% participation club. We have already donated more than a \$100 average for the Club but that is not the goal. We need every member to participate! If you are one of the Rotarians who have not yet made a Paul Harris contribution this year you will have received a letter from Clint asking for your support. Since the Rotary year is rapidly drawing to a close, please do this now!

### Paul Harris Credit with Community Foundation Contributions

For a limited time the Club will allocated Paul Harris credit to you for contributions made to the Club’s Community Foundation. You must already have paid your \$100 sustaining contribution for 2006-2007. See **Pres Clint** if you would like to take advantage of this limited opportunity.

### Raffle and District 5160 Sundial Bridge Dinner Dance, Redding, June 30th

Buy your tickets now for this “adult-oriented” dinner dance which will ring out the old Rotary year and ring in the new. Experience the magic as the sun sets on one end of the bridge and the moon rises on the other. For info and to purchase tickets go to [www.rotary5160.org](http://www.rotary5160.org). This is your last chance to buy raffle tickets and get credit towards your Paul Harris sustaining member contribution for 2006-2007. See **Rem Barnard** 939-6209, [remb@rotarywc.org](mailto:remb@rotarywc.org).

### Kohoku Exchange Hosts Needed for this Summer

See **Cathy Durfee** to volunteer to host our visiting exchange student from the Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kohoku Japan. Details about the student and exact dates of visit will be announced soon.

### Rotary International Membership Conference August 17-18

Rotary International is holding a series of membership promotion conferences this summer. Our local conference will be August 17-18 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose. Additional details will be announced at a later date.

### The Russians are Coming; Again this October

We will be hosting a delegation of Russian real estate brokers from Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> during their fall visit to our District. See **Andy Halperin** if you can host one or more of this delegation that week.

### Show that Rotary Pride—Wear Your Rotary Pins 24/7

Don’t keep Rotary a secret. Spread the word by wearing your favorite Rotary pin 24/7. We have lots of styles and sizes. Pres Clint is ruthless and relentless on this issue. Avoid a \$15 recognition fee for being caught naked without your pin.

### New Member

Welcome back to **Donna Montana** who was re-inducted as a member of the Club.

### Prospective Member

Bahram Shahmardaan has applied for membership in the club. Beh is an author and president of Nature Cure Company with two web sites dealing with alternative (holistic) medicines and inspirational books. His classification will be Alternative Medicine. Beh is unmarried and lives in Walnut Creek on Los Altos. You can contact him at 925.934.8467, [bahram@naturecure.com](mailto:bahram@naturecure.com)

### Invite a Prospective Member to Join Us for Lunch

Here’s how it works. You invite your prospect to a Club lunch meeting. You pay the prospect’s lunch tab for the first visit. The prospect can visit two more times, and the Club will pay the cost. If the prospect joins, the Club also will reimburse you for the first lunch.