

# Rotary

Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill



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**THIS THURSDAY AUGUST 29**

***OFF SITE SOCIAL***

**SKYLINKS GOLF COURSE AT  
BUCHANAN FIELDS**

**1091 Concord Ave, Concord**

**GATHER: NOON**

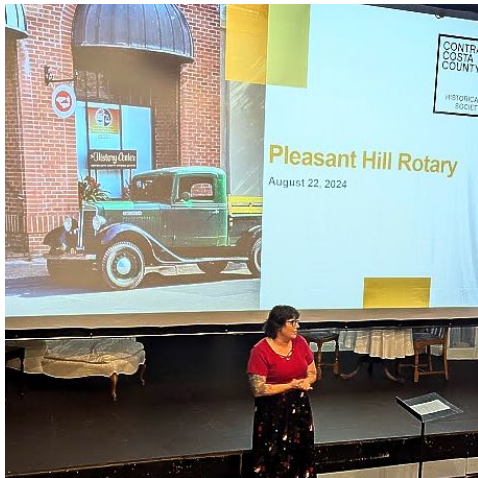
Last week, our group gathered for an engaging offsite meeting at the Campbell Theatre, with Prez Diane once again at the helm. The highlight of the event was an illuminating presentation by Leigh Ann Davis, the Executive Director of the Contra Costa County Historical Society CCCHS.

Historical Society.

She provided a captivating overview of the



organization's rich history and invaluable services. She shed light on the Society's extensive collection of historical documents, including court records dating back to 1848 - a time predating California's statehood.



### **The History Center: A Living Archive**

The History Center, as Davis explained, serves as a vibrant repository of Contra Costa County's past. This treasure trove houses an impressive array of materials such as records, letters, photographs, maps and books.

### **Services and Donations**

The Center not only preserves history, but also actively encourages community participation. Residents and former residents are welcome to donate their

personal historical items, including photographs, letters, and documents, for potential inclusion in the Society's collection.

### **Visiting the History Center**

For those interested in delving into the county's rich history:

**Location: 724 Escobar Street, Martinez**

### **Business Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

1st and 3rd Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Contact:** For research appointments, call (925) 229-1042

**Note:** The History Center closes for the last two weeks of December and reopens on the first Tuesday of January.

This presentation undoubtedly left attendees with a deeper appreciation for the vital role the Historical Society plays in preserving and sharing Contra Costa County's fascinating past.

***Remembering Past District Governor Candy Pierce: A Beacon of Service Above Self***





After a presentation to our club on the Rotary Foundation (TRF), Matt Rinn, our Club President at the time, and Jim Bonato, our TRF Chair, presented PDG Candy a book we donated to the PH library on her behalf



During that same presentation, PDG Candy presented Faye Donaghu with her Paul Harris Fellowship pin for her donations to The Rotary Foundation (TRF)



Michael Mendonca embraced PDG Candy in a warm hug, expressing his heartfelt gratitude for the generous check she presented on behalf of District 5160. This donation was to his LN-4 Foundation for Prosthetic Hands

A long time friend and strong supporter of our club, Past District 5160 Governor (2006-07) Candy Pierce, has been taken from us far too soon, she will be deeply and dearly missed.

Her impact through CASA work and Rotary service has touched countless lives, leaving a legacy of compassion and dedication. As she embarks on her next journey, she will be welcomed into the Rotary Club of Heaven by PRIP Cliff Dochterman, PRIP Rick King, and many esteemed Rotarian friends who have gone before her. May she rest in peace, knowing she made a difference in the world and in the hearts of those she served.

Services will be held on Saturday, September 7th at the Hilton Garden Inn Fairfield, 2200 The Courtyard, Fairfield, CA 94533, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., followed by a reception, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Flowers can be sent to the funeral home or Hilton Garden Inn.



Rotary International President **Stephanie Urcheck** recognized the Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide (BREW) Fellowship in the current edition of the Rotary Magazine in her August 2024 message (see Below)

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**Our Member PDG Steve Lack is the International Vice Chair and Co-Founder of the BREW Fellowship**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Stephanie Urchick (rear right) listens as a member of her club in McMurray, Pennsylvania, speaks at their weekly meeting.

