



Rotary Club Of Walnut Creek  
P.O. Box 4191  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

### Upcoming Events

- Dec 15 Holiday Party and Catered Dinner at Palmer School.
- Jan 12-13 Annual Reno Train Trip. See Randy Walker or Fletcher Tyler now for possible late reservations.

### Upcoming Meeting Programs

- Oct 29 Mike Parness – Walnut Creek City Manager
- Nov 5 Mary Pols, Contra Costa Times Movie Reviewer
- Nov 12 Bob Kochly, Chief Deputy District Attorney
- Nov 19 Lyn Kenney, Salvation Army
- Nov 26 David Coleman, Deputy Public Defender

For the latest “scoop” on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page:  
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# The Walnut Leaf

ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK

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### This Week’s Worker Bees

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| Presiding .....        | Bruce Cockerham | Birthdays.....           |                |
| Team Captain .....     | Carl Manna      | Anniversaries.....       |                |
| Thought/Pledge.....    | Ken Anderson    | Song Leader.....         | Doug Goodrich  |
| Guest Intro & Mic..... | Jim Campana     | Bulletin Editor.....     | John McClintic |
| Speaker Intro.....     | Tom Grimm       | Next Bulletin Editor.... | John McClintic |
| Set-Up/Take-Down.....  | Gordon Fischer  |                          |                |
| Ticket Sales.....      | Pat Wahl        |                          |                |

THIS PROGRAM

**Today: Mary Pols,  
Contra Costa Times Movie Reviewer**

**Have you voted today?  
Every vote does count; let your voice be heard!**

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**CLUB NO. 4191  
ROTARY  
INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 5160**

Chartered April 7, 1937

**Bhichai Rattakul**  
International President

*Sow the Seeds of Love*

**Mark Von Hoetendorff**  
District Governor

**Connie Crawford**  
District Governor Nominee

**Bruce Cockerham**  
President

**Jack Fischer**  
President-Elect

**Roger Dolan**  
Immediate Past President

**Clint Collier  
& Layton Hansen**  
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**Mike Frost**  
**Georgia Cockerham**  
**Layton Hanson**  
2002-2004  
**Bruce Johnson**  
**Carl Manna**  
**Jack Matkin**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Toot toot, beep beep...

**Prez Bruce** warmed up for the Castro Street Halloween Street Party by blowing his whistle to start last week's meeting. It seems that the Club's hallowed bell has disappeared. Hope it returns soon while we still have our hearing.

### Our next caller, Mel from Via Verde...

Past president, **Mel Bacher**, called in while recovering at home from surgery. He plans to be back on his feet and rabble rousing in person soon, but we're grateful that he could take a moment to brighten our Club meeting by phone. Maybe Mel has the bell...

### Recognitions

**Fletcher Tyler** returned from Japan where he and Nancy attended receptions in Tokyo celebrating the marriage of his son Doug and new daughter-in-law Keiko in September. Many of Keiko's family and friends came over to the US for the wedding, but many more could not and enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate with the new couple and their families.

**Pres Bruce** thanked **Roy Hjersman** for calling to warn him about the Mexican cantaloupe salmonella poisoning threat reported on the news late Monday and early Tuesday. Roy knows our president fancies cantaloupe for breakfast, so passed the word along early.

Thanks to **Bruce Johnson and Rotary Team 4** for a great month of programs and meetings in October.

**Stan Hill** saw former Club member **Eriks Svede** recently and reports that Eriks is in good health, although saddened by the deaths of his mother, father, and mother-in-law during the past year.

**Jim Campana** and Denise enjoyed a nice driving vacation to San Diego, Prescott AZ, and the Grand Canyon, in Denise's new car.

**Tom Grimm** enjoyed a two week trip to Boston, including a walk on the Old Freedom Trail, getting around the "Big Dig" underground freeway construction project,

and day trips to Cape Cod an Plymouth, and then on to New York where he made up Rotary at the Carmel Club in Putnam County.

**Frenchy Arrell** sends his regards from Hemet, California.

### Announcement of Change to Community Foundation By-Laws:

The Board of Trustees of the Walnut Creek Community Foundation at their meeting of the September 17, 2002 approved a change in the bylaws. The change will read that "No appointed Trustee shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. A Trustee after serving two consecutive three-year terms may, after two years absence, again be appointed a Trustee." The change in the by-laws was unanimously approved by the Trustees at the Board meeting and is subject to repeal by a vote of the members of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek. Any Club member that has any questions regarding this by-law change should contact Ivan Kerr, secretary of the Board of Trustees.

### Test Your Rotary Knowledge

Pres. Bruce advises us to check out article about the history of District 5160 on the district website at [www.rotary5160.org](http://www.rotary5160.org).

