People In Charge this Week

Presiding ..............................Pam Raumer
Director................................Marty Larsen
Team Captain ..........................Bert Payne
Meeting Setup.......................Ron Huppert
Greeter.................................Barry Slavin
Ticket Sales.........................Alex Lommel

Thought/Pledge....................Barry Slavin
Song Leader..........................Lu Hughes
Guest Intro & Mic………….Jack Fischer
Birthdays..............................
Anniversaries........................
Speaker Intro.........................Bert Payne
Meeting Take-Down...........Ron Huppert

Today’s Program:

Danielle Schafer
Home Ownership Accelerator

Upcoming Meetings:

November 27 Danielle Schafer, Home Ownership Accelerator
December 4, Stacey Street, California Symphony
Music in the Schools
December 11 Emily Chang, Exec Dir. Of Walnut Creek Downtown Business District
December 18 Los Lomas Choir
Sat December 21 Holiday Party, 6pm Shadelands Civic Arts Center on Wiget Lane
December 25 and January 1 No meetings

Notices:

New Email system in effect!
You must include a password in your email to relay it through the @rotarywc.org system!

Meeting Sponsor:

For the latest “scoop” on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page:
www.rotarywc.org
Kohoku Exchange Program 2008
We are now accepting applications for the 2008 Tokyo/Kohoku Student Exchange. The exchange will include 4 weeks in Summer 2008 usually starting in mid July and returning mid August. Eligible applicants are college students who are children or grandchildren of Walnut Creek Rotarians. Students should submit a resume (no verbal applications) to Rick Mathews. Include Name, Contact Information, Date of Birth, Rotary Affiliation, Educational Background, A Little About Yourself and a Short Essay on Why You Would Make a Great 2008 Representative. Interviews will be held during the Christmas Holidays and a candidate will be announced in Mid to Late January. Submit resumes to Rick Mathews @ 250 La Serena Ave., Alamo, CA, 94507 by email: rhm@abcglobal.net as a Word Attachment; by Fax @ 925-838-8460 or by hand @ Rotary Meeting. The deadline for resume submission is December 14, 2007.

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Buy your tickets now for our Club’s annual holiday party. Saturday, December 21st 6pm at Shadelands Civic Arts Center on Wiget Lane. $40 per person.

Rotary Wheelchair Project Trip to Monterrey, Mexico Jan 16-20 2008
The Rotary Club of Danville/Sycamore Valley is planning another trip to Monterrey, Mexico, to deliver wheelchairs. Cost is $1,459 (or $899 “land only”). For info contact Bradford R. Howard, District Governor, 2002/2003, Rotary District 5170, 516 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610, Phone: (510) 834-2260, FAX: (510) 834-1019 E-mail: BHoward@HowardTours.net

Reno Train Trip, January 13-14
Money is due now. See Randy Walker or Fletcher Tyler for possible additional registrations for the Annual East Bay Rotary Reno Inter-City Train Trip. Lodging will be in the East Wing at Harrah’s, $265 per person single occupancy. We already have 18 members going, and we have room for more.

Annual District Conference April 25-27, 2008
On April 25-27, 2008, the annual District Conference will be held at the Sacramento Radisson Hotel. There’s something for everyone: Rotary Conference, Golf Event, Poker Tournament, a Rotary Club Hospitality Party in the theme of the Prospectors (think Gold Rush era, Paint Your Wagon). The pricing is reasonable, the lodging is inexpensive. And a 25% discount for registering before December 31, 2007. Go to www.rotary5160.org and get all the details. Important Note: Lodging is limited. Call now for room reservations: Radisson Hotel Reservations 506 Leisure Lane, Sacramento, CA 95815 Thursday, April 24 through Saturday, April 26, 2008. Or check rates and availability at www.radisson.com. Enter “DS160” into the promotional code box for special member rates: Single or double: $93 Triple: $113 Waterfront rooms are available for an additional $30 per room.

Thanks Again to Our Nov 13th Sponsor: Ira Hillyer, Mechanic’s Bank

During the 102 years since our founding in 1905, The Mechanics Bank has become the premier independent community bank serving Northern California, with a reputation for increasingly rare qualities in today’s banking world — personal service, stability, and continuity. We’ve successfully managed the wealth of individuals and families over many generations, providing comprehensive services in financial planning, investment management, trust and estate services, and private banking. Our most frequent role as a member of estate planning teams is that of successor trustee. We’re often looked to as a stand-alone investment manager for foundations, individuals, and trustees in addition to our traditional role as trustee and investment manager. Indeed, we are pleased we are looking to for unbiased advice, competitive products and services, and as a resource for individuals and families for several generations.