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This Week's Worker Bees

Presiding ..............................Oscar Wu
Director...........................Rem Barnard
Team Captain .................... Bryan Yeh
Thought/Pledge...................Bob Ayres
Guest Intro &  Mic..........Ursula Behiel
Speaker Intro.....................Jack Matkin
Set-Up/Take-Down...........Paul Fischer

Upcoming Events

Oct 21-22, District 5160 "Cave Man and Rain Man" conference, at the Concord Hilton Hotel
Who am I? Paul Fisher

Upcoming Meeting Programs

2005-08-23 Prof. Christine Yeh -- Understanding causes for failure in New York City schools
2005-08-30 Mark Curtis -- Channel 2, news anchor
2005-09-06 Donna Perham & Trisha Carella -- Donna & Trisha are founders of a new Non-Profit Middle School Youth Center in Walnut Creek.
2005-09-13 -- John Muir
2005-09-20 -- California Symphony
2005-09-27 Dave Casper -- Financial Planning and Pro Football. Dave is incharge of the Northwestern Financial Services office in WC. He is also in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Welcome to our Kohoku Exchange Student: Yusake Funaki

For the latest “scoop” on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page: www.rotarywc.org
Help raise funds for the Alzheimer’s Association at a car wash, car show, and BBQ lunch at Argo’s of Pleasant Hill, 1660 Oak Park Blvd from 11am to 2pm on August 27th. $8 for autos $10 for SUV/trucks includes everything. And mark your calendar for the “Memory Walk” on Treasure Island, October 8th. For info call Amanda at 925-939-2700.

Annual Rotary Club Meeting at John Muir Medical Center, Tuc Sept 13
Our annual meeting at John Muir this year will be at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 13. This is a great meeting to invite a guest or prospective member. The speaker will be Karl Weisgraber, who will speak on “The Promise of Stem Cell Research.” The Sunrise Rotary Club will be joining us. Mary Epstein will circulate sign-up sheets beginning 8/16.

I-House Agricultural Tour, Saturday October 9th
Mark your calendars, and see Phil Eyring to participate as a dinner host for this year’s agricultural tour for international graduate students at Cal. This is one of the oldest community programs sponsored by our club, dating back to the days when our county was covered with farms and other agricultural attractions. There are a few working farms, and several vineyards, still operating and this gives international students a chance to see America’s farmland. After the bus tour, we sponsor one or more dinners for Rotarians and the I-House guests.

District 5160 Conference “Cave Man and Rain Man” Oct 21-22, Concord
Get ready for the District 5160 “Cave Man and Rain Man” conference, be held the weekend of October 21 and 22 at the Concord Hilton Hotel. The early registration date has been extended through the end of July. The cost to register before August is $75. The Club has agreed to cover the reduced $60 fee for all new Rotarians in the Club (those with less than 6 months in Rotary). Cost of the meal package for the conference is $100 per person... and includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, and Saturday dinner.

So who should go? Well, really all Rotarians should but we would especially like to:
• All new Rotarians in our club. Remember attending a District Conference is one of the red to blue badge requirements and this one is close to home... just over in Concord at the Hilton hotel!
• All members of the board should go.
• All team leaders. Lead your team by example. Remember attending a conference: counts as two meetings for make up purposes, satisfies a requirement on the road from red badge to blue, is close and convenient this year, and is just plain fun so we really encourage all new members to sign up!

Sign up with Clint Callier so we know who is going and he will give you an assignment form to fill out and send in. He can also provide further details on the event if you have questions.

Support Rotary, support your club and have a great time while doing it!

Paul Harris Society Inaugural Gala Dinner, Sat November 13th
Mark your calendars to attend the inaugural gala dinner celebrating the formation of the new “Paul Harris Society”. Members of the society will commit to donating $1,000 per year to the Rotary International Foundation. This significant increase from the “Sustaining Membership” target of $100 per Rotarian per year recognizes that the tremendous increase in the cost of living that has occurred since the Sustaining Member program was introduced over 20 years ago. Many members are fortunate enough to have the financial resources to do so are encouraged to give serious consideration to making this increased level of commitment, to support the fabulous programs and activities funded through RI worldwide.

Wheelchair Foundation Trip to Costa Rica, November 9-13
The Wheelchair Foundation, in partnership with Howard Tours, offers a group tour to Costa Rica to deliver wheelchairs to those who lack mobility in coordination with the Rotary Clubs in the San Jose, Costa Rica area. Cost for 5 Days with airfare from Houston, $1,725. Contact Howard Tours, Tel: 800-475-2260, Fax: 510-834-1019, www.HowardTours.net.

Who Am I?
Each week, this feature will provide some clues about the background of one of our Rotarians. The Members and guests are challenged to guess the name of the featured Rotarian. Answers will be provided in tiny print on the back page.

“I have served in many roles in our Club, including President, and District 5160, including District Governor. But among my greatest memories are the trips that I have taken around the world helping to see miracles performed by dedicated Rotaplast volunteers, and helping young businessmen and women learn new techniques and share ideas through the Rotary Group Study Exchange. I also love to travel for pleasure with my wife, Lucy. In my professional life, I specialize in casualty insurance. Who am I?”

Set Your E-Mail Settings to Allow Email from rotarywc.org
We have noticed that many corporate email systems, and some private systems, have increased their restrictions on in-bound email messages. While this helps cut down on SPAM, it also can block “friendly” messages. Please tell your email administrator to allow email coming from our rotarywc.org domain, or at least at “wcclub@rotarywc.org”. Please note that the wc-club@rotarywc.org address is a new “Club-wide” email address, and replaces the “allmembers” address which was taken over by evil spammers.

New and Proposed Members
Please welcome our recently inducted new members.


Cleve Masten, of Accountants Plus, has been proposed for membership in the classification “Staffing – Employment”. Please provide any comments to the Club Secretary.

Inviting a Prospective Member to Lunch
Please pick up a few of our “Blindfolded Guest” cards to invite business and personal contacts to attend a future Rotary Club meeting as a guest of the Club. Share Rotary with them, and help maintain our membership of active, dedicated Rotarians.

Sunshine Committee—Chairman Now Lee Schneider
Help the Club send good will wishes and support for Rotarians and spouses recovering from surgery or experiencing prolonged illness. Contact Lee Schneider.

Get Your Rotary Announcements in the Bulletin
Our regular publishing deadline is Sunday night. You can phone your bulletin announcements to John Mc Clinich by 9:00pm on Sunday to be sure to 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.