

The Walnut Leaf

The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek

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Today's Meeting is LIVE!

September 7: Past RI President **Rick King**

We meet on Zoom on Tuesdays.

During the pandemic we are meeting via Zoom. The Zoom session starts at 12:20pm so members can gather and chat with the meeting officially opened 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.

Nairobi Robinson (Nai) has applied for membership.



Nai is a husband and father of 6 kids, all of whom still live at home. He and his wife ran a large daycare for the past 6 yrs. However, that business has been downsized so that **Nai** could make a career change to real estate. He received his real estate license in November 2020, and got his first sale 90 days later! He is now actively building that business.

He enjoys helping others with what probably is the most expensive purchase they'll ever make. In addition to running my real estate business and raising 6 kids with his wife Valerie, he is also an active member of Grace Bible Church in Hayward.

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Gary Stein

He came to Rotary because "I want to join rotary is to be even more involved in the community."

Notice some changes?

As you were looking over the Sunrise Bistro menu for today's meeting that was sent to all members, you probably noticed some significant changes. The cost of our live meetings is now \$23 with meal, \$10 without.

Membership Challenge.

The membership committee has announced the District's 2021 membership challenge that will take place the week

of October 18th. This is also being supported by the District Membership Photo Contest!



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Each One Bring One

Announcing The District 5160
Rotary Club Membership Challenge 2021
Rotary Week of October 18, 2021

*****Every Rotarian Bring a Guest*****
*Photo Contest * Prizes*

For questions, ideas, suggestions and concerns, contact District Membership Director Dan Geraldi at (415) 860-1122



EACH ONE BRING ONE
Rotary

DISTRICT 5160
2021
MEMBERSHIP PHOTO CONTEST

New & Past Pics Welcome

October 1st-23rd
Inducted New Member ?
Guest at Meeting ?
Have a Picture ?

\$1,200 total CASH giveaway !
6000 PHF total points worth \$6,000 !
3 Clubs will each receive \$400 and 2000 PHF points

Send your Picture to Dan Geraldi, District Membership Chair
daniel@geraldi-law.com with your Club Name
Deadline October 23rd 2021

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Community Food Drive What is happening

On Saturday, October 9, the City of Walnut Creek is once again conducting its annual Community Service Day. Various projects will happen throughout the city in addition to the Community Food Drive to benefit the Food Bank.

What this means for us as Rotarians

This is the first time for the city to do a

food drive at the same time as doing a city wide group of projects utilizing volunteer labor. In order to manage all of this activity, the three Rotary Clubs in Walnut Creek (Rotary Club of Walnut Creek - us, Walnut Creek Sunrise Rotary and the Diablo View Rotary) have been asked to supervise the eight food donation stations at various grocery stores on the day of the food drive. This is an opportunity in the following ways:



Community Service Day

Get Out. Give Back. Feel Great.

Join with friends and family for a morning of celebration and service

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 9th**

Outdoor Projects for All Ages
Parks
Gardens
Community Centers
Schools

Community Food Drive
Neighborhoods
Local Grocery Stores
Rossmoor
Online

To Volunteer or Donate Visit
www.walnut-creek.org/service

1. There is a large continuing need for the food that is donated. Doing our

part is simply being a Rotarian: Service above Self

2. This is the type of project that can give Rotary a lot of beneficial visibility in the community. We have done a lot for the community through the years, but not with the visibility that we will receive from this project.
3. It has the potential to open doors for other activities both with the city and the greater community.

Where we are right now

The overall commitment level from the other two clubs is not certain at this point. With eight locations and two 3-hour shifts at each location, there are 16 total Rotarian crew leaders needed for the eight locations. At this point, our club is planning to staff most of these shifts. That should not be too difficult, as we, as the largest club, have the membership to easily do that.

As a reminder, the eight locations are:

- Ygnacio Valley - Nob Hill Citrus Center
- Ygnacio Valley - Safeway Countrywood
- Ygnacio Valley - Safeway Orchards
- Ygnacio Valley - Whole Foods
- Downtown - Safeway
- Downtown - Whole Foods
- Rossmoor Safeway
- Lunardi's

Contact for information and sign up

We are meeting with the city managers for the food drive (Cindy Silva and Diane Crowley Young) on August 11. We will attempt to keep you up to date on any changes as they happen. In the meantime, please sign up for one of the crew leader spots. As of writing this, five people have already volunteered as Crew Leaders. If you have a preference for location or shift time, please indicate that, but we cannot guarantee that you will get it, especially with the other clubs taking responsibility for some locations. To sign-up or for further information, contact **Bruce Johnson** brucej620@outlook.com or 925.457.8727. Also see the August 3 Walnut Leaf or the July 29 email blast from **Marcia Gerg** for further details.

African region marks one year since being certified wild polio-free.

Rotary's 2020 World Polio Day Online Global Update program on 24 October hails this year's historic achievement in polio eradication: Africa being declared free of the wild poliovirus.

*Polio eradication is truly a collective effort ...
This accomplishment belongs to all of us.*

— Dr. Tunji Funsho



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, September 16th.



Register NOW for District Conference District 5160 Goes Back to the Future Oct 29-31, 2021

How does a family-friendly weekend getaway to a beautiful resort sound after our pandemic isolation? Well, you're invited!! For the first time in over two years, District 5160 Rotarians will gather IN-PERSON for Rotary fun and inspiration at our District Conference.



As the incoming District Governor on July 1, I've heard from so many of you requesting we return to a fall conference. And we've been missing each other so much! What better time to hold the 2021-2022 District Conference than in beautiful October -- and in the stunning Olympic Valley in the North Tahoe region to boot? Please join me Halloween weekend at The Resort at Squaw Creek for the 2021-2022 District 5160 annual conference! I promise to get you home in plenty of time for your Halloween evening activities. Full information and registration... [Click Here!](#)

Kathy Suvia
District Governor 2021-22

Coming meetings & events...

September 16: Happy hour at Bay Club, 5:00pm
September 14:
September 21: Crystal Hapgood on Palliative Care
September 28: Dist Gov **Kathy Suvia** on Polio status
October 9: WC Community Service Food Drive
October 24: World Polio Day
October 29-31 District Conference

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