Upcoming Events

Friday, December 1st 11:30am to 1:30pm. Rotary luncheon at Carondolet High School. Sneak preview of its “Visions of Christmas” program.

Sunday, December 10th, our annual Holiday Party. Time and location TBA.

January 21st and 22nd, 2001 Reno train trip—fun and fellowship. See Randy Walker to sign up. Cost is $195 for private room, $185 for a double room.

February 3, 2001 Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser. This year supporting the Club’s Community Foundation and the DARE program. Buy/sell 4 tickets and sign up to help. Solicit silent auction and raffle items, and turn them in to Linda Morris

Upcoming Meeting Programs

December 5 Community Foundation
December 12 Fung Shei
December 19 Northgate Choir
December 26 No Meeting. See you in 2001!

Today:
Neil Hoffman, Matching Grants

Next Week:
Community Foundation
**Announcements**

**Last Week:** Thanks to Lawrence Dahns of MTC, for his presentation about the 2001 Regional Transportation Plan. MTC’s focus during the past 11 years has been on retrofits/rebuilding of bridges and major highway infrastructure. This work continues. In the next couple of years, major projects include a second Benicia bridge span, retrofit work on the west side of the Bay Bridge, replacement of the east side of the Bay Bridge, BART extension to SFO and major car renovations, and reconstruction of Highway 4 and a Brentwood bypass.

**Birthdays**
Congratulations to Rotarians celebrating birthdays in November: Al Sevilla, Jack Fischer, Rod Uffindell, Les Howard, Chris Gnanakone, Fred Scheffer.

**Recognitions (11/14 and 11/21)**
Prez Barry and his clanging bell was serenaded by Club members with the Ding-a-Ling-a-Ling song—lyrics adapted by a resourceful musician. Barry seemed to enjoy himself through all four stanzas, but we know he won’t rest until he finds out who to thank for this high honor.

No good deed goes unpunished…Rick Mathews took the latest harsh levy from a vengeance-bent Prez, allegedly for “advertising.” Rick’s heinous crime (circumstantially speaking)? Distribution of song lyrics for last week’s meeting in Morgan Stanley Dean Witter envelopes. Sounds like “club service” to us.

Valerie Ridgers was recognized for her recent appearance in articles discussing the Boy Scouts of America. Rick Mathews and carrots will be waiting for her this year.

Adrian Mendes Award Presented to Paul Fisher
Congratulations to Club member, Past President, and Past District Governor Paul Fisher who was honored with the Club’s Adrian Mendes award in recognition of his faithful and tireless service to Rotary.

**Election of Directors 2001-2003 and President 2002-2003**
The Club voted unanimously to elect the following nominees for Club officers and directors:

- **President 2002-2003:** Bruce Cockerham [President 2001-2002: Roger Dolan]
  - Secretary (external matters): Sal Flavetta
  - Treasurer: Rod Uffindell

- **Attendance Secretary:** Quent Alexander
  - Secretary (internal matters): Milt Smith

- **Past District Governor:** Paul Fisher

**Table Sponsorships**
Well-attended, each Club member is asked to contribute a table sponsor to the Rotary Club. Each sponsor includes a Second Benicia bridge span, retrofit work on the west side of the Bay Bridge, replacement of the east side of the Bay Bridge, BART extension to SFO and major car renovations, and reconstruction of Highway 4 and a Brentwood bypass.

**COG Club Service Tip of the Week**
Cogs setting up the head table for future meetings are advised to be sure to put the bell and gavel to the Prez’s right side of the rostrum so he won’t be confused as a Palm Beach Florida voter when looking to give it a ringy dingy. Spare us all another unPresidential rant about Club members’ mishandling of the royal dinger.

**Sunshine Committee Report**
Roy Hjersman has returned home to continue his rehabilitation and recovery from a stroke. Cards and calls are welcome. Please call ahead to arrange visits.

Saul Dangott has resigned as a director due to ill health.

**Announcements:**
Carondelet High School invites Rotarians throughout the area to a sneak preview of their “Visions of Christmas” at a Rotary luncheon meeting to be held on Friday, December 1 from 11:30am to 1:30pm, at the Silvio E. Garaventa, Sr Center at the high school 1133 Winton Drive, Concord. Catering by Zandonella’s. Entertainment by the music department. Silent auction, holiday boutique, and raffle.

This year’s Club Holiday Party is a champagne potluck brunch on Sunday, December 10th, from 11:30am to 2pm at Palmer School. Sign up now.

**Community Foundation Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser, February 3rd**
This year’s major beneficiaries include the DARE program, the Club’s Community Foundation. Buy your tickets now with checks payable to the WC Rotary Community Foundation (not the “Endowment Fund”); $40 each includes all you can eat crab, pasta, salad, bread, dessert; no-host bar. To ensure the event is well-attended, each Club member is asked to commit to purchase/sell four tickets; see Roger Dolan.

Table Sponsorships are available for $50; see Marty Larsen. Squares for the Reverse Raffle on the west side of the Bay Bridge, replacement of the east side of the Bay Bridge, BART extension to SFO and major car renovations, and reconstruction of Highway 4 and a Brentwood bypass.

**Drawing**
are on sale now, $20 each with cash prizes of $100, $200, and $300; see Ken Wirfel. Solicit and turn in donated items for the silent auction and raffle; see event co-chairs Russ Anderson and Dick Mortensen. Each member also is asked to bring one bottle of premium wine for the auction raffle; please bring your donation now so it can be sorted and included in the program book.

**Rotary International Presidents Dinner—January 3, 2001 in San Jose.**
Honor RI President Frank Devlyn and his wife Gloria. Tickets are $42. Rooms at the Doubletree are $59. Order tickets from PDG Peter Faye, Eldorado Ranch, Knights Landing CA 95645, 530-735-6421. For hotel reservations call the Doubletree at 408-453-4000.

Rotary District 5160 Conference—May 3-5 2001 in Woodland. Register now to receive the pre-12/31/00 advance registration discount. Information and registration forms are available online at “www.rotary5160.org.”

**Yosemite Weekend 2001.**
$150 deposits are due now. See Fletcher Tyler.

Get Your Rotary Announcements in the Bulletin: Our regular publishing deadline is Sunday night. You can phone your bulletin announcements to John McClintic by 9:00pm on Sunday to be sure to be included. Call John at 930-7352 and leave your message on the answering machine, or fax to 925-945-8932, or email to johnm@rotarywc.org.

Check Out Our Website: www.rotarywc.org
If you haven’t done so, please check out our Club’s very own website at www.rotarywc.org. Find information about upcoming meetings and events, Club projects, history, and members. Note also that you can email most club members through the website using their nickname and last name’s first initial (e.g. Hari Boukis is harib@rotarywc.org).