

# Rotary

Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill



## *The PLEASANTREE*

*OCTOBER 3, 2024*

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October is  
**Rotary**  
Economic & Community  
Development



**Thursday, OCTOBER 3**

***MEETING***

**Tom McHale Room PH**

**Community Center**

**Major Gwyn Jones**

**Salvation Army**

**Social Gathering : 12:15 PM**





Last week, for our monthly social gathering, our member, **Jeremy Carlson**, the multi-talented owner of C&O Travel and Executive Director of the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce, graciously opened his doors to host our club at his dual headquarters.

The afternoon was a delightful blend of laughter, socializing, and indulging in wine, beer, and finger foods. What better way to bid farewell to September and usher in the cozy vibes of fall?

As we raised our glasses, it was clear: whether it's summer or autumn, good company and great drinks are always in season! Cheers to Jeremy for making it all happen!







*HAPPY OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAY*





**JOE THIBEDEAU**  
**OCTOBER 20**



**BOBBY GLOVER**  
**OCTOBER 21**



***HAPPY OCTOBER  
ANNIVERSARIES***



**MATT & ASHLEY RINN**  
**OCTOBER 1**



**LOU & HELEN ROSSI OCTOBER 5**





**ASHLEY & GAVIN WATSON**  
**OCTOBER 6**



**JIM & CARLA NUNES****OCTOBER 8**



**JOCELYN & BARRY REITE**  
**OCTOBER 18**



**ALLEN & SANDY VINSON****OCTOBER 18**

## **RELAY FOR LIFE 2024**

Last Saturday, many of our dedicated Rotarians came together for the 2024 Relay for Life Diablo Valley event, running from noon to 8 PM. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who participated, especially to Ken Housfeld and Kim & Felix Grossberg for their years of inspiring leadership in this important cause.

Early estimates suggest that we raised an impressive \$83,000 to help fight cancer! What a fantastic way to show our support and commitment to this vital mission..







**WORLD  
POLIO DAY**  
24 OCTOBER



## Rotary commits funds to polio outbreak response in Gaza

The recent detection of variant poliovirus type-2 isolates in environmental samples and the confirmation of a 10-month-old child who has contracted polio in Gaza is a stark reminder that as long as polio exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere.

The ongoing crisis in Gaza has contributed to reduced routine immunization rates and an increased risk of vaccine-preventable diseases, including polio. The crisis also poses a significant challenge to fully implementing disease surveillance and vaccination campaigns.

The World Health Organization (WHO) considers there to be a high risk for the spread

of this polio strain within Gaza and internationally, particularly given the current situation's impact on public health services.

A humanitarian pause has allowed a two-round polio vaccination campaign that began in Gaza on 1 September. Around 560 000 children under ten years old were vaccinated against polio during the first round of an emergency vaccination campaign conducted in three phases from 1-12 September 2024 in the Gaza Strip.

Rotary is committing US\$500,000 to bolster the initiative, channeling these funds through a dedicated Polio Outbreak Response Fund. This contribution represents Rotary's sustained support to the WHO in combating polio globally. Rotary will continue to work with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and other agencies as vaccination efforts unfold.

## **Canada pledges \$151 (CAD) million to achieve global eradication of polio**

The Government of Canada continues to demonstrate its commitment and leadership in the fight to eradicate polio, announcing a new contribution of CAN \$151 million over the next three years to support the work of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Canada's Minister of International Development, the Hon. Ahmed Hussen, formally announced Canada's next pledge to the GPEI at a Rotary regional conference in Toronto, Ontario on 20 September to an audience of Rotary club members and civic leaders from across Canada and the United States.

Canada has been a leading supporter of the global polio eradication effort since its inception and across successive governments, helping the GPEI reduce cases globally by over 99% and prevent more than 20 million cases of paralysis from polio. This most recent funding, which brings Canada's total contributions to the GPEI to more than CAN \$1 billion, will support the GPEI's ongoing efforts in immunizing 370 million children annually. Canada's overall contribution has also helped build and will ensure the continuation of increasingly important health infrastructure in some of the most vulnerable regions of the world. In addition to vaccinating children against polio, this infrastructure also delivers other essential health services, including critical surveillance and tracking systems

# Upcoming Events



# HARVEST FESTIVAL!

Saturday  
10 - 2



Oct. 5  
2024

**At Rodgers Ranch**  
**315 Cortsen Rd. Pleasant Hill**

**A Fun-filled, FREE,  
family event**

**Games! Activities! Music!**  
**Featuring local**  
**Community Organizations**

**Storytime with**  
**Patrick 11:00am**







# Rotary Means Business!

A networking event by the

## Diablo View Rotary

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 from 5:45pm-7:15pm

Join Rotarians & Friends at Bourbon Highway  
1677 N Main St, Walnut Creek, CA 94596 (Upstairs)

# Rotary

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## Activity Schedule

THUR  
OCT  
3

### REGULAR CLUB MEETING

In the McHale Room PH Community Center  
PROGRAM - SALVATION ARMY  
Starting 12:30 PM

SAT  
OCT  
5

### RODGERS RANCH FALL FESTIVAL

We Make Hand Made Rope  
10-2 PM

TUE  
OCT  
8

### BOARD MEETING

LOCATION TO BE  
DETERMINED

THUR  
OCT  
10

### REGULAR CLUB MEETING

In the McHale Room PH Community Center  
PROGRAM -Mike Maxwell - Membership  
Starting 12:30 PM

THUR  
OCT  
17

### REGULAR CLUB MEETING

In the McHale Room PH Community Center  
PROGRAM - Rick Flier-Law History  
Starting 12:30 PM



17  
**Thur**  
**OCT**  
**24**

## REGULAR CLUB MEETING

In the McHale Room PH Community Center  
PROGRAM - Cow Manure to Natural Gas  
Starting 12:30 PM

**THUR**  
**OCT**  
**31**

**OFFSITE SOCIAL**  
ZIO FRAEDOS  
HAPPY HALLOWEEN

**SAT**  
**NOV**  
**2**

**A SALUTE TO VETERANS!**  
Back Forty Texas BBQ  
11 AM - 2 PM

★★★★ HAPPY ★★★★★  
**VETERANS DAY**  
REMEMBER AND HONOR  
★★★★★★★★★★★★

## A Salute to Veterans!

Saturday November 2  
11:00am-2:00pm

at **Back Forty Texas BBQ**

featuring

**Mitch Polzak & The Royal Deuces**



The big guy from out West with larger than life energy (he's also 6'5') performer, guitarist, singer, banjoist, songwriter, composer, entertainer, musical historian and teacher Mitch Polzak wears his heart on his sleeve and his playing in his heart.



Guitars 4 Vets is a non-profit dedicated to providing relief to struggling veterans through the healing power of music and community. A network of volunteers teaches guitar lessons to Veterans across the country.

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**Margi Alkire**



# Angela Kalinowski

## In Memory of Jim Alkire



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