

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 Mar 16 Roger Howland, "The Crossing of the Mayflower 1620"

Next 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.

All Members are invited to attend the Club Board Meeting TONIGHT March 16th

5:30pm: To Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87346215089>

Meeting ID: 873 4621 5089

Passcode: Board

Local dialup numbers

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

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>

Club Beer and Bratz (and other Stuff), Sat 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.

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: Attached is a "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.

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.

Mobility Matters Needs Volunteer Drivers to drive Seniors to medical appointments and vaccinations. See the flyer in the back pages of this edition for the details. Or go to www.mobilitymatterscc.com

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

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.



Can You Help Seniors and Veterans? Volunteer Drivers are needed in Contra Costa County



Matching riders with providers

The Rides for Seniors and Veterans Programs bridges the gap in services for ambulatory seniors and disabled veterans in Contra Costa County who no longer drive and cannot access other forms of transportation. We are looking for volunteers to drive seniors and veterans to medical appointments and to get their vaccine shots.

VOLUNTEERS

Requirements for volunteer drivers:

- ♦ Be a caring, mature individual who is willing and able to provide transportation to an ambulatory senior or veteran who can no longer drive.
- ♦ Age 25 - 75 with a current driver's license.
- ♦ Excellent driving record and crime free background.
- ♦ Own or have access to a reliable, safe vehicle that is registered and insured.
- ♦ Participate in a three hour training class before giving first ride.

If you meet these requirements, come join our team and find out what a difference you can make in another person's life. It will change their life, and it will most certainly change yours!

If you would like more information about volunteering for the Rides for Seniors or Veterans programs please call:

(925) 284-2215 or email
david@mobilitymatterscc.com

(GAS REIMBURSEMENT PROVIDED ON REQUEST)



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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.

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