Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Dec 6th  Our Annual Holiday party, at Oscar and Tessie Wu’s house, 5-9pm. Saturday, Feb 4th, Crab Feed 2006. Our annual fundraiser.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

Nov 29th Doug Goodrich, Why Investing in the Rotary Foundation Makes Good Sense

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

Kevin Sanchez:
The Trip Up Kilamanjaro to Celebrate the Big Four Ooh

Go Bears — Kiss my Axe! oh, and... uh, Happy Thanksgiving.

Visit Us On The Web at: www.rotarywc.org
We want to protect the Wu’s beautiful wood floor, so we are asking that ladies do not wear sharp heels.

Yearly Fund:

We will be collecting toys for the Marine Corp Toys for Tots campaign. Donations can be dropped off at the Holiday Party, and possibly at upcoming Club meetings.

Robin Trap 2004—January 21

Rotarians are encouraged to see Fletcher Tyler and Randy Walker to sign up for the 2006 Robin trip. $240 single, $220 double occupancy. Hotel TBD. We need your money now to reserve the few spaces allotted to us. This is a fabulous ride through the snow-covered Sierras, with lots of fun in Reno before the trip back. The trip is open to Rotarians only.

Happy Holidays and Anniversaries

Many happy returns of the day to Joe Anthony, Jack Fischer, Chris Guanakale, Fred Scheffer, Rem Barnett, Dick Lam, Al Sevilla, Renee Hamilton, and Rod Ultfiedl, who celebrate birthdays in November. And congratulations to Al Sevilla who celebrates his 25th wedding anniversary this month.

Cub Feast 2004—December 18th, CSU Contra Center

This year’s crab feed fundraiser will be Saturday, February 4th, at Centre Contra, the same location as prior years. Our master of ceremonies will be Dan Ashley of Channel 7 news. This is our major fund-raiser for the Community Foundation.

Tickets are available now. See Mitch Ambro. Buy a table of ten and reserve an entire table for your group. Buy less than 10 and buy a sponsorship for a table and you can select your seating location.

No Bull: If you want to eat chicken at the Crab Feed (instead of just crab) you need to get a “chicken chit” at the time you buy your ticket.

There are a number of ways you can help with our annual fund raising Crab Feed. It’s easier and long committees need help. If you would like to help in one of these areas contact the list Rotarian who is in charge of this portion of the event!

- Silent Auction – La Hughes
- Live Auction – Bob Morgan
- Reverse Draw – Layton Hansen
- Greeting and Check In – Bruce Johnson
- Drink Service – Andy Halpin
- Kitchen – Pan Raumer
- Raffle – Renee Hamilton
- Wine Barrels – Gordon Fischer
- Cleanup – Clive Masten

Additionally we are looking for the support of every member of the club by…

- Purchasing at least 4 tickets and bringing a couple of friends.
- Donating an item, through your team, for the Silent Auction.
- Helping your team develop at least one item for the Live Auction.
- Donating 2 bottles of wine for the Wine Barrels (no two-back-chuck please!)

Kohoku Exchange Student Program 2006

It is now time to start thinking about who will represent our club next year as our 39 Kohoku Exchange Student. This is a fantastic opportunity and life changing experience for the chosen student who will represent our club as the 39 ambassador that we will send to Japan. Listed below are the basic requirements and timing for this program.

Who Is Eligible?: Our first choice is to have a child or grandchild of a Walnut Creek Rotarian represent us. If this cannot be done we will extend our search to siblings and nephews. We have found it is best for the participant to be at least 19 years old and a college student and it is even better if they are a few years older. The older and more mature the participant, the more they get out of it and the better the ambassador they are.

Where Is The Exchange: The student leaves for Japan in the second to third week of July and is gone for four weeks. Please check your school schedule carefully before applying.

What Is Expected Of The Participant: The chosen participant is expected to be a model citizen while in Japan and remember at all times that they are representing our Club, Rotary, and our Country in a program that has existed for 39 years. They are also expected to act accordingly and appropriately at all times during the exchange and be open to new experiences as they learn about a very different fungicolous life.

What Is Expected Of The Participant’s Family: The family is expected to host the incoming student for 4-5 days, preferably after our student returns home. They are also expected to be actively involved with the arrival and send-off of the incoming Japanese student. They are also expected to organize and run the following year’s exchange program.

What Cost Is Involved: The club pays for the airfare and all living expenses are paid for by the host families in Japan, just as we do on this end. The participant only needs to take spending money for shopping and incidental.

By the end of 2005 we would like to have this program across all Rotary clubs. If you have someone who is interested in being considered be sure they are aware of what is involved and are willing to accept all of the aforementioned conditions and then contact Rick Mathews at rick@tjamat.com. Each candidate should submit a resume which will spell out who they are, who they are related to Rotary, how old they are, what they are doing with their life, why they think they would be the ideal ambassador for this exchange, any other pertinent information that would enhance their candidacy, how they can be reached, and when they will be available to interview if away at school.

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