



**THE ROTARY CLUB
OF WALNUT GROVE**

WalnutGroveRotary.org



**75th Anniversary
1948-2023**

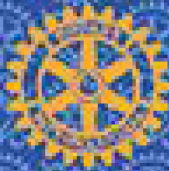
Anniversary & Dinner Celebration

Monday, May 22, 2023

Grand Island Vineyard & Winery

Walnut Grove, California

Rotary



Welcome From Our Co-Presidents



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ROTARY**

“Imagine, a world that deserves our best where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.” ~ 2022-2023 Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones

Dear Rotarians and Guests,

We are proud to serve as the Rotary Club of Walnut Grove Co-Presidents for our 75th Anniversary year, and we welcome you to this very special diamond anniversary celebration!

As we celebrate our 75th year of “Service Above Self” in the Rotary club of Walnut Grove, we are grateful for the 29 members who founded our Club in 1948. Their commitment to serving our Delta community is still reflected in our Club programs and projects. While they may not have been able to imagine the challenges and changes in our modern world, the common goal of making a difference in our community and world remains unchanged.



For 75 years, over 260 members of the Rotary Club of Walnut Grove have been dedicated to imagining the best for our Delta community! May we continue to thrive well into the future.



Sincerely,
Laura and Tom Uslan
Co-Presidents 2022-2023
Rotary Club of Walnut Grove

75th Celebration and Fellowship Program

Welcome	Tom & Laura Uslan, 2022-2023 Co-Presidents
Song	Glee Club Leader, Chris Fulster
Flag Salute	James Fowler, 2022-2023 President-Elect
Invocation	Thom Wiseman
Congratulatory Comments	Karen Cendro, 2022-2023 District Governor Rotary District 5180
Recognition of Distinguished Guests	Tom & Laura & Other Presenters
Recognition of Rotarians	Members of the Rotary Club of Walnut Grove Board of Directors

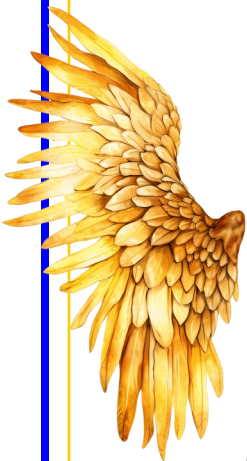


In Memoriam

Our progress is built on those that went before us. Our club has reached 75 years, a lifetime for many members. Those members are joining us in spirit on this special occasion and are deeply loved and always missed.

There is a level of sadness that comes with club longevity. It is working through and coping with the tragic loss of Rotary family and friends. We learn to cope and celebrate the amazing Service Above Self of each spirit.

We continue to honor legacies and Rotary work. Thank you for imagining Rotary and leading us so faithfully into the future. We are revered by your attendance tonight from places far beyond. In true club style, we raise our glasses and offer a toast of gratitude! In loving memory!



Past Presidents



1948-1949	Dennis W. Leary	1985-1986	William G. Schauer
1949-1950	Frank E. Judy PDG	1986-1987	Irving Wilcox
1950-1951	Ed Salisbury	1987-1988	Bruce Towne
1951-1952	Dr. Robert Carls	1988-1989	Robert Peters
1952-1953	Fred Meyer	1989-1990	Gilbert Labrie
1953-1954	Phil deBack	1990-1991	James Dahlberg
1954-1955	Dan Moser	1991-1992	Frank Schmiedel
1955-1956	Harvey Lyman	1992-1993	Daniel Wilson
1956-1957	Robert Collins	1993-1994	Norman Spalding
1957-1958	Clair Davis	1994-1995	James Cook
1958-1959	Robert Hart	1995-1996	Herman Fisher
1959-1960	John Bryan	1996-1997	Roger Carr
1960-1961	Al Hemly	1997-1998	Fred Wheeler
1961-1962	Jim Moser	1998-1999	Les Lyman
1962-1963	John Wheeler	1999-2000	John Callis
1963-1964	Robert Adams	2000-2001	Thom Wiseman*
1964-1965	Donald Hutchinson	2001-2002	Dr. John S. Noe
1965-1966	B.C. 'Short' Wheeler	2002-2003	Richard Hasenkamp
1966-1967	Myron Brown	2003-2004	William Schauer, Jr.
1967-1968	Glenn Gordon	2004-2005	Diana Perham
1968-1969	Arthur Brown	2005-2006	Thom Wiseman*
1969-1970	William Barry	2006-2007	Sam Towne
1970-1971	Joe Green, Jr.	2007-2008	Brad van Löben sels
1971-1972	Frank Pereira	2008-2009	Mark Rogerson
1972-1973	Robert James	2009-2010	Laura Grossman
1973-1974	George C. "Tim" Wilson	2010-2011	Greg Bordelon
1974-1975	Joe Harper	2011-2012	Kim Tranum
1975-1976	Donald Manica	2012-2013	Dave Stirling
1976-1977	Carel van Löben sels	2013-2014	Annette Robinson
1977-1978	James Gualco	2014-2015	Brent Tadman
1978-1979	Dick Tranum	2015-2016	Russell Ooms
1979-1980	Derrell Kelso	2016-2017	Tim Cook
1980-1981	Harry Stafford	2017-2018	Emily Pappalardo
1981-1982	Van Meyer	2018-2019	Larry Gorham
1982-1983	Chris Fulster	2019-2020	John Stutz
1983-1984	Robert Tomasini	2020-2021	Rob Globus
1984-1985	John Lewallen	2021-2022	Jan LeRoy

Past Secretaries & Treasurers

1948-1954	Melvin Hoyt	1948-1949	Mitch Landis
1954-1962	Mitch Landis	1949-1969	Tony Chargin
1962-1967	Charles MacNeil	1969-1970	Lyle Scott
1967-1972	Robert James	1970-1972	Frank Piereira
1972-1977	Derrell Kelson	1972-1973	Dick Trantum
1977-1981	Robert James	1973-1974	Lyle Scott
1981-1990	James Dahlberg	1974-1980	Gordon Waterworth
1990-1995	Herman Fisher	1980-1992	John Harper
1995-2000	Frank Schmiedel	1992-1994	James Cook
2000-2003	Roger Carr	1994-2004	James Dahlberg
2003-2006	Carol Davis	2004-2008	Richard Hasenkamp
2006-2008	Laura Grossman	2008-2012	Brenda Guy
2008-2012	Annette Robinson	2012-2013	Chris Davis
2012-2021	Julie Lancaster	2013-Present	Mark Rogerson
2021-2023	Rob Globus/Doris Specht (22-23)		

