Upcoming Events

Oct 5  Bavarian Bash—District 5160’s Annual Fundraiser for Rotary International.
       11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Dixon May Fair Grounds. See Jim Schmidt for raffle tix ($10 each), or to make a donation for the auction.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

Oct 8  Walnut Creek City Council Candidates – Kathy Hicks and Sue Rainey
Oct 15 Chris Gnanakone--Walnut Creek Rotary Wheel Chair Project in Sri Lanka
Oct 22 Susan Belgard--Brainstorming and Participatory Decision Making: Increasing Buy-in to New Ideas and Programs
Oct 29 Mike Parness – Walnut Creek City Manager

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Dinner and Program to Benefit Polio Plus: Featuring David Clark, 77-year old Sailor Who Circumnavigated the Globe at Rossmoor, This Saturday October 12**

Rossmoor Kiwanis Club, Rossmoor Rotary Club and Rossmoor Yacht Club present David Clark the oldest solo sailor to circumnavigate the globe on Saturday, October 12th, in the Sierra Room at Del Valle Club House. Mr. Clark is a single-minded sailor who conquered the sea single-handed and has a story to tell, not only for earning a place in the Guinness World Book of records as the oldest person to circumnavigate the globe (alone), in a boat, but much more. Music plays an important role in his presentation.

To think that one person, 77 years of age, was able to accomplish this feat and has a message of inspiration, determination, resourcefulness, humor, and overcoming fear. It is a universal message delivered in a way that unleashes a sense of possibility for anybody.

The festivities will start at 6:30 pm with an open bar. Dinner will follow at 7:30 pm and the presentation will start at 8:30 pm. Back group music will be provided during the cocktail hour. The cost for the evening will be $22.00 per person. Reservations should be sent to Gene Wilson, 4444 Terra Granada Drive No. 1A, Walnut Creek, CA 94595. Please make checks payable to Rossmoor Rotary and note on your checks your choice of fish (Salmon), beef (Filet Mignon) or pasta. Those that wish to sit together must send checks for the entire group in one envelope.

The proceeds from this event will be donated to the Rotary International Polio Plus Program. Please contact Gene Wilson Rossmoor Rotary 925-675-5258

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 932-4844; Tom Crammer 933-1044; or PDG Bill Spalding 938-0700.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International--2002 Facets: The Rotary Foundation website, www.rotary.org/foundation provides the following summaries of important programs currently funded by the Rotary Foundation.

**PolioPlus** - Rotarians have mobilized by the hundreds of thousands to ensure that children are immunized against this crippling disease and that surveillance is strong, despite the poor infrastructure, extreme poverty, and civil strife of many countries. Since the PolioPlus Program’s inception in 1985, more than two billion children have received oral polio vaccine. To date, 122 nations around the world have benefited from PolioPlus grants. As of June 2002, Rotary has committed almost $500 million to global polio eradication. 2001-02 expenditures: $27.5 million.

Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants fund large-scale, one-to-three year projects that enhance health, help alleviate hunger or improve human development. Since 1978, 274 projects in 74 countries have been funded at a cost of almost $73 million. In 2001-02, 17 new projects approved. Program awards were $3.6 million.

**Matching Grants** provide matching funds for international service projects of Rotary Clubs and Districts designing 3-H projects of a significant size and impact. 2001-02: 1 grant approved. Award: $13,000.

**Helping Grants** provide a 50% match of club and district funds up to $5,000 for international humanitarian service projects in non-Rotary countries or in countries where the local Rotary clubs cannot provide significant Rotarian involvement and oversight. 2001-02: 52 grants approved for projects in 33 countries. Program awards totaled $375,000.

New Opportunities Grants provide districts with an opportunity to use their District Designated Funds (DDF) for unique international humanitarian service projects that advance Rotary ideals and may not meet the eligibility criteria of other programs. In 2001-02 113 New Opportunities Grants were approved, totaling $530,000, for projects in 60 countries.

**Rotary Peace Programs** partially subsidize international conferences that focus on conflict resolution and ways to enhance the search for peace. Since 1987-88, 62 conferences have taken place in different regions of the world. In 2001-02 1 district and 5 Presidential peace conferences were awarded grants totaling $161,000.

**Grants for Rotary Volunteers** subsidize the expenses of Rotarians, Foundation Alumni, and Rotaractors who volunteer their services in a country other than their own. In 2001-02, 381 grants were approved for volunteer service. Program awards were $1.1 million.

**Discovery Grants** provide seed money to Rotary clubs and districts to help investigate potential international service projects. In 2001-02, 31 Carl P. Miller Discovery Grants and 79 DDF-funded Discovery Grants were awarded totaling $339,000.

**Disaster Relief Grants** provide support from district SHARE funds. 2001-02: 20 grants were approved in 12 different countries. Awards: $727,000.

**Community Assistance Program Grants** provide funds for projects that increase involvement or strengthen relations in the sponsor’s community or country. 2001-02: 803 grants in 40 countries totaling $1.3 million.

**Humanitarian Transportation Grants** provide funds to cover the costs of transporting donated humanitarian supplies and equipment. 2001-02: 44 grants, totaling $160,000.

**Ambassadorial Scholarships** sponsored by the Rotary Foundation comprise one of the largest and most internationally diverse scholarship programs in the world. Scholars study in a country other than their own where they serve as unofficial “ambassadors of good will.” Since 1947, almost 35,000 scholars from some 110 countries have received scholarships at a cost of more than $412 million. In 2001-02, 929 scholars from 56 countries studied in 59 countries. Program awards in 2002 were $167.6 million.

**Rotary Grants for University Teachers** are awarded to faculty members to teach in a developing nation for three to ten months. Since 1985, 313 university teachers have shared their expertise with a college or university in a developing country. In 2001-02, 35 university teachers from 9 countries taught in 24 countries. Program awards were $451,000.

**Group Study Exchange (GSE)**. These annual awards are made to paired Rotary districts to provide travel expenses for a team of non-Rotarians from a variety of vocations. Rotarian hosts organize a four-to-six week itinerary of educational and cultural points of interest. Since 1965, more than 44,500 individuals (about 9,000 teams) from more than 100 countries have participated at a cost of more than $79 million. In 2001-02, 534 teams traveled abroad. Program awards were $3.8 million.

**Prospective Members**

Ken Roberts, Advertising & Marketing, and Jonathan Lopez, Commercial Printing, have been proposed for membership in the Club. Please direct any comments to Club Secretary, Clint Collier.

**NEW FEATURE ON WEB SITE FOR DIRECTORS**

The web site now has a feature that enables you to enter the team assignments for your month. You can, at any time after entering the information, return to edit or print out the assignment sheets. Also, you can, at any time, send the assignment information to your team members. The system will, the day before the meeting, email your team, along with other members in the Club, a reminder of the jobs for that meeting. See Hari for more information.