

## **Centerville Free Dining Room July 27, 2021**

For over 30 years Niles Rotary has partnered with the Centerville Free Dining Room and Bill Sinodino's from Dino's Centerville to Feed the Hungry! We participate in this Community Service project in any month that has 5 Thursdays by purchasing a meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, and gravy from Dino's and serve it at the dining room. The 2020/2021 brought many challenges. As of this writing we are able to pack grocery bags with food, make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and serve a hot meal in a disposable box. Currently we are attending on the Tuesday before the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday. We do not need a Food Handlers card to serve at this time, except without it one cannot be a part of the making of the sandwiches or dishing up food. We can assist with packing and distribution. The 2021/2022 dates will be the last week of July 2021, September 2021, December 2021, March 2022, and June 2022. I will update this document as the year progresses and make an announcement at the club as we move back to normal. If you are interested in participating, I strongly urge you to get your Food Handlers Card now so that when the doors open, we are all ready to jump back in! Below is the info to obtain your card.

### **Food Handlers Card Information**

To volunteer at Feed the Hungry you must have a food handler certificate (unless you are the door greeter or person taking census) – this is just for our club service at Feed the Hungry

As a result of a recent Alameda County Environmental Health Department inspection at the Centerville Free Dining Room, all Rotarian volunteers that handle food are required to have a California Food Handler card to work at Feed the Hungry dinners.

This includes all: Kitchen food handlers; Servers; DishWashers.

The only volunteers exempt from this rule are the Greeters and the person taking the Census. Rotarians can obtain their card by going online to [www.premierfoodsafety.com](http://www.premierfoodsafety.com).

There is a cost for the course. You must create an account, sign-in and listen to the training video, which runs about 45 minutes. There is a 40-question quiz at the end that you must pass with a 70%. It is very easy and just goes over the basics of food handling.

Once you have passed you can print your certificate and card on your home or work printer.

**ROTARIANS WITHOUT CARDS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS PROJECT.**

If you would like assistance with this, PLEASE call me – I am happy to set time up in my office and walk you through the process. I can be reached at 510-304-7703.

If you have spouses, significant others, or friends that attend this project they will be required to have their card.

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