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Today's Meeting is LIVE and ZOOM!



Speaking on Environmental Sustainability. PDG Yavuz V. Atila current member, founder, and Charter President of the Rotary

Club of Monterey Cannery Row is currently serving as the ESRAG Western North America Regional Chapter leader.

See page 5 for instruction on Zoom meetings.

Lawrence Kolka has applied for membership



Lawrence Kolka, Larry, with Edward Jones, Inc. in Walnut Creek has applied for membership in our club. Larry lives in Pleasant Hill and stated on his application..."As a resident of the East bay for the past 30 years I have built a successful business. At Edward Jones I help individuals

and small businesses by providing human centered complete wealth management.

"I would like to contribute to the Rotary service and voluntary activities to make a difference in our community." Larry is sponsored by **Cathy Durfee**.

Maasai Mara Library is finished

To: drew marshall [*e-mail correspondence ed.*]

Drew,

It's with great pride and thanks that I'm writing to tell you that the Maasai Mara Library project in Kenya is completed.

Attached, please find both a **Final Report** and a personal **Letter of Appreciation** from John Ogutu, the Principal of the school, directly thanking Walnut Creek Rotary for its support of this project.

You can also find both of these documents in the final update to the Photo Gallery in the Walnut Creek Rotary Portal on the TGUP website. See the larger Portal by [clicking here](#). Then, click to Photo Gallery. Or, to go directly to the Photo Gallery, [click here](#). The two documents are at the bottom. [*next pages, ed.*]

As you can see from the photos, these boys are so hungry to learn. Their new library and books will give them an enormous boost as they set themselves to academic careers they could never have imagined, before.

Many thousands of Kenyan students will be helped by the support afforded from Walnut Creek Rotary Club.

I hope you will share our pride and thanks with all of the members of your club who made this possible. I have never been more proud of any project in the almost 200 that TGUP has completed in 17 countries in the developing world.

Thank you for your leadership that made this possible. Let me know if you have any questions or if I can help you in any way.

Yours in a Better World,

Robert Freeman

Founder, Executive Director

The Global Uplift Project

Author, The Best One Hour History series

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Report to Walnut Creek Rotary Club

Library for Maasai Mara High School

Aitong, Kenya

November 2021

The Maasai Mara High School in the village of Aitong, Kenya, is an all-boys school with 295 students and 12 staff, but no library. The school population is expected to double in the next few years. Most boys come from very remote areas, so they live at the school. They are extremely motivated to learn but have been hampered by the lack of a library.



This project was a collaboration between multiple Rotary clubs. The total project cost \$5,800, with the Walnut Creek Rotary funding the books, at \$2,000. The local community contributed by building all the bookshelves and desks. Over 430 books were ordered, catalogued and installed in the newly furnished room. TGUP worked with its partner in Kenya, OliveSeed, to build this project. In addition to the books, five Lenovo laptops were provided. These laptops are pre-loaded with nationally approved course materials

as well as locally-relevant content.

To help the boys become more competitive on university entrance exams, curriculum enhancement texts were purchased for every subject in the Kenyan national high school curriculum, with an emphasis on science and technology.



Thank you to Walnut Creek Rotary for making this project possible. The world is a better place because of you.

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MAASAI MARA SECONDARY SCHOOL
P.O BOX 533 – 20500
NAROK

1/11/2021

TO
THE GLOBAL UPLIFT PROJECT &
WALNUT CREEK ROTARY CLUB

THRO'
THE DIRECTOR
OLIVE SEED FOUNDATION, KENYA

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

The Principal, the teaching fraternity and the students of Maasai Mara Secondary School hereby take this opportunity to express their gratitude towards the Global Uplift Project and Walnut Creek Rotary clubs for the immense contribution in terms of books and computers donated towards the support of the school library which now perfectly qualifies to be named and to act so.

The students and teachers enjoy the quality and variety of readers that will go a long way in transforming their linguistic ability and orature. We are highly indebted to you being the reason for which a library has been set up for the first time in the school. Thanks so much for this grand gesture accorded us through OliveSeed Foundation.

Looking forward to further communion and convergence on matters education and other areas of relevance.

Thanks again for the constructive, supportive partnership. .

Yours Faithfully

JOHN O. OGUTU

PRINCIPAL, MAASAI MARA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Live Meetings

Members now have the choice of joining our meetings on zoom or attending the live meeting at Heather Farms Garden Center. 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 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 September 17th.

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.

Zoom Meetings

Want to join us by Zoom? The Zoom session starts at 12:20pm so members can gather and chat before the meeting officially opens at 12:30pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3315080026>

Meeting ID: 331 508 0026

Local dial-up audio numbers:

San Jose 1.669.900.9128 or

Houston 1.346.248.7799.

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

Want to join us? All you have to do is show up. Next meeting of the group is Thursday, November 11th.



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

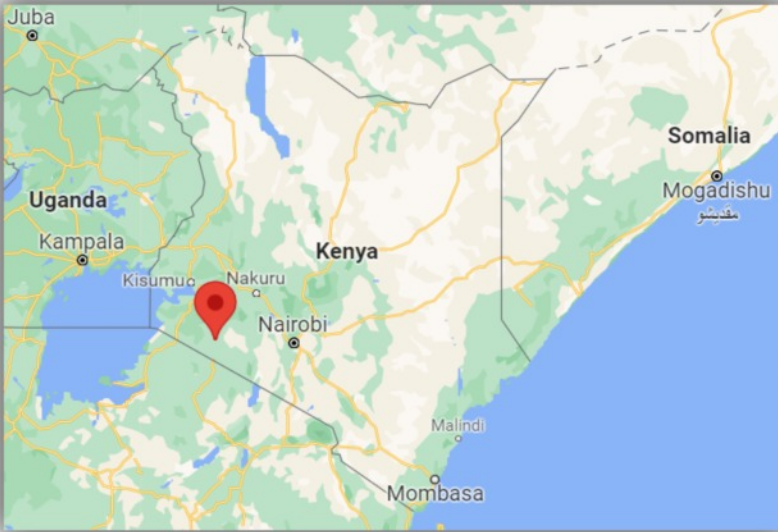
Grilled Mary's Chicken Breast, Roasted Vegetables,
Sweet Potato, House Salsa, Fresh Baked Roll,
Brownie or Lemon Bar (Chef's Choice)

Tahini Lentil Bowl

Roasted Cauliflower & Broccoli, 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



Wondering where the village of Aitong, Kenya is?

Coming meetings & events...

- November 11: Happy hour at Bay Club, 5:00pm
- November 16: Janette Drew Family Support Services
- November 23: ***DARK***

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