

The Walnut Leaf

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Rotary



Today's Meeting

NO meeting. We are Dark for the 4th!

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Scotland

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District 5160

District Governor

Claire Roberts

District Governor Elect

Dan Geraldi

Walnut Creek

Club 465

President

Gordon Fischer

President Elect

Marcia Gerg



Happy 4th of July



**CREATE HOPE
IN THE WORLD**

Goodbye from Gary!

Hello Everyone:

I would like to tell you about my year as President of the Rotary Club. I thought I could bring some color into your lives and I see that I was successful.

I must apologize for our lapses in audio for the zoomers. My voice is such that everyone in the club is now much better at reading lips than before I started.

If anyone asks, “What does Rotary do?”

I would like to brag about our great membership. We began the year coming out of the pandemic when gatherings indoors were still risky.

In spite of this, we

1. Developed, and funded, a creative new Wellness and Education program with the Trinity Center for the houseless population
2. Provided money for the outfitting of food vans for the Trinity Center and White Pony Express.
3. Sent money to help Ukraine through White Pony Express,
4. Sent art supplies to homeless and low-income children in the Mt Diablo Unified School District – part of the HOPE Project a District 5160 Grant
5. Contributed to a Micro Loan Program administered by the Rotary Club of Medellin Colombia to help indigent women start their own businesses.
6. Contributed to the Guatemala Concrete Floor/ Stove installation project
7. Negotiated for, fabricated, and erected two pergolas here at Sugarloaf for the benefit of our entire local community. When completed they will provide shade extending the hours we can use the open space in the future
8. Have provided special services to White Pony Express once monthly of late, and to the Trinity Center once monthly when we provide an evening meal for the houseless population.
9. Have helped the Assistance League of California,
10. Funded the Assante Africa Foundation,
11. Funded a \$5,000 RES Success Grant,
12. Provided scholarships of \$5,000 to students from Northgate High School and Los Lomas High School.

The coffee club has been very successful under Jason’s watchful eye and it has increased fellowship on a one on one basis.

Our new website has been a work in progress, and went live yesterday. **Rotarywc.org**. Have a look.

This will be a good tool for recruitment of new members and be a source of current information for the club. Its still a work in progress.

We have had to change venues very quickly due to being flooded out of our old meeting room at the Garden Center, and I would like to thank **Trudy Triner** for finding our present Lakeside Room venue. We have set up a Speakers Committee to make our speaker program much more interesting, and I would like to thank **Carolina, Prem, Matt, Peter, Shalini, Betsy, Cathy**. We have subsequently made the job of the monthly teams much more manageable. I would like to thank our team leaders for the year **Prem Abraham, Darren Kelly, Trudy Triner, Jerry Benoit, Lance Mendes, and Jason Callan**.

The Gala we had was a successful fundraiser as was the Bingo Night. We look forward to more events that increase fellowship and fund raise for our club.

John McClintic has magically converted football season into a successful fundraiser. **Lance Mendes** has used corn-holing as a creative method to fund raise.

Fellowship wise, we had a successful Christmas party, Valentines Day party (thank you **Rose, Don, and Jason**)

My trip to Melbourne was exceptional. There were many events and many topics covered but the one I would like to focus on is the concept that we are all in the club and enjoy the fellowship. However, it is another thing to be a Rotarian. It is easy to join a club but it is the next step that is important for Rotary. That is to provide **Service above Self**, give your time, whatever resources that you can spare, and your ingenuity to making this a better world. I have illustrated what we have done locally and internationally as a club this year, but it is the **lets get it done attitude** and the **selflessness** that we approach problem solving that gives us our real strength. So don't just be a club member, but participate in what we do best. Make this a better world for everybody whether it be improving climate change, educating women, feeding the hungry, or whatever is within our power to improve.

Lastly, I would like to recognize and thank the fabulous women in our club. **Marcia, Trudy Triner, Trudy Cumming, Carolina, Betsy, Shalini, Rose, Cathy** and all of the others. Your help has been incalculable to the success of my presidency.

