

The Walnut Leaf

The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek

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Today's Meeting is ZOOM and Live

See page 6 for instruction on Zoom meetings.

Ted Ford

Approved for membership



Ted is a resident of Walnut Creek and retired. Previously he was a Peace Corps Volunteer then a foreign service officer before working in the banking industry. In 2001 he started working with Cole European in auto sales. He is sponsored by **Trudy Triner**.



Two more Paul Harris awards.



Dess Benedetto and **Gordon Fischer** were both recognized for their continuing support of the Rotary Foundation at our last meeting.

Dess received here 5th Paul Harris award, **Gordon** is 7th. **Gordon** is our Foundation secretary so he got to present his pin to himself!

DV8 BBQ

By now you should have received your sign-up sheet for the DV8 BBQ and Cornhole contest. If you didn't contact **Dess Benedetto**. She can also answer any questions you have about this event!

Diablo Valley 8 Joint Clubs Spring BBQ

Does it get any better than this?



Join us!

Sugarloaf Open Space, Walnut Creek
2161 Youngs Valley Road

Saturday April 2nd starting at 11:30

Brats and burgers, beer, wine, salads, desserts. Cornhole games, fun and fellowship

SIGN UP! Advance sign-ups requested. \$10 Adults \$5 Kids and Rotaractors
Checks paid to your Rotary Club or the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek (2022 host club).

Sponsorships available for \$100.
Sponsors: Email your company logo or photo to dess.rotary@gmail.com (2021-2023 Assistant Governor for DV-8 Clubs)

Net proceeds will be given from DV-8 Rotary Clubs to the Rotary International
Disaster Relief Fund in support of Ukraine

Rotary Gearing Up for Ukraine Disaster

Rotary's Disaster Response Fund is a general fund to receive contributions for worldwide response to natural disasters. The fund typically provides for Disaster Response Grants of up to \$25,000, made to Rotary Districts to assist on the ground in these disaster areas.

Due to the growing humanitarian and refugee crisis taking place in Ukraine and the impacted surrounding countries, on March 2, 2022, the Executive Committee of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, acting on behalf of the Trustees, agreed that the sudden and extreme needs prompted by the crisis in Ukraine warrant immediate action to bring relief in these impacted areas.

All contributions to Rotary's Disaster Response Fund, through 30 April 2022, will be used to support relief and recovery efforts in Ukraine and surrounding areas. Rotary districts that have been affected by the Ukraine crisis will receive priority access to Disaster Response Grants until 30 June 2022

The current decision specifically provides that Rotarians in Rotary Districts in (1) Hungary, (2) Poland, (3) Ukraine/Belarus (they are one district), (4) Czech Republic and Slovakia, and (5) Republic of Moldov

a and Romania are eligible for a Disaster Response Grant of \$50,000 until 30 June 2022. When one grant is completed, another grant can be requested, to mobi-

lize donations as soon as possible to make the most difference.

In summary, donations go to Rotary's Disaster Response Fund, and grants are made to Rotary members in the field. This channel of support gives donors the greatest assurance that contributions are going to help those most in need.

Disaster Response Grants may be used to provide basic items such as water, food, medicine, and clothing and for providing immediate aid to support refugees of this crisis.

If you would like to help, please click [HERE](#) to donate to the Disaster Response Fund.

Vicki Puliz,
Rotary International Director
2021-2023
Larry Lunsford,
Rotary Foundation Trustee
2021-2025



Do you remember?

In June 2016 members of a Rotary Exchange program designed to spread peace and understanding world wide visited our club to introduce us to their homeland.



