

# THE WALNUT LEAF



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DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465

2015 2016 Theme:

*"Be a Gift to the World"*

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Thought for the Day: Clint Collier

Roving Mic: Cathy Durfee

Today's Speaker: Larry Sly, "The Food Bank of Contra Costa Solano"

Thanks to Andy Halperin for printing and deliver of today's Walnut Leaf!

**Rotarian of the Month: Richard Hsu:**

Richard was honored for his and his family's many contributions, most recently on the Japan exchange student program with the Kohoku Rotary Club, taking lots of club photographs as one of our unofficial Club photographers, and showing great spirit at the Salvation Army Bell Ringing when he came to sing carols dressed as Santa Clause (renting the suit and going to a lot of personal effort).

**Fellowship Event, This Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Moroccan Dinner with Belly Dancing.**  
Contact Eileen Chang [eileenicheng@gmail.com](mailto:eileenicheng@gmail.com)

**Recognitions:** Thanks to the Teams and Team Leaders for October (**Al Sevilla**), November (**Marcia Gerg**), and December (**Dave Killebrew**) for great meetings and programs. And thanks to the following who volunteered at the Monument Crisis Center last week: **Pres Dess, Eileen Cheng, Mike Lommel, Carl Manna, and Barbara Munez, Jesse (and Pat) Smyers, Trudy Triner.**

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rotary Exchange Student Celebration with the Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kokoku Japan, Honolulu, Hawaii, October 9-15, 2016:** The dates for this celebration have been set. Our Club will be organizing the Opening Night and Farewell Dinner. More information is forthcoming.



**January Birthdays:** Many happy returns of the day to the following Rotarians celebrating birthdays in January: Jonathan Bishop, Bill Babcock, Frank Sues, Oscar Wu, Marty Larsen.

**In Memoriam:** Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to **Marcia Gerg and her family** following the death of her 19 year old son in a tragic accident.

**Crab Feed Fundraiser  
Next Saturday January 30.**



There are still many things to do during the last 10 days before this event:

- Buy Tickets! – We cannot have a successful event without everybody participating. \$75 each. See **Bob Morgan**.
- Invite guests who will actively support the fundraising through bidding and the purchasing of drinks, raffle tickets, etc. and will have fun in the process. Remember that the idea is to raise money, not to find bargains in the auction items.
- Provide **Bob Morgan** with the name, email address, and phone number for you and your guests. This will make check-in easier and more enjoyable.
- Bring in your 2x \$25 each bottles of wine for the wine barrel raffle and wine barrel auction. See **Gordon Fischer** with your donation. Or give him a check for \$50 and he will shop for you. Good sales are ongoing at Safeway, BevMo and other wine retailers.

**Last Chance for Sponsorship Recognition in the Program! Contact John McClintic, 925-256-8200 or [jmccclintic@bamlaw.com](mailto:jmccclintic@bamlaw.com) BY TOMORROW WEDNESDAY to get your ad in the Program book. Bronze (\$250) and ALL OTHER SPONSORSHIP LEVELS** include an ad in the event program, and logo/name recognition in the video slide show during the event. **Silver (\$500)** also includes 2 tickets to the event OR 1 Special Live Auction Raffle Ticket (\$100), 1 bottle of premium wine, and 5 raffle tickets. **Gold (\$1,000)** also includes 4 tickets to the event OR 2 Special Live Auction Raffle Tickets (\$200), 2 bottles of premium wine, 10 raffle tickets, a table sponsor sign, and a framed certificate/plaque. **Platinum (\$1,700) also includes a Premium Seating Reserved table for 10; plus a Special Live Auction Raffle Ticket (\$100); 2 bottles of premium wine; 20 wine barrel raffle tickets; a table sponsorship sign; logo and name recognition in press releases; and a framed certificate/plaque.**

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**And our Bronze sponsor!**

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**Upcoming Club Meetings and Events:**

**Club and District Calendars** are now “always in view” at <http://www.rotarywc.org/>

Jan 26 TBA

Feb 2 Peter Crooks, author of “The Setup”

Feb 9 Jan Kawai, Tranplant

Feb 16 Gloria, “Having a Life Now”

Feb 23 Shahrokh Shakeri, “Iran”