

# The Walnut Leaf

*The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek*

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**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

## **Today's Meeting**

Emily Hoshida, Center for Elders' Independence

## **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.

## **Membership Moment**

Our club has a new Membership look! **Cathy Durfee** has joined the Membership Team as Co-Chair with **Jerry Benoit!** Welcome **Cathy!**

We want your input! For our club to move forward and prosper in the future, the club should mirror the demographics of our community. We have a long ways to go. Any ideas? Please share them with either **Cathy** or **Jerry**. We'd like to hear from you!

## **Bob Linscheid Membership**



**Bob Linscheid**, president of the Walnut Creek Chamber of commerce has applied for membership in our club. Many of you will remember Bob; he addressed the club in one of our Zoom meetings a couple of weeks ago. He is a "returning Rotarian", he originally joined Rotary in

1980 and was very active as a member of the Chico Sunrise Club where he has served as Club President, chaired the district Polio Plus committee and found time to go on three Rotaplast Missions!

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:

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



**Community Service Day**

**Get Out. Give Back. Feel Great.**

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

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>**

**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](http://www.walnut-creek.org/service)

## Walnut Creek Community Food Drive

### What is happening

On Saturday, October 9, the City of Walnut Creek is once again conducting its annual Community Service Day.

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](mailto: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.

## 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, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Thank you Walnut Creek

With your support, We supported 483 total children and parents in Uganda and Tanzania with the COVID-19 relief package and expanded learning in community groups and in school clusters (where allowed).



# Asante

AFRICA FOUNDATION

Educating Children | Transforming Worlds

Some young people were involved in several different aspects of the programming and we have provided the breakdown of the number of the youth who received different types of support above.

**We supported 332 children and 151 parents/adults with this grant, exceeding our initial estimate.** We created 4 safe space groups in schools or community meeting locations. Children have been meeting weekly with mentors and receiving health knowledge, financial skills training, mentor and peer support, and educational support.

To keep girls and young women learning we created community safe spaces for children facilitated by young alumni. We distributed feminine hygiene products and providing practical and emotional support for young girls. Our program makes girls' empowerment sustainable by including boys in the learning module, educating parents and community members, and facilitating parent-child dialogues.



## Coming meetings & events...

August 19: Happy hour at Bay Club, 5:00pm

August 24: Ema Grasz with Asante Africa

August 31: Amy Alanes, Women's Cancer Resource Center

October 9: WC Community Service Food Drive

October 29-31 District Conference

## 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!](#)

## Dixie Fire Relief

Many of you have asked what you can do. Members of the Interact Club at Fall River High School in far Eastern Shasta County immediately acted where they saw a need and have created a local effort to collect personal items and gift cards to deliver to the students impacted by the Dixie Fire. For now, we're asking that you consider a donation through the GoFundMe account to assist the Rotary Club of Greenville here: [DONATE](#). Or, you can mail gift cards to the Interact Club of Fall River High School, 44215 Walnut Street, McArthur CA 96056.

Kathy Suvia  
District Governor 2021-22

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