Like Father Like Son, Like Daughter Like Father

Myron Brown & Art Brown; Stewart Brown & Peter Brown
Bob Collins & Jim Collins; Joe Green, Sr. & Joe Green, Jr.
Lee Hanson & Don Hanson; Al Hemly & Doug Hemly
Dennis W. Leary & Dennis Leary; Harvey Lyman & Les Lyman
Don McClain & Bob McClain; Fred Meyer & Van Meyer
Jim Moser & Rob Moser; Guido Pieretti & Mike Pieretti
Frank Schmiedel & Fred Schmiedel; Short Wheeler & Fred Wheeler
Irv Wilcox & Chris Wilcox; James Cook & Tim Cook
Emily Pappalardo & Brad Pappalardo

Three Generations of Rotary Membership

William M. Schauer	Hod Towne	George R. Wilson
William G. Schauer, Sr.	Bruce Towne	George C. 'Tim' Wilson
William G. Schauer, Jr.	Sam Towne	Daniel M. Wilson



Paul Harris Fellows

**Lifetime Achievement Award:
Dennis Leary!**



With over 66 Years of service, Dennis sets a very high standard and is an exemplary Rotarian.

On behalf of our club, this award is to acknowledge Dennis for his 1957—2023 service and was presented by DG #5180, Karen Cendro, on 12/12/2022. It honors Dennis' service to our community since 1957.

- 2023 Dan Salazar, 2nd
- 2022 Dennis Leary, 6th
Larry Gorham, 3rd
John Stutz, 2nd
Douglas Hsia, 12th
Larry Gorham, 2nd
Dan Salazar, 1st
Daniel Wilson 4th
Douglas Hsia, 11th
Tim Cook, 2nd
Barbara McGowan, 2nd
Dennis Leary, 5th
Dave Stirling, 2nd
- 2020 Janice LeRoy, 1st
- 2019 James Cook, 2nds
Julie Lancaster, 2nd
- 2018 Barbara McGowan
Douglas Hsia, 10
- 2017 Robert Globus
- 2016 Mark Rogerson, 2nd
Doris Specht
Tom Uslan
- 2015 John Stutz
Brent Tadman
- 2014 Kim Trantum
David Stirling
- 2013 Tim Cook
Chris Davis, 2nd
- 2012 Annette Robinson
- 2011 Brad van Löbensels
Brenda Guy

- 2009** Rev. Larry Emery
Julie Lancaster
- 2008** Jane Slawson
- 2007** Joseph Sanchez, Jr.
Ophelia Huestis
William Schauer, Jr
- 2004** Richard Hasenkamp
Douglas Hemly
Mark Rogerson
William G. Schauer
- 2003** Dr. John S. Noe
Thom Wiseman
- 2002** Herman Fisher
Leslie F. Lyman
Diana Perham
- 2001** Daniel Wilson
Bruce Towne
- 1999** Chris Fulster
Josephine Lyman
- 1998** Dr. Norman Spalding
James F. Cook
Kathryn A. Wheeler
Derrell Kelso
- 1997** Frank E. Schmiedel
- 1996** Irving A. Wilcox
- 1995** James A. Gualco
Gilbert Labrie
- 1994** Dennis Leary
Flora Young Spalding, PH.D.
Guido Pieretti

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition, honors individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name to a Rotary Foundation

- 1992** James C. Hansen
Benjamin J. Himebauch
William E. Slawson
- 1991** Charles Eason
George C. "Tim" Wilson
Bertram C. "Short" Wheeler
James A. Dahlberg
- 1989** William Barry
Glenn G. Gordon, Jr.
Marie A. Leary
Joseph H. Harper
- 1988** Joe E. Green, Jr.
Harvey T. Lyman
- 1987** Donald McClain
- 1985** Richard E. Tranum
- 1984** Robert E. Hart
Philip G. Deback
Horace D. Towne
- 1981** Robert James
- 1980** W.R. Darsie
- 1979** Robert E. Collins
- 1977** Darrell T. Mealer
Leland O. Hanson
- 1976** Dennis W. Leary
- 1975** Frank Judy

Rotary Membership 1948-2023

Names in Blue are Current Members

1948 Charter Members

George K. Adams
 Dr. J. Paul Barnes
 Hubert L. Brown
 J. Stewart Brown, Jr.
 Myron M. Brown
 John W. Bryan
 Dr. Robert Carls
 Robert E. Collins
 Wm. R. Darsie
 Ralph B. Duffield
 Milo Dye
 Joe Green, Sr.
 Melville T. Hoyt
 Carl Jones
 Frank E. Judy
 Albert Pl Kammeyer
 Mitch R. Landis
 Dennis W. Leary
 Ed T. Lyons
 Darrell T. Mealer
 Fred V. Meyer
 John J. Molino
 Dan Moser
 James S. Moser
 Fred Noble
 Edwin L. Salisbury
 William M. Schauer
 Horace D. Towne
 George R. Wilson

1948 Anthony V. Chargin
 Robert E. Hart
 Harvey T. Lyman

1949 William Gwerder
 Russel S. Graham, Sr.

1950 George Buckley
 Philip R. Dixon
 Fran Awalt
 Leland O. Hanson
 Edgar P. Kruse
 Rev. Allan Smith

1951 Philip G. deBack
 Leo Silva
 William Jaqua
 Alex Johnson
 Donald C. McClain

1952 Clair David
 Paul Stern
 Loyal Mealer, Sr.
 Melvin Nethercott
 Albert J. Reid

1953 Victor Spezia
 William Barry
 Rev. Kenneth Cragg
 Elvin C. Hemly

1954 Merrill J. Brunk
 Archie O. Perry
 Victor Laney

1955 Allan J. Crofton
 Donald H. Freiders

1956 Milton K. Goodrich
 Dr. Francis J. McQuaid
 Robert N. Adams
 Edward L. Perry
 Fred Reynolds
 Ferdinand F. Steiner
 John D. Wheeler

1957 Rev. David McMartin
 Rev. Warren M. Davis
 Arthur W. Brown

1957 James A. Gualco
Dennis Leary, 66 yrs
 Bertram C. 'Short'
 Wheeler

1958
1959 Max E. Hollar
 Bruce P. Towne
 Peter S. Brown
 George C. 'Tim' Wilson
 William J. Edinger
 Charles D. MacNeil
 Shigeo 'Ben' Kato
 Glenn G. Gordon
 Donald B. Hutchinson

