

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 9: Steve Lack, "Beer Time"

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

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 NEXT TUESDAY 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)

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 they know how much to buy.

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.

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>

Spring Food Drive Volunteers and Help

Request: The City of Walnut Creek is looking for help with the Spring Food Drive. For more information, see the flyer in the back pages of this edition for ways you can help.

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

RI COVID-19 TASK FORCE UPDATE

March 9, 2021 from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm

Pacific You are invited to attend via Zoom A conversation with Rotarians Ann Marie Kimball, Pat Merriweather-Arges, and VP Johrita Solari. Ann Marie is a physician and epidemiologist. She is a strategic adviser for the Rockefeller Foundation, she served as technical and strategic lead for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's surveillance strategy formation. She served as a professor of epidemiology at the University of Washington School of Public Health; where she is now emerita. Anne Marie serves on The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisors. Pat is the Executive Director of Project Patient Care where she is a co-leader of Project Patient Care initiatives including its work in federal healthcare transformation, advocating authentic patient and family engagement across all healthcare settings.

WHY ATTEND?

Learn about what Rotarians can do to support the vaccination drive Learn about Rotary's international and domestic role Ask the experts your questions

You Must Register in Advance to attend at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcuf-urqzgrGdNZMKgP-LerC21yis8Jt2sp>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

From the Rotary Club of Lafayette: You are invited to attend our Zoom meeting at noon on March 11, 2021. Our speaker will be Jim Wunderman, President and CEO of the Bay Area Council, which leads the shaping of the

future in the Bay Area in collaboration with top executives from more than 325 of the region's largest employers. The Bay Area Council's mission is to solve our toughest challenges, to grow our businesses and to improve the quality of life for everyone who lives and works here. Mr. Wunderman will specifically address California's loss of major corporations, of small businesses and especially of tech jobs moving away from the Bay Area, as a concern for California and its economy.

Come prepared with questions for the Q&A immediately following the presentation. The presentation is free and informative. You'll know as much about our future in the Bay Area as Google, Apple, University of California, Salesforce, Facebook...

Check out the Bay Area Council at <https://www.bayareacouncil.org/>

To Join our Zoom Meeting March 11 at Noon

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81281123336?pwd=WDJMSU9UVjI3V2pLc2RPOWRpNGQrdz09>

Meeting ID: 812 8112 3336

Passcode: 014057

Rotary Texas Freeze Response: District 5890 has created a special Freeze Response Grant to help folks make repairs in our district that otherwise do not have the means to pay for the repairs. Please see our guidelines attached for your information. If you would like to contribute, please send your donation as follows:

Rotary District 5890 Charities, Inc.
IRC 501(c)(3) Tax ID: 76-0569758
C/O Jackie Barmore
3525 Preston
Pasadena, TX. 77505

Or ACH / Wire to:
Community Bank
3498 East Sam Houston Parkway South
Pasadena, TX 77505
Acct # 21235626
Routing # 113111983

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>, and by clicking on the following underlined links

- ReFED tool: A data and solutions hub for food loss and waste
- Save The Food: A US-based organization dedicated to educating people and promoting best practices to reduce food waste.
- EPA: Food Too Good To Waste toolkit

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.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

March 9th -Steve Lack, "Beer Time"

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)

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



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 (MikePcioPlus@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)



VOLUNTEER!
(925) 284-2215

www.mobilitymatterscc.com

Walnut Creek Community Food Drive

Thank you for volunteering to be a part of the Spring 2021 CSD Community Food Drive events.

This email provides additional details for each of the four group participation options. **See bottom of this email for your group's specific details.**

1. Organize a Food Drive

Your group will be responsible for all activities involved in your group's food drive.

-- **Promotion** (e.g., email newsletter, social media). Note: CSD will not be promoting the locations of food drives organized by individual community groups.

-- **Recruitment** of volunteers who will collect and organize food delivered to your site

-- **Equipment and supplies** (e.g., pop-up awning, directional signage, empty boxes)

-- **Collecting** donations both before and on April 17

-- **Transporting and delivering** donations to Heather Farm Community Center by 12:30 p.m. on April 17

The Food Bank's "shopping list" for food donations is [available here](#).

2. Help with Neighborhood Outreach

For your group to participate, we need additional information from you. Please complete the [Neighborhood Outreach form](#).

3. Make Monetary Donations

Your group, or individual members of your group, may choose to make a financial contribution directly to the Food Bank. Use this link to [make donations](#). Be sure to use the DONATE box.

4. Help Promote the Community Food Drive

We will keep you updated with news about the upcoming event. In addition, you will find logos and sample news items on our webpage, starting March 15.

Please note: In all instances, volunteers must wear masks and gloves and follow appropriate social-distancing protocols.

If you have questions, please **email both** Sunshine Deffner at sunshine@californiasymphony.org and Jean Harwood at jean.s.harwood@gmail.com.