

The Walnut Leaf

The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek

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Today's Meeting

Gary Cavelli, our schedule speaker is, regrettable ill and unable to talk. Instead, Matt Guichardis our guest speaker discussing the validity of polygraph tests and... it is **PIZZA DAY!**

Double Speed!

Donations to the Paul Harris Fund now through the end of the year will be points matched by the club! Get to your next Paul Harris level twice as fast; \$100 = \$200, \$500 = \$1K and you are in! A Paul Harris donor! Not a Paul Harris level fund donor yet? Now you can be in time for Christmas! Don't miss this opportunity! But you've gotta be generous, the minimum donation is one Benjamin.



And, talking about Paul Harris, our Paul Harris secretary, **Gordon Fisher**, reported on our club's Paul Harris status at the last meeting. The stats are impressive:

- 49 of our members are first level members or higher.
- 42 of those members have multiple levels
- 6 of our members are first level major donors
- 1 member is a level two major donor.
- Since the founding of our club we have donated \$797,788 to Rotary... over three quarters of a million dollars!

It is a record the club should be proud of!





We are having a Holiday Party on Tuesday December 13 at 12:15 PM at the Lakeside Room in Heather Farms, our usual venue for our meetings. Instead of a regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek, we are going to turn the day into an event that celebrates the Holidays like none other.

We have the TONIC trio, a singing group for background accompaniment! We have the great caterer with delicious food that we used for the gala of the century event, all vying to turn this into the party of the year!

The cost is \$60 per person but for anyone on a limited budget, there are some party scholarships available. Rotaract attendees are asked to only donate according to their means for charitable purposes.

The funds collected will be going directly to the club. The event is being wholly sponsored by Paradox Traders so come and have fun, share the food, contribute to the fellowship and bring your thoughts on the year 2022 to share with us before it disappears forever. We want to see all of you there.

Happy Holidays
Gary Stein
President

A Little Rotary with your Coffee?

[Jason Callan](#)

Several years ago **Carl Manna** started a "Coffee Talk" program where Rotarians from our club were matched up with each other and encouraged to get to know one another on a one-on-one basis. We have no re-started this program. You will be matched up with someone and you have two weeks to find a time to get together - often for a coffee or lunch, before you'll be matched up with the next Rotarian. It is a lot of fun and you get to know many of your fellow Rotarians this way. Please [let me know if you'd like to be a part of this program!](#)



Larry Kolka

is still a relatively new member of our club yet has received his full Paul Harris Fellowship recognition very quickly. He is becoming a great Rotarian and has contributed generously to our club in both fellowship and service.



Rotarians

Dess Benedetto, Trudy Triner and Trudy Cumming enjoying breakfast on Friday at the Sugar Plum in Concord. Caught up with **Dess'** son Guyvin, visiting from San Diego. Always a joy.



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Coming meetings & events...

Dec 13: Holiday Gathering with President Gary Stein

Dec 20: Dark

Dec 27: Dark

2023

Jan 17: Michele McKay-McCoy, Tales from the Courtroom Crypt.

March: Registration for District Conference April 26-28, 2024 in Sacramento opens

Live Meetings

Members now have the choice of joining our meetings on zoom or attending the live meeting at Heather Farm Lakeside Room, 301 N San Carlos Drive. 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 jmcclintic@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 preceding the meeting.

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.



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://us06web.zoom.us/j/84410765063?pwd=dVBnK1hPV3NhcStWaiqUTU0YXdEQT09>

Meeting ID: 844 1076 5063 Passcode: Rotary

Local dial-up audio numbers: San Jose 1.669.900.6833 or Houston 1.346.248.7799.

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)



Box lunches are on a break
through the end of the year!
Look for the Pizza this week
Come to the Holiday Party the 13th!

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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 & Broccolini, 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