## From challenge to opportunity

**I**f we are to truly change the world with *The Magic of Rotary*, it's up to all of us to foster a sense of belonging in our clubs. But every club should take its own path to get there, and the Action Plan can help you find your way. What does that look like?

Take for instance the Rotary Club of Beveren-Waas in Belgium. It was chartered in 1974 but has evolved with the times, developing both a strategic plan and a membership plan. To find new members, the club analyzes the city's professions to help focus its search, and all new members are quickly assigned tasks and roles.

The club also mixes up meeting times, alternating between evening and afternoon sessions, making them accessible for all members.

Sometimes, circumstances force clubs to make changes. But as people of action, we know that behind every obstacle is an opportunity.

The Rotary Club of Holyoke in Massachusetts was forced from its meeting place because of rising costs after the COVID-19 pandemic, but members took this setback and turned it into a strength. The club started meeting in a library community room that was available for no charge and catering lunch from a nearby deli. Lunch costs \$10 per person but it's optional, so no one has to spend money to attend a meeting. What a great way to work toward being "fair to all concerned."

Since making this change, the Holyoke club has gained 13 members. I suspect part of its membership

growth is due to the club's sense of inclusivity — the first step toward belonging.

If you ask members what they expect from the club experience, you might find that your club doesn't meet expectations. Think of this as an opportunity to reshape your club in exciting ways, as alternative club models are making a positive impact.

For example, a Rotary Fellowship called Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide, or BREW, has worked closely with the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group for the past eight years to assist with clean water projects. In that time, BREW has funneled 25 percent of its dues to those initiatives.

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I can't stress enough the importance of belonging. Clubs become simply irresistible when all members feel that they are exactly where they need to be. To me, belonging is the spark that ignites *The Magic of Rotary*.

As you receive feedback from club members and the community you serve, I urge you to pursue that spark. The Action Plan can help you find the path to success, and if you light your way with the spirit of belonging, that path will lead to a bright future for your club, your community, and the world.

**STEPHANIE A. URCHICK**  
President, Rotary International

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Rotary's Action  
Plan at [rotary.org/actionplan](https://rotary.org/actionplan).



# Upcoming Events

ROTARY DISTRICT 5160

## • BOCCE CHALLENGE •

9:30 AM | SEPT. 21, 2024 | MARTINEZ WATERFRONT PARK



### *LET THE BOCCE CHALLENGE BEGIN!*

We have fielded two teams of Bocce Players each to play in the Annual Martinez Rotary Bocce Challenge on **Saturday September 21** at the Martinez Bocce Courts

We have had teams for each of the Challenges over the past 15 years (Steve Lack created this event and managed it for the first 5 years). We last won the tournament in 2014.

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## Activity Schedule

Thur  
SEPT  
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BOARD MEET WITH  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Thur  
SEPT

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT**  
In the McHale Room PH Community Center

SEP 5	PROGRAM - Dan Geraldi District 5160 Governor (2024-25)
Thur SEPT 12	<b>REGULAR CLUB MEETING</b> In the McHale Room PH Community Center PROGRAM -Assistance League Thrift Shop Starting 12:30 PM
Thur SEPT 19	<b>REGULAR CLUB MEETING</b> In the McHale Room PH Community Center PROGRAM - CLUB ASSEMBLY Starting 12:30 PM
SAT SEPT 21	<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY</b> Construct Planter Boxes - Sequia School Sarting at 9AM
SAT SEPT 21	<b>MARTINEZ BOCCE CHALLENGE</b> Martinez Waterfront Bocce Courts Starting at 10:15 AM
THUR SEPT 26	<b>OFFSITE CLUB SOCIAL</b> <b>C&amp;O TRAVEL</b> <b>SOCIAL</b> <b>4-6PM</b>
THUR OCT 3	<b>REGULAR CLUB MEETING</b> In the McHale Room PH Community Center PROGRAM - Salvation Army Starting 12:30 PM

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# In Memory of Jim Alkire



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**District 5160 Governor** Dan Gerald

**District 5160 DV8 Assistant Governor** Cathy Durfee

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