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Rotary Wheelchair Project Trip to Monterrey, Mexico Jan 16-20 2008

Since 2004, Rotarians led by Rotary Club of Danville/Sycamore Valley have worked with Rotarians in Monterrey, Mexico to create something special - a lifetime friendships, an opportunity to serve to those in need, and the ability to personally deliver wheelchairs to those who lack mobility. This year's trip will provide enduring memories and emotions, but that will be just the beginning of the experience. In addition to delivering wheelchairs to those in need, who join us will: Explore the sights, sounds, history and cultures of the country visited, visit additional humanitarian sites and projects, build friendships with the people Mexico. Cost is \$1,459 (or \$899 "land only"). For information contact Howard Tours ; 516 Grand Ave. ; Oakland, CA 94610 Toll Free: 800-475-2260; Fax: (510) 834-1019 [E-mail: Info@HowardTours.net](mailto:Info@HowardTours.net)

Other Upcoming Events

Oct 6. The annual UC Berkeley International House "Agricultural Tour of CC County"
Jan 13-14 66th Annual East Bay Rotary Reno Inter-City Train Trip
Feb 2, 2008. Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Crab Feed Fundraiser

Thanks Again to Last Week's Sponsor:
Valerie Ridgers, Boy Scouts of America

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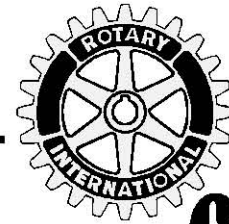
John Muir Medical Center is proud to be named one of "America's Best Hospitals 2007" by *U.S. News & World Report* for Orthopedics and Digestive Disorders.

John Muir Health is proud to offer a wide array of inpatient clinical treatment services, advanced technologies, hospital and other medical facilities and equipment. We provide a broad spectrum of outpatient medical treatment services, medical research and community education and outreach programs and are dedicated to improving the health of the communities we serve. Learn more about our programs and services at johnmuirhealth.com.

Upcoming Meetings:

- 2007-09-11 DR. ASBUN -- JOHN MUIR MEDICAL CENTER MEETING
- 2007-09-18 DEBBIE TOTH -- ADULT DAY SERVICES NETWORK
- 2007-09-25 STAN SMALLEY -- DISTRICT GOVERNOR
- 2007-10-02 -- Segways
- 2007-10-09 Our Russian Visitors -- The realtors visiting from Russia will speak about their trip.
- 2007-10-16 -- Oktoberfest Theme

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, September 4, 2007 Volume 76 Number 8

People In Charge this Week

Presiding	Pam Raumer	Thought/Pledge.....	Ken Anderson
Director.....	Bob Romero	Song Leader.....	Lu Hughes
Team Captain	Charlotte Quinn	Guest Intro & Mic.....	Luis Ramirez
Meeting Setup.....	Joe Stein/B.Romero	Birthdays.....	
Greeter.....	Gill Bordenave	Anniversaries.....	
Ticket Sales.....	Leo Silva	Speaker Intro.....	Luis Ramirez
		Meeting Take-Down....	Joe S./B. Romero

Today's Program:

Matthew Hill,
Farmers Insurance Group Home Organizer

Notices:

Next Week is our annual joint lunch meeting with Sunrise Rotary at John Muir Medical Center, in the Ball Auditorium to the left of the lobby.
The program features Dr. Horacio Asbun, "Keyhole Surgery"

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Announcements:

Song for the Day: "This Land is Your Land" CHORUS:

This land is your land, this land is my land,
From California to the New York island,
From the redwood forest to the gulf stream waters
This land was made for you and me.

As I went walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway,
I saw below me that golden valley,
This land was made for you and me.
(Chorus)

I roamed and I rambled, and I followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts,
And all around me a voice was sounding,
This land was made for you and me.
(Chorus)

When the sun came shining, and I was strolling,
And the wheat fields waving, And the dust clouds
rolling,
A voice was chanting as the fog was lifting,
This land was made for you and me.
(Chorus)

We have lots to do at our meetings, so let's be seated by 12:25pm...

President Pam asks that we allow sufficient time to get to the meeting, check in, go through the buffet line, and be seated so that we are ready to start by 12:25pm. This also will allow us more time for conversation and socializing before-hand, one of the purposes of Rotary...

Recognitions

Jerry Benoit reports that his son-in-law, Mike Robbins, has published his first book, "Focus on the Good Stuff: The Power of Appreciation", and it is now on Amazon.com's top 10 seller list. The book teaches simple yet effective ways to utilize the power of appreciation - leading to greater success and fulfillment. It is filled with action items, ideas, and practices that help you bring more appreciation into your life, thus giving you a deep sense of peace, satisfaction, and gratitude. Mike did a program presentation to our

Club on this topic earlier this year.

Clint Collier thanked the Club for being one of the top Paul Harris Sustaining Membership Clubs in District 5160 last year. "Every Rotarian; Every Year" remains a top fund-raising priority with each Member asked to contribute at least \$100 every year to the Rotary Foundation for international service. Our strong showing last year makes us eligible to apply for matching funds to support our own Club projects.

August Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Rotarians celebrating anniversaries in August. The eleven couples have over 495 years of marriage, with 5 couples at 50 years or more. **John Gardner, Pam Raumer, Clint Collier, Barry Slavin, Marty Larsen, Jack Matkin, Quent Alexander, Adrian Mendes, Joe Anthony, Howard Rudiger, and Sal Flavetta.**

Membership Activity

Welcome our new members, **Lauren M. Kraus**, Coldwell Banker, classification "Real Estate, and **Jane Dirito**, Dirito Bros VW-Saab-Nissan, Classification "Auto Retail--Retired."

Dess Benedetto, an estate planning attorney with the Family Trust Law Center, has applied for membership. Dess presented a program for us earlier this month. Please any direct comments to the Club Secretary.

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.

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

September 11 Our annual meeting at John Muir Medical Center. The program features Dr. Horacio Asbun, "Keyhole Surgery"

September 18 Debbie Toth, Adult Day Services Network

September 25 Our annual meeting with our District 5160 Governor, Stan Smalley.

Golf Tournaments

Rossmoor Rotary Sept 24. 10am Registration/Driving Range practice, 11am Sharp Shotgun Start, 5:30pm BBQ dinner. \$125 per golfer, \$25 for dinner only. See **Tom Rockwell** 954-0100 tomr@rotarywc.org if you want to join one of our foursomes, or be a sponsor.

Boy Scouts of America October 1 Orinda Country Club. \$500 individual player. Contact Chelsea McClain at finance@bsa-mdsc.org or 925-674-6172 for information or registration.

WC Fountain for Youth October 8. 10:45am Registration, 11:30am lunch., 12:30pm Shotgun start. \$200 individuals, \$760 per foursome. For info, contact Mike Howard 838-1069, mhoward33@sbcglobal.net (Mike is a member of Sunrise Rotary).

Rotary District 5160 Annual Foundation Fun Day October 6 2007

**Location Changed to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom (fmlly Marineworld)
And Annual District Conference April 25-26, 2008;
Foundation Raffle Tix**

Join fellow District 5160 Rotarians for our annual Foundation Fun Day on Saturday, October 6. **The location is now changed to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom** (formerly Marine World). Special events to be held from 9:30 until 1:30 including Key note speaker and past RI President Rajendra Saboo. There will be Raffle Drawings & Silent Auction. After 1:30 the park is available to all to enjoy the shows and rides. See **Gordon Fischer** to sign up. Raffle Ticket information will follow. Cost per person is \$40.

On April 25-26, 2008, the annual District Conference will be held at the Sacramento Radisson Hotel. You won't want to miss the paddle boat races and the prospector "daze, Rotary fellowship at its best! Details will follow for these events. Fulfill your Paul Harris Sustaining Member commitment of \$100 for the year by buying 5 raffle tickets at \$20 each. Great prizes, as always.

The Russian Real Estate Agents are Coming, October 5 to 13

We will be hosting a delegation of Russian real estate brokers from Oct 5th thru 13th during their fall visit to our District. See **Marty Larsen** to help as a driver. See **Andy Halperin** if you can host one or more of this delegation that week. The Farewell Event will be October 12th, see **Jerry Benoit** to volunteer to help.

Rotary Trip to Nigeria for National Immunization Day Nov 10-20 2007

District 5170 has organized a tour for up to 100 persons to work on the West Africa Project Fair (WAPF) and National Immunization Days (NIDs) in Nigeria, Nov 10-20. Here is a summary of the key details.

This tour is expected to sellout quickly, so if you are interested, please contact Howard Tours below:

1. The NID/WAPF trip will depart November 10th and return November 20th. Contact Howard tours for a PDF file that gives a detailed description of the trip, the price, the terms and conditions and an application.
 2. To join the trip, you must provide a completed and signed application, AND a check of \$400 per person. Deposits MUST be by check, and not credit cards, although the final and most substantial payment can be made by Visa or Master Card.
 3. Based upon the capacity and limitations of the Nigerian Rotarians this trip must be limited to the first 100 people who sign up. You may want to consider sending your registration material by overnight delivery.
 4. Once the tour program is filled, Howard Tours will create a waiting list in the order they have received the completed application and deposit. If they cannot clear you off of the wait list, they will return your check to you without penalty.
 5. Unfortunately, based on KLM Airline's rules, no changes to the air reservations are possible. If you want to purchase the air reservations that come with the tour program, you will need to get to the origination city. However, please note that we are offering a "Land Only" package for those who would prefer to secure and purchase their own airline reservations. In this case, they will provide you with the ground services as stated in the enclosed material.
 6. Finally, please note the comments in the attached material regarding the bedding situation at the hotel in Abuja. Anyone who will be traveling alone and may want to share a double occupancy room that the Rockview Royale Hotel ONLY has ONE king bed in each room. Therefore, by accepting a shared double occupancy room they MUST agree to share a bed. The only other option they have is to purchase a single supplement.
- For further information or to register, contact Bradford R. Howard, District Governor, 2002/2003, Rotary District 5170, 516 Grand Avenue, Oakland,