

## New Members

Welcome our newest members. **Doug Switzer** has transferred from the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek—Sunrise. Doug is retired, and was an active Rotarian in Seattle before relocating here. Besides his involvement in Rotary, Doug also has been an active leader in the Boy Scouts, recently serving as Scoutmaster for Troop 216 in Alamo. **Eugene McGrane**, of MCC Realty Group in Walnut Creek, has joined in the classification of Commercial Real Estate.

## 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.

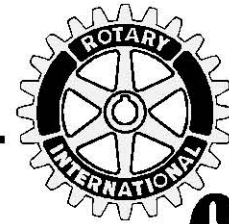
### Email:

**Code: ALL-ANGRY Expires: 2008-05-31**  
**Code: MAY-MADNESS Expires: 2008-06-30**

### Upcoming Meetings:

**2008-05-20** Pam Raumer -- Rotary Speaker  
**2008-05-27** Marilyn Ellis,CTAC -- Are you stuck on the rocks lost in the fog surrounded by sharks

For the latest “scoop” on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page:  
[www.rotarywc.org](http://www.rotarywc.org)



# The Walnut Leaf

## ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK

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### People In Charge this Week

Presiding .....	Pam Raumer	Song Leader.....	Lu Hughes
Director.....	Marty Larsen	Guest Intro & Mic.....	Jack Fischer
Team Captain .....	Bert Payne	Birthdays.....	Zach Sahar
Meeting Setup.....	Lance Mendes	Anniversaries.....	
Greeter.....	Zach Sahar	Speaker Intro.....	Pam Raumer
Ticket Sales.....	Alex Lommel	Meeting Take-Down.....	Lance Mendes
Thought/Pledge.....	Lance Mendes	AV/Lights/Sound.....	Jack Fischer

### Today’s Program:

## President Pam Raumer, and Rotary

### Notices:

**CLUB NO. 465**  
**ROTARY**  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
**DISTRICT 5160**

**Wilfred Wilkinson**  
International President

**Stan Smalley**  
District Governor

**Jim Campbell**  
Dist Gov. Elect

**Pam Raumer**  
President

**Layton Hansen**  
President Elect

**Clint Collier**  
Immediate Past President

**Hari Boukis**  
Secretary

**Quentin Alexander**  
Attendance Secretary

**Cathy Durfee**  
Treasurer

**Neeru Bhutani**  
Sgt. At Arms

**Jack Fisher**  
**Rod Uffindell**  
New Member Coord.

**Hari Boukis**  
Webmaster

**John McClintic**  
Bulletin Editor

Directors  
2006-2008  
**Charlotte Quinn**  
**Lu Hughes**  
**Nestor Karas**

2007-2009  
**Mitch Ambro**  
**Sabine Webb**  
**Marty Larsen**

Trustees  
**Clint Collier**  
**Pam Raumer**  
**Layton Hansen**  
**Bob Morgan**  
**Tom Rockwell**  
**Jim Campana**  
**Carl Manna**  
**Gill Bordenave**  
**Jesse Smyers**  
**Charlotte Quinn**  
**Gordon Fischer**  
**Lance Mendes**

## Announcements:

### Rotary in Action in Burma

The following report from the Rotary International website has some positive news in the midst of a generally horrible situation for international rescue and support groups. It reports on a US Rotary member's experience joining a ShelterBox response team in Yangon to assist in relief efforts following Cyclone Nargis:

EVANSTON, Ill. (May 19, 2008) - Almost two weeks after Cyclone Nargis devastated the delta region of Myanmar, an aid flight carrying 1,050 containers of relief supplies arrived from the United Kingdom Friday morning at the Yangon airport.

The plane was chartered by Cornwall-based charity ShelterBox, a grassroots disaster relief organization supported by Rotary clubs around the world. ShelterBox was one of the first outside relief organizations to be allowed into the country, where the powerful May 3 cyclone killed more than 77,738 people with 55,917 others missing, according to Burmese state media.