### Meet the New Member—Gordon Fisher

One of our new members, Gordon Fisher, had the opportunity to introduce himself to the membership last week. Gordon is 47 years old, and a "local." He grew up in Pleasant Hill and then Walnut Creek, graduating from Ygnacio Valley High School in 1973, and UC Davis in 1978. His brother lives in Martinez and his sister lives in Vacaville. Gordon began his work career in physiology, but shifted into insurance, joining RC Fisher & Co. in 1984 where he continues to work today. Gordon and his wife, Vicky, were married in 1970. Vicky is an ICU nurse at Children's Hospital in Oakland. They have two daughters in elementary school and a son in pre-school, and now live in Danville.

### Rotary License Plate Program

You can help Rotary make a difference in our community and state by purchasing a specialized California Rotary License Plate. The Rotary special interest license plate is an official license plate issued by California's Department of Motor Vehicles. Come back to local clubs for as long as the plates are in use. Proceeds from the sale of these Rotary License Plates (in excess of the basic DMV registration fees, production costs, and environmental fund

fees (for personalized plates)) benefit educational and community outreach activities supported by Rotary International in California.

California Rotary License Plates feature the motto "Service Above Self" and the emblem of Rotary International, and are "moving billboards" for Rotary, providing a wide-ranging, colorful, reminder of Rotary's ideals.

We need a minimum of 7,500 applications and checks to be submitted to the California Rotary License Plate Team in the year 2002. As of October 29, there are 1467 or about 20% of the total needed. These applications and checks must be presented to the California DMV before they will start making our Rotary License Plates. We NEED everyone's help to get as much awareness and exposure of this worthy project as soon as possible.

For more information, go to [www.ca-rotarylicenseplates.org](http://www.ca-rotarylicenseplates.org).

### Sunrise Rotary's Super Bowl Raffle

The Walnut Creek Sunrise Rotary Club will have a drawing on December 10, 2002 to select the winner of a trip for two to the Super Bowl in San Diego, January 26, 2003. The winner will have 2 choice tickets to Super Bowl XXVII, and 3 nights stay in deluxe accommodations (two night prior and the night after the game). Raffle tickets are \$50 and may be obtained from any Sunrise Rotarian or by calling Bruce Hahn 932-4044; Tom Cranmer 933-1044; or PDG Bill Spalding 938-0700.

### Annual Rotary Reno Train Trip January 12-13, 2003

See **Randy Walker** or **Fletcher Tyler** if you would like to be added in for the annual Rotary train trip to Reno on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Join Rotarians from throughout the Bay Area on this annual trip through the beautiful Sierra Nevada mountains to Reno. Great scenery, fellowship, fine dining, and shows make this a favorite social outing. \$200 (single) \$190 (double) occupancy, including your round trip train travel on the Rotary Express. Additional spaces may be available but you should let Randy or Fletcher know now so that he can make arrangements to add you in.

### Annual Club Holiday Party and Catered Dinner—Sunday, December 15th

Mark your calendars for this year's Club Holiday Party on Sunday night, December 15. We will have a no-host bar

and catered dinner at the Palmer School. More details to follow.

### Annual President's Dinner with Rotary International Pres. Bhichai Rattakul Fri January 3, 2003, The Double Tree Hotel, Two Portola Plaza, Monterey

Join us in welcoming our Rotary International President BHICHAIRATTAKUL to California. You won't want to miss our outstanding leader! No host reception 6:30pm; dinner at 7:30pm. \$45 per person, reserved seating for tables of 10. Black Tie Optional.

**For Dinner Tickets**, either sign up to join with our Club members to form our own table(s) or you can contact Dick Burkhalter 925-254-2222 in the Rotary Club of Orinda.

NO DINNER TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE EVENT!

**For Hotel reservations**, call 831-649-4511, and ask for the special Rotary rate of \$79 per night.

### New Features Offered on the Club Website

Check out some new features on our Club website [www.rotarywc.org](http://www.rotarywc.org), including a calendar with automatically updated postings of assignments and programs for upcoming meetings, locations of other Clubs and meeting dates, a photo archive, a members-only section with special information for Club members, Club bulletins going back to 1995, links to other Rotary sites, a form for proposing a new member, and many other new features. Try it today. Thanks to **Hari Boukis** for his efforts to upgrade our site to the "state of the art."

### Has your personal information changed?

If your mailing address, telephone or fax numbers, email address, or other personal information changes, please tell the Club Secretary, **Clint Collier**, so that he can keep our records up to date. Contact Clint at the meetings or by email to [clintc@rotarywc.org](mailto:clintc@rotarywc.org).

### 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](mailto:johnm@rotarywc.org).