

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 Thursday April 24 to Saturday April 26, 2008

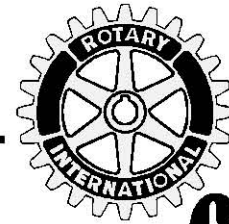
On April 24-26, 2008, the annual District Conference will be held at the Sacramento Radisson Hotel. There's something for everyone: Rotary Conference, Golf Event, Poker Tournament, a Rotary Club Hospitality Party in the theme of the Prospectors (think Gold Rush era, Paint Your Wagon). The pricing is 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 [500 Leisure Lane](http://www.radisson.com), Sacramento, CA 95815 Thursday, April 24 through Saturday, April 26, 2008. Or check rates and availability at www.radisson.com. Enter "D5160" into the promotional code box for special member rates: Single or double: \$93 Triple: \$103 Quad: \$113 Waterfront rooms are available for an additional \$30 per room.

Upcoming Meetings:

December 11 Emily Chang, Exec Dir. Of Walnut Creek Downtown Business District
December 18 Las Lomas Choir
Friday December 21 Holiday Party, 6pm Shadelands Civic Arts Center on Wiget Lane
December 25 and January 1 No meetings

Our Club Holiday Party, Friday, December 21st 6pm

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



The Walnut Leaf

ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK

Tuesday, December 3, 2007 Volume 76 Number 21

People In Charge this Week

PresidingPam Raumer
Director.....Mitch Ambro
Team CaptainBob Morgan
Meeting Setup.....Ira Hillyer
Greeter.....Adrian Mendes
Ticket Sales.....Mitch Ambro

Thought/Pledge.....Allen Wesdorf
Song Leader.....Lu Hughes
Guest Intro & Mic.....Bob Travale
Birthdays.....Mark Sanford
Anniversaries.....
Speaker Intro.....Tom Rockwell
Meeting Take-Down.....Ira Hillyer

Today's Program:

Stacey Street, Executive Director,
California Symphony Orchestra
"Music in the Schools"

Notices:

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



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Announcements:

Once again, our club wants to help local children through the Walnut Creek Police Department's *Toys for Tots* program. We will be collecting donations at our next meeting: December 11th. Please bring a new, unwrapped, "toy" to this meeting. We'll take it from there! There is apparently a shortage of "toys" for older children; boys and girls in the 11 or above range. You might want to take this into consideration when selecting what to donate but as always, any gift is much appreciated! **Thank you for your generosity and support!**

Today's Speaker, Stacey Street, Exec Dir, California Symphony

Stacey was appointed Executive Director of the California Symphony in 2001, and has over 20 years of arts management experience with Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, San Francisco Opera, Jewish Museum San Francisco, and Boston's Handel & Haydn Society. As a singer, she performed with the San Francisco Symphony Chorus and Philharmonia. She holds a Bachelor's Degree magna cum laude from Harvard University, majoring in Anthropology. She lives in Oakland with her husband, Jason, and young daughter, Alyssa.

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 in writing (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: rbm8@sbcglobal.net as a Word Attachment; by Fax @ 925-838-8460 or by hand @ any Rotary Meeting. **The deadline for resume submission is December 14, 2007.**

Club Officers 2008-2010

The following were elected at the November 27th meeting to serve in the following Club offices: President-elect **Remsen Barnard (serving as President 2009-2010)**, Directors **2008- 2010, Jerry Benoit, Christy DeVoe, Luis Ramirez-Agudelo Secretary, 2008-09 Officers Hari Boukis and Treasurer Cathy Durfee.** There were no nominations from the floor. The elections will be held today.

Are You Ready for Crab? Our Crab Feed Fundraiser is Sat, Feb 2, 2008

It is only 4 months until the 10th annual crab feed on Saturday, February 2, 2008. Now is the time to start making those contacts for auction items, for both live and silent auctions. Step up to the plate and volunteer for committee chair or to be a member of a committee. The committees are: Ticket Sales, Silent Auction, Live Auction, Registration, Bar, Raffle Tickets, Corporate Sponsors, Kitchen, Reverse Draw, Deserts on Display and check out. Contact **Layton Hansen** laytonh@rotarywc.org or 925-686-5148 to sign up for a committee chair or other position.



Membership Activity

Be sure to welcome our new members, **Lonnie Finkel**, of the Finkel Law Group, classification "Law", **Sandy Garry**, transferring back to our Club from the Pinnacle Peak—Scottsdale Rotary Club in Phoenix, **Lauren M. Kraus**, Coldwell Banker, classification "Real Estate, **Jane Diritto**, Diritto Bros VW-Saab-Nissan, Classification "Auto Retail--Retired", **Brenda Goodrich**, Goodrich Ad Valorem Property Tax Services, Classification "Property Tax Consulting", and **Dess Benedetto**, an estate planning attorney with the Family Trust Law Center.

Invite a Prospective Member to Join Us for Lunch

Here's how it works. You invite your prospect to a Club lunch meeting. You pay the prospect's lunch tab for the first visit. The prospect can visit two

more times, and the Club will pay the cost. If the prospect joins, the Club also will reimburse you for the first lunch. See

page 38 of this month's Rotary Magazine for a great introduction to Rotary projects to introduce prospective members to the Rotary world.

Proposed Club Bylaws Amendment

The Club's board of directors recommends that the Club adopt the following proposed change to the Club By-laws. The change is to Article IV (Election of Directors and Officers), Section I, paragraph 5 which refers to the nomination of the Club President Nominee.

Currently the Section reads: "The nominating committee shall consist of the five most recent past presidents of the club who are still members of the club and are willing to serve. The committee shall elect from its members a chairman."

The proposed amendment would revise Section 1 to read as follows: "During the month of September the Club President shall convene a committee to nominate the next Club President Nominee. This nominating committee shall consist of the Club President, the Club President Elect and three Club Past Presidents, preferably the three most recent past presidents, who are still members of the club and are willing and able to serve. At the date and time set by the Club President this committee will meet and as their first item of business elect one of their members other than the Club President as its chairman. The committee's business shall be to nominate a member of the club as the Club President Nominee (president to follow the current Club President Elect) and three members of the club to serve on the next Rotary year's board of directors, replacing those members who have finished their two year term."

Upcoming Club Meetings/Events: Plan to attend these Club meetings and invite at guest!

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