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. Who am I? Bruce Cockerham

Upcoming Meeting Programs

Nov 22nd Kevin Sanchez, The Trip Up Kilamanjaro to Celebrate the Big Four Ooh
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

Lee Sankowitz and Scott Dennison, Center Rep on the Brink of 40 Years

Tomorrow (Nov 16th):
Club Golf Outing

See Carl Manna for possible last minute spots in our foursomes at Roddy Ranch from 12 noon to 12:30pm. Green fee= $45 including cart fee ($35 if you’re age 50 and older)
Additionaly 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 39th Kohoku Exchange Student. This is a fantastic opportunity and life changing experience for the chosen student, who will represent our club as the 39th 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 nieces and nephews. We have found it 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.

When 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 foreign culture.

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 incidentals.

By the end of 2005 we would like to have this person and a back up identified. 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 @ rbm8@shglobal.net. Each candidate should submit a resume which spells out who they are, how 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. We will plan on interviewing candidates in December and make a decision around the first of 2006.

This week, our featured Rotarian says that his favorite Rotary activity are working for Community Foundation, and hosting the visiting Russian bakers’ delegation and the Kohoku exchange student. He says that what he likes best about Rotary is “being part of a fellowship that is worldwide, united in service to others.” His favorite vacation spots are Japan and winter camping in the Sierra Nevada mountains (often with a friend of over 40 years), and trips with his wife to their second home in Brookings, Oregon. He also enjoys wine making, and brewing beer, at home. He is a past president, and retired from his career in municipal law enforcement.

Announcements

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Holiday Party, Tuesday, December 5th, 6pm to 9pm at the Wu Home

Mark your calendars for Tuesday night December 6th. Our annual Holiday Party, Tuesday, December 6

somes at Roddy Ranch from 12 noon to 12:30pm. Green fee $45 including cart fee ($35 if you're age 50 or older)

Who Am I?

Do you know what I do? I’m the Director of the American Red Cross of Northern California. My duties include coordinating the response to natural disasters and ensuring the availability of blood donations. I am also responsible for managing the local chapter’s budget and ensuring that we are able to provide aid to those in need.

If you have any questions about the American Red Cross, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Best regards,

John Hanks, President, American Red Cross of Northern California