Upcoming Events

Dec 6  Rotary Club of Concord Annual Holiday Luncheon meeting at Carondolet High School; choral groups will perform during the program; $14 for buffet lunch.
Jan 12-13  Annual Reno Train Trip. See Randy Walker or Fletcher Tyler now for possible late reservations.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

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

www.rotarywc.org
**Membership Dues Reminder**

Members who are on the January billing cycle should receive their dues statements this week. Dues are due on January 1st and become late if not received by January 31st. Your payments may be mailed in to our post office box or simply handed to Clint Collier at any of the meetings. If your company is paying your dues for you please make sure that your name is included on the check so you get prompt credit.

**Rotary Club of Walnut Creek 2002 Turkey Challenge**

Inspired by wearing Tom Turkey on his head (and Clint Collier's specific suggestion), President Bruce has issued the *Turkey Challenge of 2002* to all Club members. Members are challenged to purchase and donate supermarket gift certificates that may be redeemed for turkeys or other needed food. Donated certificates will benefit the Food Bank of Contra Costa County and those whom the Food Bank will feed this year. The Challenge will run until December 15, the date of the Club’s holiday party. To participate, Members will buy supermarket gift certificates in any amount and turn them in to their team captains. The team captains will collect the coupons through December 15, and turn them in for tabulation and delivery to the Food Bank. On the evening of our holiday party, honors and seasonally appropriate gifts will be awarded to each winning-team member. To make it easy to participate, Pat Wahl will have a table in the back of the room at the December 3rd and 10th meetings where he will make available Nob Hill Foods / Raley's gift certificates. What could be easier?

**Rotary Club of Concord Annual Luncheon at Carondelet High School**

This Friday, December 6th

All Rotarians, spouses, and family members are invited to attend the annual luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Concord this Friday, December 6th, at Carondelet High School. The buffet luncheon will be catered by Zandonella’s Italian Restaurant ($14.00) and the program will include a special concert by the renowned Carondelet/ DeLasalle Choral Group that’s performed on stage at New York’s famed Carnegie Hall in recent years. This is part of the “Visions of Christmas pageant held at the high school each December.

**Polio Plus “Final Push for Eradication”**

The “easy” work has been done, and it’s now time to focus on the tough-to-get-at final pockets of polio in remote and isolated locations around the world. A $500 million 3-year campaign is underway to raise the funds necessary to complete this critical effort. Rotary International is looking to raise $80 million of this from its own membership. Our Club’s goal is $17,000. We will be working to meet this goal with a combination of Community Foundation and Club member contributions. You also can receive credit towards Paul Harris Fellow, Sustaining membership, or additional Fellow recognitions.

**Rotary License Plate Program—Rotary NEEDS YOU**

We need to submit a minimum of 7500 applications by December, 31, 2002, or lose this fundraising and marketing opportunity. Similar programs in other States are already benefiting local Rotary Clubs and Rotarians. Members are challenged to purchase local Rotary Clubs and projects. DON’T LET CALIFORNIA FAIL.

The Rotary special interest license plate is an official license plate issued by California’s Department of Motor Vehicles. Proceeds ($50 with the origination, $26 for each renewal) are returned to local clubs for as long as the plates are in use 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 and good works. For more information, go to 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 to a Super Bowl in San Diego. January 26, 2003. The winner will have 2 choice tickets to Super Bowl XXVII, 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.

**Lafayette Rotary’s 2002 BMW Z-3 Raffle—Drawing December 11th**

It’s your last chance to take a chance on this Rotary Club of Lafayette fundraiser. $50 per ticket, maximum of 1,000 tickets. Call Mike Heller 682-3577.

**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, at the Palmer School. The Northgate High School Madrigals will be singing for us. We will start with hosted bar at 5:30pm, followed with dinner at 6:30pm. $25 per person. Bring wine to share with your tablemates; Rotarians A-K also are asked to bring hors d’oeuvres and Rotarians L-Z are asked to bring desserts. Signup and pay by December 10th.

**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 BHICHAI RATTAKUL 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.

**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 12th and 13th. 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.

**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.

**Get Your Rotary Announcements in the Bulletin:**

Our regular publishing deadline is Sunday night. You can phone your bulletin announcements to John McClinton 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.