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Rotary Club of Walnut Creek



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Watch Your Email for Instructions for Joining Next Week's Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Next Week's Meeting Speaker is Ernie Avila - Contra Costa Water District – Talking to us about our wonderful water system in CC County

Thanks again go to Pres Jesse for organizing our terrific and fun packed Virtual Meetings. You can connect to Zoom with your PC, laptop, iPad or other tablet, or you can dial in from any phone. Watch your email for the invitation and connection/dial in instructions.

And also watch your email for Zoom connection information for our Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Virtual Happy Hours on Thursdays.

New Director: Anthony Ivanich has been appointed by the Club Board of Directors to fill the remaining term of former director Tim Rudd. Thanks, Anthony, for taking on this position.

 **Support Our Rotary Club of Walnut Creek**
Olivia Garden® Community Foundation as you, your friends, family, and others shop online for PPE and for their hair care/salon products! Thanks to Jean Renette and his global hair care/salon products company Olivia Garden for making this great opportunity available starting May 18. In connection with its introduction of a line of face masks and other personal protective equipment focused on the needs of hairdressers and salons, **Olivia Garden will donate 15% of the sales price paid for all**

products purchased through its website oliviagarden.com which reference **ROTARY at checkout**. All the customer needs to do is enter "ROTARY" in the discount code field on the checkout page when completing its purchase. **Please watch for an email blast which will have more information on the launch of the program, and how you can share this information with salon owners, hairdressers, family, friends, and other supporters of Rotary.**

Online Dance Party Bay Area Food Banks Fundraiser, Saturday May 23, 3pm to 11pm PDT. Danville Sycamore Rotary is co-hosting an online virtual dance party in conjunction with LyVyB. You get entry by donating at least \$5 but anything more is appreciated. Their goal is to raise \$100,000, and all net proceeds go to the Bay Area Food Banks. Music provided by local, popular DJs. No need to know how to dance but donate, join the party, have fun, put your groove on if you'd like, and help our local food banks. All donations will be tax deductible as all funds will go through Danville/Sycamore Valley Rotary's Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation. Event and Donation Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-lyve-party-feed-the-bay-area-charity-event-tickets-104726628164?aff=erelpanelorg>



We celebrated Cinco de Mayo at our Zoom Club Meeting on May 5th by defiantly hoisting our bottles and cans of Corona beer. It's a cruel twist of fate that the public celebration of the confluence of Taco Tuesday and Cinco de Mayo was thwarted by a virus named after a Mexican beer....Thanks to **Clint Collier** for his inspiration and these photos.

Welcome New Member Susan Alker. Susan is founder and CEO of Alker Law Group in Walnut Creek. Her practice focuses on loans and debt securities, business formation, review and negotiation of contracts, and strategic transactions. For the past five years she has been on the board of directors, and currently is the Chair, of Trinity Center, which provides shelter and other services to the homeless in Walnut Creek. Susan and her husband Greg live in Concord. Many of us have met Susan virtually through our Zoom Rotary meetings and Happy Hours. Be sure to say hi!

Neighbor Express managed by the City of Walnut Creek is looking for volunteers to make deliveries and assist isolated seniors in our community. For more information go to <https://walnutcreek.neighborexpress.org/volunteer>

Food Collection for Monument Crisis Center: MMC is distributing food to needy families in their community. **You can donate cash through their website** <https://www.monumentcrisiscenter.org/donate-now>. It's fast and easy and cuts down the need for human contact in the supply chain.

White Pony Express and over 60 partner businesses and organizations provides food, clothing, and books at 58 community based mobile boutiques and partner locations throughout Contra Costa County. In Just 6 Years they have served over 80,000 each year through 60+ Contra Costa partners. That includes 10,569,878 pounds of fresh, high-quality food rescued and repurposed to provide over 7.7 million meals. And 512,705 clothing items, shoes, coats, toys and books. They need volunteers and cash donations. Contact them at <https://www.whiteponyexpress.org/> Our Community Foundation is donating \$2,500 to the cost of an additional refrigerator truck.

Other Community Service Opportunities from the City of Walnut Creek, with links:

Donate Protective Supplies

[Contra Costa Health Services](#) is coordinating donations of equipment and supplies that will then be made available to frontline health workers. For a [list of specific items and drop-off locations](#) visit the [CCHHealth Donations](#) webpage.

Feed Those in Need

The number of individuals and families in need of food has grown exponentially during this crisis. Please consider helping these local organizations.

Our [local Food Bank](#) continues to need our support. Can you [sponsor an emergency food box](#) (\$20)? Or, could you [assist with food distribution](#)?

[Monument Crisis Center](#) is accepting [donations of perishable and non-perishable food](#) at scheduled times and locations.

The food rescue group, [White Pony Express](#), continues to operate its programs. [Volunteers and donations](#) are needed.

[Meals on Wheels Diablo Region](#), which helps local seniors, continues to deliver meals and other supplies and provide its Friendly Visitor services (by phone). [Consider helping](#).

Now more than ever those who are homeless desperately need the services of [Trinity Center](#). The best way to help: purchase and [donate local restaurant gift cards](#) to Trinity Center. Your gift card purchase will also help local restaurants. Here's a [list of local businesses that are open](#).

Help Our Neighbors & Seniors

Many of our neighbors, particularly seniors, may be isolated and need help during this crisis. You can help these individuals by volunteering through [Neighbor Express Walnut Creek](#), which connects volunteers with those who need a delivery, a meal, or a helping hand. Learn more about [volunteering](#).

Support Local Non-Profits & Businesses

Most of our favorite non-profits are closed, just like our local businesses.

You can support the non-profits with a financial contribution . . . or you can check their websites and participate in the online classes and workshops that many non-profits are offering for a nominal price. Check out this [list of non-profits to get started](#).

You can support local restaurants by ordering lunch or dinner for delivery or take-out. Check out the [list of eateries that are open](#).

Give Blood

Patients in our hospitals rely on lifesaving blood transfusions -- and our hospitals continue to face a shortage of blood supplies. Healthy individuals are needed to donate now to help patients who need blood, and appropriate safety protocols are in place. The [American Red Cross](#) is coordinating donations. You can [make appointments online](#) or by [calling 1-800-733-2767](#).

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

May 26 Speaker TBA