1960 Wesley S. Fisher
 Donald M. Purdy
1962 William E. Bourillier
 Robert m. Coates
 Rev. LeRoy R. Runquist

1963 Joe Green, Jr.
1964 Gordon B. Waterworth
 Alvin E. Machado
 Ernest D. Cossi
 William G. Schauer, Sr.

1965 Robert James
 Bryram D. Hill
1966 F. Carl Hughson
 Joseph H. Harper
 Ben J. Himebauch
 Frank A. Pereira

Rotary Membership 1948-2023

Names in Blue are Current Members

1967 Francis L. Olson
 Donald J. Manica
 C.H. Laney
 Allen Pearce
 Rev. David F. Barnett

1968 Lyle N. Scott
 Donald W. Hanson
 Manuel R. Morais

1969 Carter I. Christie
 William E. Slawson

1970 Derrell W. Kelso
 Fredrick V. Meyer, Jr.
 Carel D. van Löben sels
 Darrell R. Ferreira

1971 Irving A. Wilcox
 Curzon Kay
 Richard E. Trantum

1972 Fr. Michael Cormack
 E. Douglas Hemly
 John L. Lewallen
 Galen M. Whitney

1973 **Chris V. Fulster, Jr.**
 James A. Dahlberg
 Charles Tison
 Harry Stafford
 Charles Eason
 Robert J. Tomasini
 Larry Daniel

1974 Rudy Jandera
Leslie F. Lyman
 Ray Vrooman
 Guido Dianda
 Guido Pieretti

1975 Robert Peters
 Robert McClain
 Allen Wallace

1976 Robert Moser
 Christopher Lee
 Rev. Larry J. Huggett
 Gilbert R. Labrie

1977 Kenneth Chinn

1978 James P. Collins
 Clarence K. Chu
 Theodore P. Budnik
 Charles W. Stechman
 Ralph K. Porter

1979 John C. Raviotta
 Dennis Froehler
 Sam F. Hawley
 John Littleton

1980 James Herzog
 William Stenken
 Lincoln Chan
 Robert Carmany
 Vic Savale

1981 Don Miller
Daniel M. Wilson
 Robert Bowker
 Gene Colver
 Joseph Enos
 Harvey Howard, Jr.

1982 Frank Schmiedel
Thomas Wiseman
 Lynn Hanger
Dr. Norman Spalding
 Michael Pieretti

Special Mention to:
Dennis Leary, 66 years
Chris Fulster, 50 years
Les Lyman, 49 years

1983 Alonso Lugo
 Joseph Goss

1984 Richard Dichiaro
 Jack Orr
 Roger P. Carr

1985 Russell Adams
 Larry Galisky
 Fred C. Wheeler
 Warren Smith

1986 Dr. Robert Ralph

1987 Dale Dorn
 Dr. William Perry
 Cornelio Pasquil

1988 Duane Brown
 Franklin R. Wright
James Cook
 John Callis
 Herman Fisher

1989 Roger Morgan
 James M. Day, Sr.
 James C. Hanson
 Peter Corsun

1990 Kurt Schmiedel
 William Shellenberger
 Daniel P. Whaley
Mark Rogerson
 Tony Griffis
 Jeffrey Moller

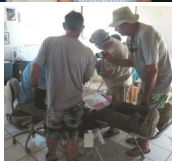
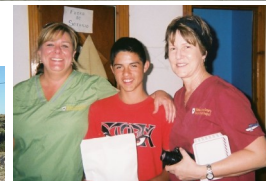
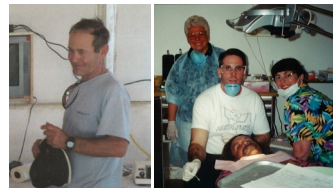
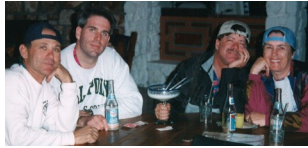
1991 Robert Rivas
 Patrick Ryan

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1992	Karl T. Silva George E. Myers Sonya Boyle Evan Winn Sandra Fletcher Carroll Ross	2001	John Craner Dorian Rollin Sam Towne Kim Tranum Rancy Yen	2010	Tim Cook Amy Eggers Lisa Swinyard
1993	James E. Russell Ofelia Huestis Rev. Larry S. Emery Larry Brockner George Piccardo, Jr. Dennis Grewer	2022	Larry Hamilton	2011	Brett Baker Emily Pappalardo
1994	Robert H. Cote Charles A. Humbert	2003	Carol Davis Stan Ekedahl Kent Handelsman Tanya Moynihan Jim Ross Suzanne Smith	2013	Rob Globus Larry Gorham Butch Rodriguez John Stutz Laura Uslan
1995	Scott Stewart Alan D. Moore Dr. John S. Noe Vince Reece	2004	Peggy Merwin (Honorary)	2016	Matthew Brown
1996	Christopher P. Wilcox Fr. Patrick McGrath Joseph Sanchez, Jr. Walter W. Johnson Daniel P. Lawton	2005	Laura Grossman Brenda Guy Bruce Tison	2017	Marybeth Ryden Jan LeRoy Douglas Hsia Barbara McGowan
1997	William G. Schauer, Jr. Richard Hasenkamp Jack Burchell	2006	Julie Lancaster	2018	Ron McHattie Don Nottoli (Honorary) Brad Pappalardo Daniel Salazar
1998	Thomas Backer James Day	2007	Greg Bordelon David Fidel Steve Grewe Larry Hamilton Russell Ooms Doris Specht Chris Spencer Rick Sullivan David Welch	2019	Tom Uslan Dr. Binson Thomas John Hospenthal Gail Morris
1999	Diana Perham Dave Stirling	2008	Greg McCosker	2020	Suzanne Daggert Michele Harvey
2000	Paul Gengler Brad van Löben Sels Craig Watts Ceil Weigard	2009	Chris Davis Mary DeCoite Mary Nissen Annette Robinson Susan Schaber Dave Stirling Brent Tadman	2021	James Fowler
				2022	Pastor Steve Smith Gerry Goodie
				2023	Mona Newell Joshua McMillon

Dental Clinics International Work



Photos



Resolution

Board of Supervisors
IN RECOGNITION OF THE
WALNUT GROVE ROTARY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, April 23, 1918 commemorates the celebration of the 50TH ANNIVERSARY of the formation of the WALNUT GROVE ROTARY; and

WHEREAS, in May, 1948, the membership of the Delta Progress Club established the WALNUT GROVE ROTARY under the able leadership of Ed Mulligan, Mel Lawson, Fontaine Johnson, Joan Cox, Beverly Gilman, CJP Metz, Len Johnson, Ed Wilson, Fred Nohle, Mack Landis and Mel Hoyt; and

