Upcoming Events

Rotary District 5160 Conference—May 3-5 2001 in Woodland. Information and registration forms are available from Roger Dolan or online at “www.rotary5160.org”

Upcoming Meeting Programs

April 3rd Contra Costa Realty Board. Anniversaries celebrated.

April 10th CASA; Birthdays celebrated.

Joint board meeting, 2000-01 and 2001-02 boards on Wednesday, April 11th, 5:30pm at Worden Travel, 1225 Alpine Road, Walnut Creek. All board members please calendar this.

April 17th Our meeting is an evening tour of the California Maritime Academy, 6pm to 8pm, wine and cheese served. Bus transportation to Vallejo is available. See Gill Bordenave for details.

April 24th Walnut Creek Mayor Kathy Hicks.

Monday, May 7th. Joint meeting with 5 area Rotary Clubs in Concord, visiting with the GSE team from Thailand.
Last Week: Advertising Day  Thanks to Bob Johnston for making our annual Advertising Day a fun, informative, reminder of the high quality membership in our Club.

Birthdays  Many happy returns of the day to the following Rotarians celebrating birthdays in March: Ken Anderson, Gill Bordenave, Sharon Camandona, Roger Dolan, Alex Lommel, Adrian Mendes, Donna Montana, Dick Mortensen, Chris Nicholson, Larry Palmieri, Dennis Sheehan, Dave Zitterow.

Uncle Roger (Still, Really) Wants You

Please signup for committee assignments for the 2001-2002 Rotary year with President-Elect Roger Dolan.

Your Editor’s Notes from the Road—An International Service Project

Last summer, I reported on an international service project sponsored by several Rotary Clubs in California. The project raises money to fund a revolving micro-loan pool managed by the Saigon Children’s Charity for use by farmers and fishers in the Han Giao District of Viet Nam, near Ho Chi Minh City. The loan fund provides micro-loans ($35 each) to selected women in the region to purchase small livestock or farm or fishing equipment, and the Charity provides advice and training on small livestock husbandry and fishing. Loans are repaid through monthly community meetings, so there is significant incentive and peer pressure to repay the loans because the loan fund is then replenished and available to make loans to others in the community who want to participate. In its three years of existence, there have been no defaults. While making up at our sister club last week I learned that we now have a local opportunity to support this program. The Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Sunrise Rotary Foundation is accepting donations for this project, with a goal of raising $1,000, which will be matched 1 for 1 by the Foundation. The deadline for the matching funds project is this Saturday, March 31st, so I encourage you to send donations ASAP to Jim Yoder, 256 Danley Way, Walnut Creek CA 94598 payable to “Walnut Creek Rotary Sunrise Community Foundation.” Because of the leverage of the matching funds program (each $1 donation brings along $5 more), a donation of any amount will make a big difference, and will be gratefully appreciated.

Event Announcements:

ARF Groundbreaking. We are invited to attend a groundbreaking ceremony from 10am to 12:30pm this Friday, March 30 for the Animal Rescue Foundation facility at Oak Grove and Winchell.

Demotion Party. Mark your calendars for this sweet celebration as we say goodbye to Prez Barry the Merciless and welcome to kind, soft-hearted, Roger Dolan. This year’s demotion party will be Saturday, June 30, at 6pm, at the Jewish Community Center in Walnut Creek. Contact Earl Wightman if you want to assist with this joyous event.

Crab Feed Fundraiser, February 2nd, 2002. Mark your calendars for next year’s fundraiser.

The Rotary Club of Dunsmuir invites us to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of their Chartering on this Saturday, March 31st at 5:30pm. Please contact Will Newman at 530-235-0953 for information.

The Fishing in the City program will be held April 21st for the Buena Vista third graders, and May 5th for the public. A Public Service Announcement is currently airing on Channel 6 several times a day, and we had 200 calls last week alone. We also expect news coverage again this year. Anyone interested in helping the kids for a few hours?? See John Gardner to volunteer.

Rotary District 5160 Conference, Thursday, May 3rd through Saturday, May 5th in Woodward. Featured events include Thursday Sports Day at the Flyers Club, a “Bovines, Combines, and Fine Wines Tour”, and a Sports Banquet; Friday Kickoff Luncheon with Olympic athlete Marilyn King speaking on “Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things”, plenary sessions, and a Route 66 Hospitality Night; Saturday plenary sessions and financial planner Gary Wollin, luncheon speaker Astronaut Marsha Ivins (currently in space building the International Space Station), and the Governor’s Prom Night at the Yolo County Airport. Information and registration forms are available from Roger Dolan or online at “www.rotary5160.org” Register now to be assured of hotel space. Sign up for carpooling.

Rotary International Conference—June 24-27, 2001 in San Antonio, Texas. See Prez Barry Slavin for info on attending this year’s international conference.

Proposed New Member:

Susan Castillo, Branch Manager, Bank of Walnut Creek, has been proposed for membership. Please direct any comments to Club Secretary, Milt Smith.

Bridge Group

Our Club has a bridge group that meets once a month. There is space for an substitute player. If you are interested please call Fred Scheffler 944-5562.

Get Your Rotary Announcements in the Bulletin: Our regular publishing deadline is Sunday night. You can phone your bulletin announcements to John McClintic by 9:00pm on Sunday to be sure to be included. Call John at 930-7352 and leave your message on the answering machine, or fax to 925-945-8932, or email to johnm@rotarywc.org.