People In Charge this Week

Presiding .........................Pam Raumer
Director..........................Lu Hughes
Team Captain .....................Mike Kilzer
Meeting Setup....................Bruce Cockerham
Greeter..........................Bruce Cockerham
Ticket Sales ......................Lu Hughes

Thought/Pledge ..................Phil Eyring
Song Leader ......................Lu Hughes
Guest Intro & Mic................Gordon Fischer
Birthdays.........................
Anniversaries....................
Speaker Intro....................Kim Brandt
Meeting Take-Down..............Bruce C.

Today’s Program:

Sheila Hurst -- China Wheel Chair Report

Notices:

Shhhhhhh!!!!!!

Please speak softly.

Today is Rotary Reno Train Trip
Hangover-Recovery Day

For the latest “scoop” on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page:
www.rotarywc.org
Today's Song: “I’ve Been Workin’ on the Railroad”
I’ve been working on the railroad; All the livelong day
I’ve been working on the railroad; Just to pass the time away
Can’t you hear the whistle blowing; Rise up so early in the morn
Can’t you hear the captain shouting; Dinah, blow your horn
Dinah, won't you blow; Dinah, won't you blow; Dinah, won't you blow your horn
Dinah, won't you blow; Dinah, won't you blow; Dinah, won't you blow your horn
Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah; Someone's in the kitchen I know
Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah; Someone's in the kitchen I know-o-o-o
Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah; Someone's in the kitchen I know-o-o-o
Singin' fi, fie, fiddly-i-o; Fi, fie, fiddly-i-o-o-o-o; Fi, fie, fiddly-i-o; Strummin' on the old banjo!

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…

Your Club at work in the community...
On Christmas eve the Meals on Wheels team delivered a special holiday gift basket to all of the recipients on the route that we service each Monday. The board funded this project through our foundation and the baskets were designed by Kris Mendes the Innerwheel president. They were assembled by Jenna Menden, Danielle DiDonato, Elizabeth Barcia, and Ellen Bobich, members of the local your Interact group. Truly the family of Rotary at work in our community.

Birthdays
Many happy returns of the day to the following Rotarians celebrating birthdays in January: Zak Sahar, Sandy Garry, Oscar Wu, Tony Gorkani, Frank Suess, Marty Larsen, and Bruce Cockerham.

Kohoku Exchange Student 2008
Sean Davidson, grandson of Jack Fischer, has been selected to be our Club’s exchange student with the Rotary Club of Tokyo (Kohoku) Japan this summer.

Crab Feed Fundraiser Saturday, Feb 2, 2008
Our 10th annual crab feed is Saturday, February 2, 2008. Buy your tickets now from Bob Romanro, $40 per person with checks payable to WCRCCF (Walnut Creek Rotary Club Community Foundation). Be sure to ask for a “chicken sticker” for your ticket if you want chicken instead of crab.

We need auction items; Valerie Ridgers is the contact for the silent auction and Mitch Ambro is the contact for the live auction. For corporate sponsorships, contact Milt Smith. Contact Layton Hansen laytonh@rotarywc.org or 925-686-5148 for other information or questions.

Every member is asked to bring in 2 bottles of premium wine for the wine barrel auction and wine barrel raffle. See Gordon Fischer with your donations (or bring a check for $50 and Gordon will shop for you).

The Reverse Draw board has spots available for purchase. $20 each. The final drawing will be made at our meeting on January 29th.

Walnut Creek State of the City Address Tues Feb 5th, Boundary Oaks
The Walnut Creek Chamber is once again, hosting the “State of the City Address” and has asked us to participate on Tuesday, February 5th. We are dark that day due to the Crab Feed. If you attend this event, you will be given a “make up” if you need one. The cost is $35 for a sit down lunch at Boundary Oaks Country Club, 3800 Valley Vista Road in Walnut Creek. It starts at 11:30am and ends at approximately 2:00pm. President Pam will be at the head table representing our Club along with Sunrise and other service organizations such as Kiwanis, Soroptimist and Lions Clubs. Let Pam know if you would like to attend. If you do, she will need to receive your check made out to the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce for $35 before Friday, January 25th.

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 Diritio, Diritio 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.

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, 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.

District Golf Tournament Thursday April 24, Noon
District 5160 also will hold a Golf Tournament the first day of the District Conference, Thursday, April 24, at noon at Teal Bend Golf Club, in Sacramento. $100 registration includes 1 dinner ticket. Dinner tickets alone are available at $37.50. Get a registration form at www.rotary5160.org.

District Poker Championship Thursday April 24, 5pm
District 5160 also will hold a Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament the first night of the District Conference, Thursday, April 24, at 5pm. $199 registration includes 2 dinner tickets, 2 - $20 rebuys, and 1- $40 Add-on. Additional Club players can register for $100 each, including 1 dinner ticket. Dinner tickets

Invited 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.

Upcoming Club Meetings/Events: Plan to attend these Club meetings and invite at guest!
January 22 Robert Miller -- National Fragile X Foundation