WHEREAS, the first WALNUT GROVE ROTARY meeting was held at the Adams Lawler Company, now known as the Stage Area Amphitheater, and the business meeting time for 1918 followed by guest speakers at 1:00 p.m. and adjournment at 1:30 p.m.; this schedule was adopted to avoid the previous lengthy meetings of the Delta Progress Club; and

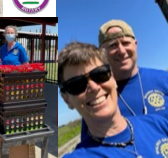
WHEREAS, throughout the past 50 years, meetings have been held at various locations including the Zion Episcopal Church and the Lutheran Church, Catholic Church and Community Church where meetings were "temporarily spilling" but occasions were less than satisfactory; the Lutheran Church in Lake Tahoe where some members frequently arrived late to the meetings and lunch for 45 to 60 minutes when the guests were out; for the past 12 years the WALNUT GROVE ROTARY has conducted their more orderly and action meetings at Wimp's Restaurant; and

WHEREAS, today, the WALNUT GROVE ROTARY has a membership of 113 Rotarians and during the past 50 years 221 individuals have held membership in the WALNUT GROVE ROTARY; of the 25 Charter Members, only Mr. Wilbur K. Barlow remains as a charter member; and

WHEREAS, over the past two decades, members of the WALNUT GROVE ROTARY have met on a regular basis to conduct the business of the organization, enjoy good humor and conversation, share information on items of importance to members and the community, and to support projects and programs for young people, schools and those with special needs through their contributions of time, resources and funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento, State of California, on behalf of the people in Sacramento County and Walnut Grove Community, do hereby extend their congratulations to the WALNUT GROVE ROTARY, and its many members, both past and present, for their contributions to the betterment of our community, and in the occasion of your 50TH ANNIVERSARY offer sincere best wishes for continued good fortune and success in your work to others and your community.

Tim Cohen
Roger DeLong
Walter Johnson
Don Kistler



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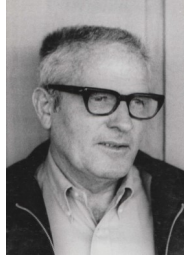
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Alvin E Machado



Charles D MacNeil



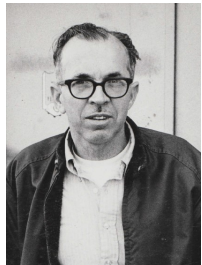
Donald C McClain



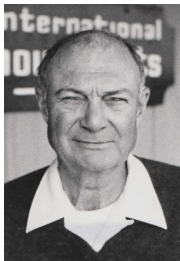
Francis L Olson



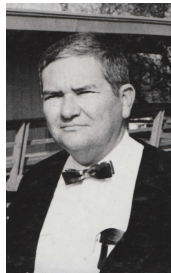
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Ben J Himebauch



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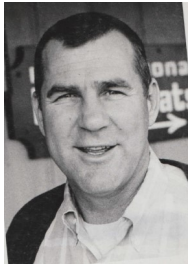
Lyle N Scott



Frank E Judy



Donald J Manica



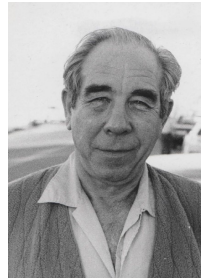
Bertram C Wheeler



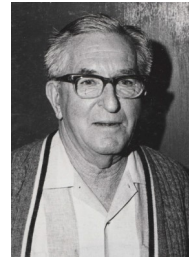
Myron M Brown



Frank Pereira



Edwin L Salisbury



Ralph Duffield



Bruce P Towne



Al Pearce



Fred Noble



Elvin C Hemly

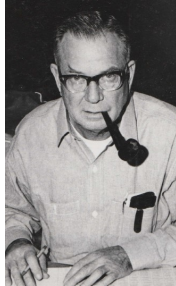


Albert J Reid

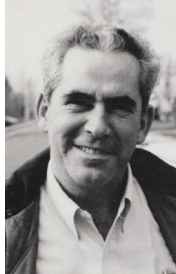
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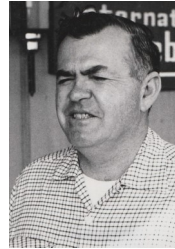
Dennis Leary Jr



James S Moser



Manuel R Morais



Robert E Hart



Fred V Meyer Jr



George C Wilson



Joseph H Harper



Ferdinand F Steiner



Max E Hollar



Robert James



Gordon B Waterworth



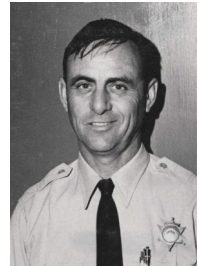
Peter S Brown



Harvey T Lyman



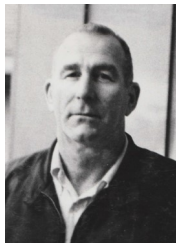
Carel van Löbensels



William E Slawson



Hubert L Brown



John D Wheeler



Donald B Hutchinson



Philip G deBack



William G Schauer Sr

Photos



Through the Decades

— the 40's

The first seeds of Rotary were planted in the Delta by members of the Sacramento Rotary Club. There were many conversations, visits, and meetings. Finally, on April 12, 1948, 29 men met in the office of Noah Adams Lumber Co., (Harvey Lyman Co., now Grow West) and decided to form a Rotary club. Rotary members from Sacramento and Clarksburg also attended. Dennis W. Leary was elected president of the new Club, and plans were made for the Charter Night Celebration at the Ryde Hotel on May 25, 1948. ***The Rotary Club of Walnut Grove was under way.***

Members hit the ground running setting the social outing high right away. On June 27, 1948 the first barn dance was held at the Canal Ranch near Thornton. Thirty members and guests attended.

Rotary Club meeting places have been many and varied. The first was in the basement meeting room of the Walnut Grove Hotel. At one of the first meetings, Hod Towne gave a talk on the asparagus strike. The leaking pipes overhead were a well-known feature of the room and added to the South Sea decor. Richard Nixon spoke to the Club on one occasion.

Sometime later, Bob Collins, on one of his many trips to Washington for California agriculture, met Mr. Nixon who asked, "Are you people still meeting in that basement room with the leaky pipes?"