I would like to also thank the IT team of **Tony and Clint** for judiciously being there to provide our hybrid meetings. From my discussions with other groups, this is a very difficult task and **Clint and Tony** have done a great job.

John McClintic thanks for all your help with the club, specially networking skillfully, at happy hour and treasuring. **Darren** thanks for the Happy Hour fellowship meetings,

Jason for the coffee club and allowing me to push you into greatness with the Christmas party. Sorry if I inadvertently missed anybody.

I am very proud of this club and I see us doing other great things in the years to come. It has been my privilege to have served as your President for the past year.

**PRESS
RELEASE**



The Rotary Club of Walnut Creek is presenting a check to the Trinity Center to start an innovative Education Program to help those people who are houseless to gain employment and navigate the difficult path to prosperity.

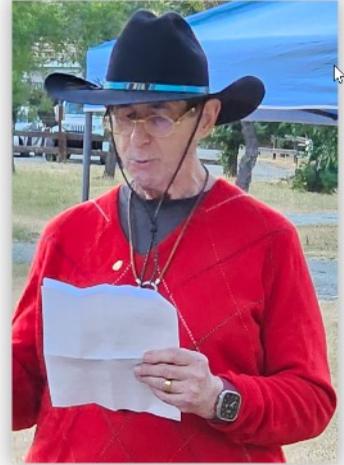
The Trinity Center is a resource for those who are houseless providing meals, laundry, and bathing facilities to them. They also have workshops to help them with everything from substance abuse remediation to how to apply for a job and interview for that job.

Pictured are **Marcia Gerg**, Walnut Creek Rotarian, **Moji Shobeiri**, Operations Manager, **Leticia Wiesner**, Director of Programs and Member Services, **Leslie Gleason** Executive Director, **Gary Stein** President of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek, **Trudy Triner**, Walnut Creek Rotarian.

The New Program that the funding will be used for will be a unique approach to getting the houseless off the street. It involves the development of a comprehensive Wellness Program that addresses the challenges and barriers to health and well-being by those living unsheltered or in unstable housing.

This will provide a pathway to sustainable housing, enhance their ability to obtain and maintain employment and income, mental and physical health, sobriety, and social connections.

Submitted by **Gary Stein**, President, Rotary Club of Walnut Creek



Out with the old, In with the new!

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New member application.

Linda Johnson has applied for membership in our Club. Linda is a geriatric care manager and counselor, providing elder care management advice to individuals, couples, and families. Linda is well-known to many in the Club and was active in many Club projects and events with her late husband Bruce. Linda and Bruce shared a passion for working to address homelessness and food insecurity issues and elder care issues. Please provide any comments regarding her proposed membership to the Club Secretary.

Coming meetings & events...

July 8: Rotary Academy Awards.

2023-24 Installation Gala

(see last page for details)

July 11: New President **Gordon Fischer**

July 18: Claudia Mercier,

Contra Costa Foster Friends

July 25: Lisa Mistry Ghatala

Ayurvedic Medicine Benefits

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

Contact **Darin Kelly** for details and to see if this is a meeting week.

Community Service Day.

Walnut Creek will be holding its annual

Community Service Day in October (the 14th). Rotarian **Jesse Smyers** will be coordinating our participation in this event. Want to help, be involved? [Contact Jessie.](#)



Other Club Officers

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Gary Stein

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Marcia Gerg

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Secretary

Layton Hansen

Attendance Secretary

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Prem Abraham

Darren Kelly

Trudy Triner

2022-2024 Directors

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Jerry Benoit

Lance Mendes

July's Team!

Milt Smith (Leader)

Trudy Triner

Clint Collier

Lance Mendes

Peter Kohn

Jack Fischer

Mary Azevedo

Al Sevilla

Shalini Lugini

Frank Suess



The 4-Way Test

of things we do and say:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?