

# The Walnut Leaf

*The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek*

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**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

## **Today's Meeting**

Amy Alanes, Women's Cancer Resource Center

## **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.

## **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. 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



The poster features a green header with the text "Community Service Day" in white. Below the header is a photograph of a group of people, including a man in a white shirt and sunglasses, kneeling on a paved area and painting a colorful mural. Below the photo is an orange banner with the text "Get Out. Give Back. Feel Great." in white. The main body of the poster is white with green and orange text. It says "Join with friends and family for a morning of celebration and service" in green, followed by "SATURDAY OCTOBER 9th" in large orange letters. There are two circular callouts: a yellow one on the left for "Outdoor Projects for All Ages" (listing Parks, Gardens, Community Centers, Schools) and a green one on the right for "Community Food Drive" (listing Neighborhoods, Local Grocery Stores, Rossmoor, Online). At the bottom left is a QR code and the text "To Volunteer or Donate Visit www.walnut-creek.org/service".

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](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.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## Coming meetings & events...

September 2: Happy hour at Bay Club, 5:00pm  
September 7: Past RI President **Rick King**  
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



**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?

## 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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