Somewhere in late 48' or very early 49', The Walnut Kernel hit the newsstands. The first issue is undated. This was a weekly publication of the Rotary Club of Walnut Grove. It's second issue, January 31, 1949 recorded the conditions of the 'free press' in the United States of America to those countries controlled by the government. Not much has changed 75 years later. One thing very noticeable is the sense of humor in our club then and it is still very much alive today, The Bell missed a lot of meetings and Postage to mail The Walnut Kernel was 2 cents. Evidence of The Walnut Kernel goes to the end of 1999.

— the 50's

In December 1952, the Club moved to the meeting room in the back of the old post office. Furniture was moved in, and the Club purchased china and silverware. Rotary stayed there until 1957. By that time the new post office had been built, and the old was to be remodeled into Steiner Hardware.

So, it was time to move back to the hotel and into the basement room to remain there for three years. Chafin' Sores, the rider of the range, first appeared in Rotary annals in 1958.

— the 60's

In 1961 the Walnut Grove Hotel was sold and remodeled to become the Boon Dox. Rotary meetings then moved upstairs to the main dining room, to continue there for seven years.

In 1963, Ben Kato was attendance chairman when Walnut Grove was #1 in our October attendance for the entire District at 99.13%.

Through the Decades

In October 1968 there was the surprise closing of the Boon Dox followed by a move to Tony's for the day. The following week the meeting was at the Grand Island Mansion for the District Governor's visit.

The odyssey continued. The following week Rotary moved to the Steamboaters. Because of the size, sometimes you could see the speaker, but most of the time you couldn't. The meal price was increased to \$2.50. Rotary stayed at the Steamboaters until it closed in 1970.

1968 - 20th Anniversary



19 of the Original 29 Charter Members

Back Left: John Bryan, Bud Darsie, Bob Collins, Ed Salisbury, Myron Brown, Hod Towne, Ralph Duffield, George K. Adams, Mitch Landis, Dr. Bob Kahrs, Dr. Paul Barnes, Dennis W. Leary

Front Left: Beverly Gibson (Sacramento Club), John Molino, James Moser, Fred Noble, Darrell Mealer, Al Kammeyer, Frank Judy, Hubert Brown, Ed Mulligan (Sacramento Club)

— the 70's

The meandering next took the Club to the meeting room in St. Anthony's Hall in Walnut Grove to stay for just over a year. In March 1972, it was on to Locke to the T -12 building to remain for six years.

Those who arrived late at the Monday meetings were usually assured of a steak from Ai's since the pasta was probably gone. It was in Locke that the Van Meyer Christmas fashion shows became legend. The T-12 was the scene of many great Rotary events.

25th Anniversary was celebrated May 1973 at the Ryde Hotel. The last meeting in Locke was in July 1978 when the T -12 building was sold.

Walnut Grove Rotary then moved the meeting location to Wimpy's Marina at New Hope Landing on July 24, 1978. Those members seated by the windows often enjoyed the entertainment on the dock below more than the Rotary program - especially in the summer. There were times when it was difficult or impossible to reach Wimpy's. Once when the Miller's Ferry Bridge at Giusti's was 'broken' by the Fish & Game, and then the Tyler Island and Thornton flooded in 1986 which prompted a two month move to The Rusty Hook in Hood. We moved back to Wimpy's just when the Miller's Ferry Bridge at Giusti's was "broken" by the Fish & Game Department. The Walnut Grove Rotary continued to meet at Wimpy's until 2011, ending a 33-year run.

— the 80's

As history writes it, 1989-1990 was a year with a touch of class. Gil Labrie was president and wore a tie at every meeting.

Through the Decades

— the 90's

On February 2, 1993, Rotary was recognized for our 52 years of continuous chartered relationship with the Boy Scouts of America.

February of 1994 began a multiple year run of the Dental Clinic in Mexico. This began the International Project which successfully provided free dental care over the course of 3—4 days. Many of our Rotarians participated in this project. The annual Dental Clinic event was in Mexico. Visiting Mulege, Baja, Palapas, and Punta San Francisquito. Members flew their private planes carrying medical equipment, club members, volunteers and dentists. They worked endless hours each trip helping local residents smile brighter.

Formal invitations for the 50th Anniversary were gold lined and cordially invited the membership to the Ryde Hotel on April 25, 1998. President, Fred Wheeler, welcomed Rotarians and their guests along with noting the many accomplishments, friendships, and fun our club within our club.

1998 - 50th Anniversary



Saturday, April 25, 1998 at the Ryde Hotel

County of Sacramento California Board of Supervisors issued a Resolution in Recognition of the Walnut Grove Rotary's 50th Anniversary. Among the Resolution, mention of Mr. William R Dorsie as the only current member from the original 29 Charter Members. The Board of Supervisors, Be It Resolved, extended their congratulations of multiple contributions to the betterment of our community, and on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary offer sincere best wishes for continued good fortune and success in your service to others and your community.

Through the Decades

— the 2000's

After the realization that Y2K was a bust, Rotary went to work with Inbound and Outbound Exchange Students in 2009-2010. Eventually, one of the inbound students married a local family member and they are living happily ever after. Swim lessons are important and Rotary often sponsors our students in a learn to swim program and the older kids continue to participate in the Rotary RYLA program where each student returns with life changing goals.

— the 2010's

In 2011 the Club moved the meetings to Tony's Place and enjoyed an open menu and bar if one chose to tip a few. This location was dark and sometimes crowded. Russell built a new podium, and we mounted equipment to view slides and videos. We needed to scrap our old storage cabinet and build a more compact one.

During 2013, President Dave Stirling and Committee, gathered the club for a 65th Anniversary celebration. The celebration continue full of a fun and thankful evening. Dave noted the amount of work accomplished serving the people of our community. Projects, programs, and sponsorships while maintaining lifelong friendships and having fun in the process.

2013-2014 was yet another busy time. The Paul Barnes Park Restoration, supplies for Mexico village residents, restoration of the Jean Harvie Community Center parking lot and children bus stops where built in a variety of places in Walnut Grove, Locke, and Hood.

Four, Automatic External Defibrillators were donated to Walnut Grove and strategically placed throughout town. The annual International Project, free dental care in Baja Mexico continued forward.

Taps and Sick Calls changes hands in 2015 to Jim Cook with the passing of Bill Slawson. This report grew and became the infamous Jim Cook report where sports, stocks, local, State, US, and World news is wrapped up in 8 minutes. Those stinkin' Dodgers.

After a meeting in May 2017, several Rotarians became ill which led to a special meeting and the decision to move, ultimately to the Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church. This swift move left us making our own lunches. One of our newest member, Barb McGowan, took the reins to organize a spread of food unlike anything we had ever seen. Rotary spruced up Koinonia Hall and installed new HVAC and an audio/visual system. At this time it remains our current meeting location.