Viktoria and Serj at Michael Barrington's

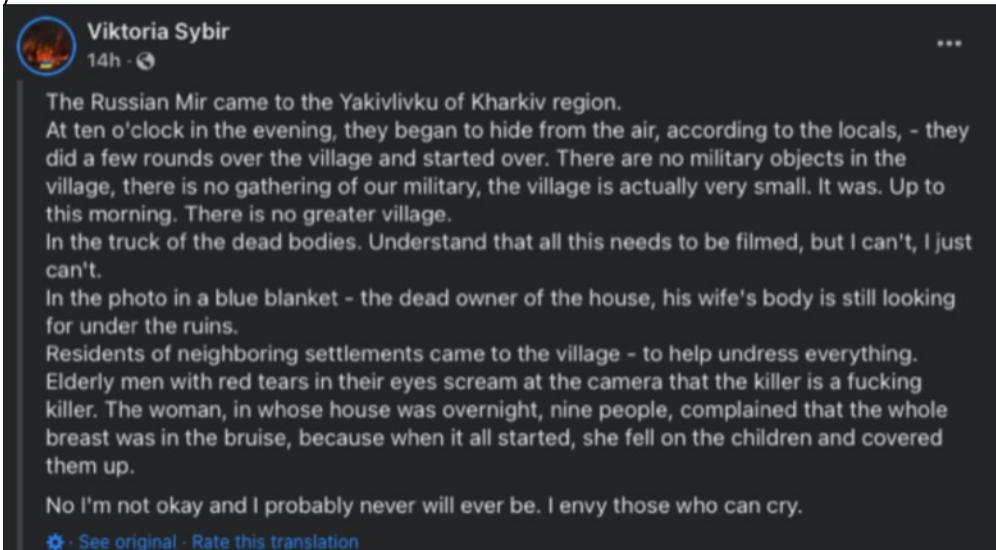


A happy Viktoria



introducing us to his coun-

Sadly... this is their message to us today, four years later.





THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENICIA INVITES YOU TO

SPRING CONCERT & BBQ!

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH, 2022 @ 4 PM

AT THE BENJAMIN'S WINDMILL OAKS

4147 OAKWOOD DRIVE, FAIRFIELD, CA 94534

1960'S, 1970'S, 1980'S MUSIC BY DUO SONIC

**MENU: BBQ TRI-TIP, BAKED POTATO, CORN ON THE COB, SALAD, ROLL AND
DESSERT**

Pre-sale tickets only! \$50/person

Please contact Heidi at (707) 333-5995 or online
at beniciarotary.org - under "News"

All proceeds benefit the Rotary Club International and Ten
For Girls Project.

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Bocce Returns

Gordon Fischer

The annual Bocce Event put on by the Martinez Rotary Club is on for 2022. The date will be May 14th 2022 at the Martinez Waterfront Park Bocce Ball Courts.

There is no cost to participating members and it is a lot of fun. Food and drinks are included.

In the past we have had up to 4 teams participating in this event and we have brought the first place trophy home twice in the past. Lets get some great

teams together and bring it home for the 2022 year.

If you are available that day and would like to join one of our teams please let me know as early as possible. I need to let the Martinez Club know by April 15th how many teams we will have.



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 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.

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.

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 & 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

District Conference Not to be missed!

The 2022 District Conference has been set and announced on the District web page. It will be October 28th to the 30th in Monterey (at the Marriott Monterey). The hotel cost is \$225 per night Conference registration:

- Early Bird Registration - \$199 through June 1, 2022
- Regular Registration - \$225 through August 31, 2022
- Late Registration - \$250 September 1

Full-package pricing includes all the great speakers and sessions you've come to expect from a District conference. Not to be missed!

Friday Night Event: \$25 per person, Register by Sept 1. Registration will be available soon. Limited space available, sign up early!

Coming meetings & events...

April 2: DV8 party at Sugarloaf Open Space
April 23: Dinner party hosted by PE **Gary Stein**
April 19: Candace Andersen CCC Supervisor
April 24-30: World Immunization Week
May 14: Bocce Tournament
June 1: deadline for conference early registration.
October 27-30: District Conference, Monterey

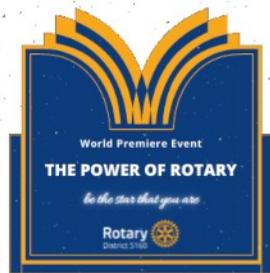
Past copies of The Walnut Leaf

Past copies of the Walnut Leaf for President **Peter's** term can be found at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9nr3398euvrz4zo/AACaJd1tHoXzvMUSF4guDSyCa?Dl=0>

For all of our Japanese friends...
happy Kanamara Matsuri this coming weekend!

(April 3rd)



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