On board of the DC-10 plane were two American volunteers to support the four ShelterBox response team members from the UK who have been in Yangon since May 8 distributing the initial shipment of 644 boxes containing tents, mosquito nets, tools, water purifying tablets and other essential aid items. The Americans are Patrick Olson, a college textbook publisher and member of the Rotary Club of Plymouth, Michigan; and David Eby, a property appraiser from Brentwood, Tenn.

Working with local authorities, the team unloaded the containers onto trucks for transport to the outlying Irrawaddy Delta region,

where the need is the greatest. Each ShelterBox container is equipped to help a family of 10 survive for six months.

"500 boxes, plus 50 blue (water purification kit) boxes are planned to be distributed to Ngaputaw, Haigyi Island, in the Southwest Delta region, 250 boxes to Labutta Delta and 250 to Bogale," team leader Ian Neal said from Yangon.

Neal, a Cornish firefighter, said over the last week his team worked closely with local authorities in Yangon to get the supplies into the affected area. The ShelterBox crew also held "train the trainer" sessions to teach Burmese fire and emergency officers how to utilize the Shelterbox contents and set up the tents.

Shelterbox started in 2001 as a modest project by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, England, and quickly garnered support among Rotary clubs worldwide. To date Shelterbox has raised \$29 million and delivered aid to 40 countries in response to more than 70 disasters. Each container costs \$1,000 to sponsor. Rotary clubs provide more than half of the charity's funding.

Visit [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org) for more information.

### May Birthdays

Congratulations to the following Rotarians celebrating birthdays in May: **Lonnie Finkle, John Gardner, Charlotte Quinn, Gary Pokorny, Lance Mendes, Howard Rudiger, Mitch Ambro.**

### New Rotary Club of Diablo View--Will meet Tuesday nights 5:30pm

We are sponsoring a new Rotary Club. It meets Tuesday nights from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. **Mitch Ambro** is serving as the Charter Presi-

dent for the new Club. **Contact Mitch at 866-842-1420** to confirm the meeting location. Our Club members are asked to help get the new Club started out by attending as guests at meetings and by helping recruit new members to Rotary. The nighttime meeting and setting may be of interest to potential Rotarians who cannot attend meetings during the breakfast or lunch hour.

### \$100: Every Rotarian, Every Year

Gordon Fischer reminds us to make our Paul Harris Sustaining contributions to the Rotary International Foundation of \$100 (or \$200 for "double sustainers") by June 30 so we can achieve our goal of \$100 from Every Rotary, Every Year.

### Hi ho, hi ho, its out the door we go...

Each week, we need to clear the room by 2pm as another group needs the facility at 3pm. Help the cleanup crew get everything put away by 2pm.

**No Parking in the Greenery Restaurant and Golf Course Lot. Please note that we cannot park in the parking lot across the street from the Heather Farms Garden Club lot. That lot is reserved for patrons of the Diablo Hills Golf Course and the Greenery Restaurant.**

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

**President Pam** again 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...

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

May 27 Marilyn Ellis, CTAC, "Are You Stuck on the Rocks, Lost in the Fog, Surrounded by Sharks" Sept 9. Mark your calendars for our annual meeting at John Muir Medical Center, Tues Sept 9.

### Please Pay Your Recognitions, Fines, & Donations:

Please make sure to pay your recognitions (including birthday and anniversary fines) as promptly as you can. **Neeru Bhutani** will accept all recognition and fine payments, **Cathy Durfee** will take the sponsor meeting payments and **Gordon Fischer** collects the Rotary International Foundation payments. If you have any questions, you can contact your Club President, Pam Raumer at 925-274-5740 or [praumer@rina.com](mailto:praumer@rina.com) Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

### May is Membership Month

May is Membership Month! Bring a guest to a meeting in May who has never been to a Rotary meeting before and the Club will pick up your guest's lunch! Bring them back a second time, and the Club will pick up your guest's lunch and your lunch - remember - this is good only for the month of May. Let's build a stronger Club together! See Clint for a packet of Club information for your guests.

### Proposed Member

Ellen Osmondson, Prudential California Realty in Walnut Creek, is proposed for membership. Please provide any comments to the Club Secretary.