Member, Joey Sanchez, was featured in the truth searching film Apache Blues, a special unit formed to rescue soldiers pinned under the hottest, most tenuous situations. Joey received accommodations from Honorary Member and Sacramento County Supervisor, Don Nottoli. During our 2018 -2019 year our then President, Emily Pappalardo, made Rotary history by giving birth to a beautiful baby boy during her Presidency term.

Through the Decades

2018 was a landmark year where we celebrated our 70th Anniversary at the Grand Island Mansion. This star struck evening included several past Presidents and members in attendance. Missing for a very long time, our Bell showed, in full tuxedo, as a gift for President Larry. The evening was magical as memories were shared, people embraced the time together, and then, the Bell was gone.

— the 2020's

2020 challenged us the entire year with Covid-19. Somehow, Rotary was able to complete its 35th Annual Scholarship Dinner, Reverse Raffle, Silent Auction Dinner before Covid-19 cancelled 10 meetings and the world 'shut-down' to get ahead of the pandemic virus. In June of 2020, our meetings

resumed in the new online world of Zoom. If not for member, Tim Cook, and his youthful knowledge of technology, who knows how this virtual leap would have been achieved. Because of Tim, our Club didn't miss a step. President John Stutz and President-Elect Rob Globus did an amazing job of leadership during this time. President Rob was in full swing adapting to new ways of life when his Presidency began. Sadly, our lunch format changed due to all the new catering regulations.

In August 2020, the WalnutGroveRotary.org website went live keeping our Rotary club members and community connected in a whole new way. In a short period of time, WalnutGroveRotary.org was the link to the community for the vast majority of our club. It includes history and traditions, in memoriam, current news, youth events and activities, the travels of our bell, fundraising, projects and events, and of course, our scholarships. For the full effect—visit WalnutGroveRotary.org soon.

The pandemic continued to 'open and close' our in-person meetings throughout Rob's Presidential journey. He handled everything like a pro and somehow managed a full year of amazing Rotary club service. Rob barely had enough room on the back of a t-shirt to list the full number of accomplishments in 2021. It was a year of so many first experiences! First ever international speaker in real time; First ever online meeting; First ever silent auction. What a year it was!

2021 continued to see our club once again bobbing and weaving around obstacles with our annual fund raiser. As California shut down again and without missing another step, the Club dove into the world of online auctions for our annual fund raiser. A magnificent committee, led by Douglas Hsia, somehow pulled off a record-breaking, "Tonight's the Night", year of fundraising. While very different from the traditional dinner, Douglas still managed to coordinate a terrific Zoom finale during the last hour of the auction and our MC's Jim Cook and Daniel Wilson keep things alive with their usual sense of humor. This is yet another example of just how resilient the Rotary Club of Walnut Grove is.

70th Anniversary



Thursday, November 8, 2018 at the Grand Island Mansion

Through the Decades

In July of 2021, Douglas Hsia stepped into the International arena and became the club International Service Director. District 5180 International Services Committee is guiding the RCWG to play the role of a host club, headed by Douglas. Our efforts are to locate and partner with an education outlet to mitigate the Asian Hate Sentiment. The international sponsoring club is the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbor District 3450. It is a great example of peace building efforts among clubs.



Fortunately, the 2021 Demotion dinner in June was a pleasant in person gathering at Giusti's Place. Along with the passing of the gavel from President Rob Globus to President-Elect Jan LeRoy, the Demotion dinner committee made sure to include Past President John Stutz who was robbed of such a roast. It was truly a Back to the Future event. Shortly thereafter, the sudden and tragic loss of our great friend...Giusti's Place by fire, left just about everyone speechless and with a heartache that is indescribable. Giusti's Place is over 100 years, 4 generations deep with stories, memories, and friendships. Over the years, it's the place where just about everything happened and where celebrations took place. Including our annual Demotion Dinners.

As we prepared to enter 2022, the Annual Fundraiser Committee has already been underway for 2 months. At the helm is Committee Chair, John Stutz.

Our June 2022 Demotion Dinner found us returning to Wimpy's where owner and new member Gerry Goodie and his wife, Nancy, hosted a grand meal. The evening included a magical roast for outgoing President Jan. With her family present, we saw doves fly and past presidents decapitated. The room was filled with incredible people whose Service Above Self brings so much to our small community. It also marked the first ever induction of Co-Presidents to our Club.



Co-Presidents Laura and Tom Uslan in their first month, honored a long overdue choral performer, our Glee Club leader, named the new Sheriff, and Rebranded the now Cook News Network, CNN, with an experienced anchor and roving reporters. They pinned multiple Paul Harris Award recipients. Oh my, it's going to be a good Rotary year.



Our DG, Karen Cendro, "Served it Up" and visited our club 3 times. Each visit brought reports of the fabulous Rotary work being conducted in our District 5180 and stories that can only be told at Rotary. On behalf of our club, Karen presented our incredible Dennis Leary a Lifetime Achievement Award for his 66 plus years of exemplary service. Dennis' father is a founding member of our club. Yet, Dennis has found a way to carry that torch to a much greater level. There is no better way to end 2022. Karen always brings Rotary closer to us, which is a testimonial of true leadership.

Through the Decades



Our 2022-2023 Co-Presidents, Laura and Tom Uslan, continue to keep our membership young at heart with playful awards during their presidency. It all started with the infamous Jim Cook report being rebranded to CNN—Cook News Network where his son, Tim Cook occasionally offers a whole different outlook filled with SNL like spoofs of Father Sarducci. There has been poof the magic Rotarian, a super greeter wears a cape, a leprechaun, a graduate, our peace man, money was literally thrown at our Treasurer, and an attorney defended a longtime, dedicated member falsely accused of bell theft while the real thief was found, charged, and fined. A lost hat was returned to its owner along with a bottle of Crown Royal. When it happened a second time, it was Snoop Dogg's 19 Crimes and a QR code that let's you Rapp while drinking. Dunking a basket has a donation made in your name to Rotary International. Our wonderful Co-President's even had a grandbaby. Yes, Rotary is fun.



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In 2023, after two years of absence, The Annual Fundraiser returned to an in-person dinner at the Jean Harvie Community Center in all its elegance and beauty. For some in our community, it has been two years since seeing each other. By nights end, a sigh of relief was heard knowing we raised enough to continue our Rotary work of funding our scholarship programs, serving our community, personal dictionaries to 3rd graders, Captain Encouragement for our elementary schools and all the other Rotary things we do.

The winter storms of 2023 saw record breaking 700 inches of snow in the Sierras, Delta water levels at the tippy top, and patrols working 24/7 through rain, hail, and cold. During a rare sunny patch in April, Rotary sponsored three events. An E-waste recycling, Rotarian Work Day, and People of Action Day. The future is here—Starlink arrived.



What better way to close our Anniversary Program than with the announcement of a record breaking 22 Scholarships recently awarded to phenomenally deserving students. You Made a Change!



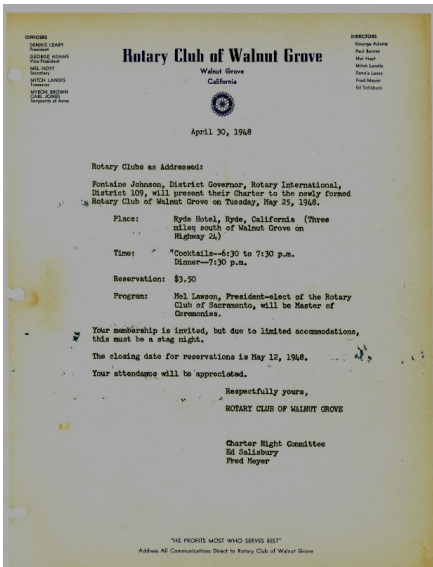
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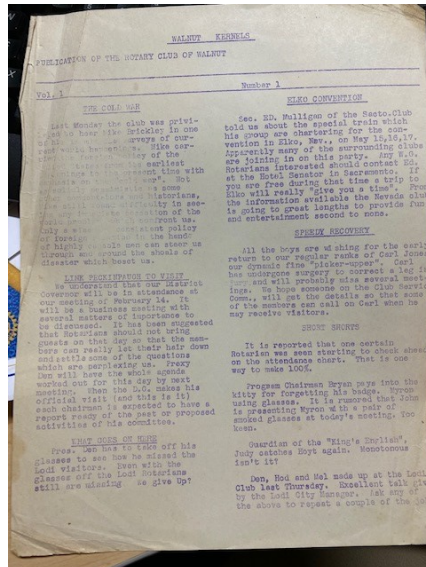
The world has seen incredible changes in these 75 years. Social media and the www are in. Many people work from home, swipe right, and no one smokes indoors. Casual attire is the norm, retailers stores are being replaced by the internet, and our TV streams whatever you want, whenever you want. From days of even and odd gas lines, now vehicles are larger, often electric, and can drive themselves. Home phones are replaced with smartphones that take pictures—you can be in touch with everyone you've ever met. It only takes a few seconds for news to cycle and writing letters is considered a charming hobby. Remember vinyl, eight tracks, tapes, CDs, and mini discs? All gone. Everyone recycles now. Paper books can be replaced with digital versions where you can take your library everywhere. The milkman is gone and taking pictures of yourself is normal to become a celebrity striving for views. Everyone, or at least 78% of people have a computer. Schools now teach using Chromebooks. Online gaming has replaced Pac-Man, except at Wimpy's. Thomas Brother and encyclopedias are now a tablet. People have personal assistants named Alexa, Siri, and Google.



One sure thing is Rotary, and specifically, our club! As our founding members did back in the day, we continue to promote integrity, End Polio Now, and support education. As we pass this incredible Rotary journey to those following, may you experience all of the wonderful times and fellowships at the Rotary Club of Walnut Grove. May your next 75 years be so rewarding! Happy Anniversary to those here now and all of our members in spirit.



Charter Night Invitation



Walnut Kernels, Vol. 1, Number 1

Education Sponsorship



Education in all forms for all ages is key for our children of the future. Our club is heavily involved in all forms of education. It is with starry eyes and smiles we are so lucky to have our children succeed in so many areas.

of the Rotary Club scholarships and on July 1, 2022, Laura Uslan officially became the Rotary Club of Walnut Grove Scholarship Chair. Laura is perfect for this position as the past principal and educator at Delta High School for many years.



Delta High School Seniors heading to College or Trade Schools may apply for these Scholarships. Walnut Grove Rotary Scholarships are Directly Funded by Our Annual Fundraising. Especially the February Auction that has been successful for over 35 years.

For many years in late Spring, Walnut Grove Rotary's Scholarship Committee has gathered at Delta High School to interview senior students for college scholarships. Prior to the interviews seniors must submit an application and prepare an essay describing his/her scholastic achievement, financial need, character, personal desire to better themselves, and any other information they feel makes them a worthy candidate to receive a WG Rotary scholarship. Over the years Walnut Grove Rotary has awarded a great many scholarships to public or private colleges/universities including community colleges and trade schools, totaling more than \$535,000 to many students who might not otherwise have the means. All community members are encouraged to participate and one of the greatest moments is when those recipients return to visit our club or become a Rotarian themselves.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards or RYLA, is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where a student develops their leadership skills while having fun and making connections. RYLA is "Life Changing".

More than 55 students have been sponsored to attend RYLA. It is a very rewarding program for our youth of today who are becoming our dynamic leaders of tomorrow. Thom Wiseman has generously mentored and guided young students through this program for many years.



Education Sponsorship



The Rotary Club of Walnut Grove participates in the District's 4-Way Speech Contest. Students from Delta High School and other local private schools or equivalent are encouraged to participate. They speak on specific themes, provide amazing insight into their minds,

and share just a piece of who they are in 5-8 minutes. The annual event is a great learning opportunity, a self confidence builder, and terrific fun for our Rotarians.



One of our community neighbors brought to our attention during President John's 2018-2019 term that our local Elementary school was in need of Chromebooks. One may not realize that a large percentage of schooling is now conducted online. On Friday, December 20, 2019, the newly formed committee of President John Stutz and President-Elect Rob Globus, along with two additional club members, began the Chromebooks for every student campaign for Walnut Grove Elementary School.



The Principal did most of the hard research work. Estimates were prepared, school tours took place, and questions found answers. In addition each Chromebook needs a charging station. All equipment must be compliant for the school and district, e-waste fees, software purchased and installed, and of course a warranty for young users.

Shortly after, in February 2020 we started to experience the soon to be talked about Covid-19 pandemic. With distance learning on the horizon, the project was worth all it took to accomplish. President John left behind a legacy that no one could have imagined its impact for our children during the next 3 years of a very difficult education

time period. President Rob proceeded to successfully continue the Chromebooks Campaign for our neighboring Bates Elementary School.

"Just to see the smiles on those 3rd grade faces. They are so appreciative. It's also a literacy program for the Rotary Clubs to support." Each year our Rotary Club of Walnut Grove President, President-Elect, Committee Chair and any members wishing to participate delivers dictionaries to the 3rd grade class at our many community elementary schools. It is their very own personal dictionary. "The pride of having something their own is worth it each year! To some of our students, this is sometimes the only school product they get to call their own."



Rotarians at Work

Walnut Grove Chamber of Commerce	Rotary Track Meet	Heart Association
Walnut Grove Head Start	Academic Decathlon	Palo Alto Medical Clinic -
Make-A-Wish Foundation	Delta Young Women's Club	Sorenson Memorial Fund
Polio Plus	Salvation Army	Rotary Foundation
Tree Planting Project	4-H	KVIE Lawn Sprinklers
Town Bulletin Boards	Delta Lions Club	Boy Scouts District Training
Bus Stops	Delta Soccer Team	Community Safety Signs
Neighborhood Watch	Youth Exchange Students	"No Litter" Signs
River Delta Athletic Fund	Little Peoples Club	Delta Co-op Nursery Bus Payment
Friday Night Live	Brownies	Play Area - Back Stops & Lawn
Clarksburg Project Swim	Mercy Hospice	School Christmas Tree
Rotary AIDS Project	Sacramento Banjo Band	TV Tower Sign
GATES Program Walnut Grove	Walnut Grove School:	Children's Christmas Gifts
GATES Program Bates	Air Filters for every class	Foreign Students Meals
Delta High Basketball Clinic	Home desks for every student	Good Citizen Plaques
Girl Scouts	Chromebooks for every student	Dental Clinic
FHA Hero Program	Dictionaries for 3rd graders	Korean Children's Inoculations
Bates School Drug Free Signs	Girls State	Polio Shots
"Four-Way Test" Book Marks	Close-Up	Boys' Camp Expenses- Keds
Mulege, Mexico Dental Clinic	Delta Flood Aid	Plants for School
St. Hope Academy	North Delta Senior Citizens	Needy Family- Home Burned
Village Bank	World Affairs Seminar	Library Science Books
Oceans Week-Walnut Grove School	Scholarships	High School Benches
PALS Program	Little League	Student Speech Contest
Teacher Recognition	Rotarian Magazine to Libraries	PT A Swim Club
High School Computer Project	Locke Scout Meeting Hall Roof	DC Band
Daily Planner Books - Delta Schools	Sacramento Children's Home	Student Band Pins
North Delta Conservancy	Diabetic Youth Association	Plants for New Post Office
Christian Play Group	CARE Packages	Hotel Christmas Tree Lights
Easter Seals Society	Crippled Children's Society	Groceries for Families
Campfire Girls	Sac Cty TB Association	Glasses for Students
Rio Vista Bass Derby	Dist. 684 Hurricane Relief Fund	Van for the DHS FFA
Delta High School	Yuba City Flood Fund	WG Elementary Garden
St. Anthony's Church	March of Dimes	River Road Fence Repair
Easter Egg Hunt	McCall Leprosy Fund	DHS Vineyard Project
Pear Fair	Isleton Athletic Club	Courtland High School
Catfish Jubilee		WG Elementary School
		...and many more

Rotarians at Work

Walnut Grove Community Church
Music Circus
Isleton Fire Department
Walnut Grove Fire Department
Courtland Fire Department
Charles Tison Park.
Four AED defibrillators in WG.
Walnut Grove School:
 Playground improvements
 Asphalt resurfacing
 Trees planted
Jean Harvey Community Center:
 Parking lot resurfaced.
 Hardwood Floor Resurfaced
 Paved passenger drop-off area
 Installed planter beds
 Upgraded rear entrance
Security cameras in WG Post Office.
Picture dictionaries to 3rd graders
 at WG and Bates schools.
College scholarships to Delta
 High School students.
Dr. Paul Barnes Park.
Mexico dental clinic.
Electronic sign, WG Post Office,
School bus-stop shelters.
County Fair Buyers & Exhibitors
 breakfast in support of local youth
Rotary Rose Parade Float
Courtland Rainbow Girls
DART Team
Boys State
FHA
FFA
Boy Scouts
Cub Scouts

School Supplies for Walnut Grove & Bates
Additional donations to Rotary Foundation
Funds, labor and love donations to DEV
Donations to Walnut Grove Church
Dogs for Diabetics
Pear Fair
Walnut Grove PTA, Butter for the Pear Pies!
Delta High School Wrestling Team
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA): Over
55 camp scholarships to high school students.
WG Elementary Tutor Program
RYLA continues to Change Lives
Donations to Fire Victims, Medical Funds,
Families suffering tragic loss of lives,
PTA
Water filtration & pergolas for The Paul Barnes
Park
New AED defibrillator at Community Church
C St Park Clean Up
Captain Encouragement Assembly & Books
E-Waste & Recycling Event
Donations to Fire Victims, Medical Funds,
Families suffering tragic loss of lives,
WG Elementary Tutor Program
WG Library Foosball for the Teen Program
Delta High School FFA Buyers Group

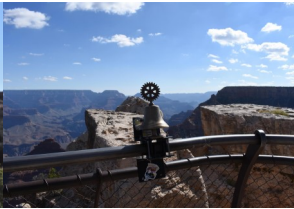


As the Bell Tolls



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*Presented to
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Having fun with the bell is quite an ingenious game that has been played for 75 years. Often security is high, until its not. SF Giants Baseball games, Hoover Dam, the Grand Canyon, Arches National Park, pig hunting and fishing in Texas, horseback riding in Kansas, air shows in Oklahoma, piloting boats in our Delta waterways, playground games, cocktail lounge mixers, and Sheriff rides. You Name it, our bell does it.



In Appreciation!

*Thank you to everyone who came out tonight, including in spirit,
to celebrate the history and the legacy of the
Rotary Club of Walnut Grove!
Our 75 years of service has left our community
and our world a better place!*

Special Thanks To:

*John Stutz and Barbara McGowan for putting this event
together.*

*Supervisor Pat Hume and his wife, Lisa and former
Supervisor Don Nottoli (Honorary Rotarian) and his wife,
Brenda.*

*District Governor Karen Cendro and "First Man" Mike
Cendro for their attendance and commitment to our club
throughout the year.*

*Grand Island Vineyards and Winery Events
Acoustic Events Catering
Lyn Emery for the Beautiful Flowers
Josh McMillon for his Photo Scanning*

**Service Above Self to the Community
in Our NorCal Delta Region**

