



Rotary Club Of Walnut Creek
P.O. Box 4191
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Upcoming Events

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 26 No meeting. Happy Holidays.

January 2 No meeting. Happy New Year.

January 9 Tony LaRussa and Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF)



The Walnut Leaf

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This Week's Worker Bees

Presiding Barry Slavin
Team Captain Valerie Ridgers
Speaker Intro..... John Roberts
Thought/Pledge..... Andy Marshall
Visitors Intro..... Hari Boukis
Bulletin Editor..... John McClintic
Next Bulletin Editor.... John McClintic

Roving Microphone..... Hari Boukis
Set-Up/Take-Down..... Jack Matkin
Song Leader..... Larry Palmieri
Ticket Sales..... Bruce Cockerham
Birthdays.....
Anniversaries..... Randy Walker

THIS PROGRAM

Northgate High School Choir

**No Meeting for 2 weeks!
See You Jan 2nd, 2001.**

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ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160

Chartered April 7, 1937

Frank Devlyn
International President

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Take Action*

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District Governor

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District
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Linda Morris
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Valerie Ridgers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Week: Guest speaker Patricia introduced us to Feng Shui (wind/water), the ancient discipline which balances the basic elements of the earth to inspire harmony and peace in our life, homes, and workplaces.

Recognitions: **Mark Totte** and his wife Kayla, celebrating their marriage on December 2nd.

Clint Collier became a Life Member in the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, one of many in our Club. See Brian Thiessen of the Rotary Club of Alamo for information about this fun group which unites two outstanding international service organizations.

Walt Youngman enjoyed his recent vacation on South Padre Island, on the Texas coast. A highlight was a "swim in" bar open daylight hours only with no doors or windows.

Visiting former member **Hap Simpkin** recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary.

Earl Wightman enjoyed recent trips with his children and grandchildren to Disneyland and San Diego, and with Kay to Paris.

Jack Fischer travelled to Tennessee to visit several Civil War battle sites.

Stan Hill bought a new car, a Buick, and announced his daughter's engagement.

Stanford White was recognized by Prez Barry "just because."

Last Minute Shopping Ideas: Buy tickets for friends and business contacts to join us at our Annual Crabfeed Fundraiser on February 3rd benefitting DARE, John Muir Foundation, and our Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Community Foundation. \$40 includes dinner, fun, and fellowship.

Buy the 2001 Entertainment Book, offering savings on dining, travel, and entertainment throughout our region and the US. \$40 each, with \$8 going to the Community Foundation Endowment Fund.

Membership Update: We have added six new members to the Club in the first half of this Rotary year, but we hope to add 24 more to reach our goal of 30 to maintain our long-term strength and enable us to meet our community, international, vocational, and club service responsibilities. Invite a friend or business contact to attend a meeting and share the fun and fellowship of serving others.

Sponsors of new members receive a \$25 recognition credit, which comes in handy during the iron reign of Prez Barry.

Question of the Week: After receiving his \$25 recognition credit, **Mel Bacher** asked our Prez "just how much presidential abuse will \$25 buy?" Prez Barry assured Mel that he would let him know.

Announcements: Our January 9th meeting features Tony LaRussa, St. Louis Cardinals manager, speaking to us about the **Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF)**. This is a great opportunity to start off the new calendar year, and invite a friend or business contact to enjoy a Rotary meeting. **Membership is the © of Rotary.**

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 from **Roger Dolan** or online at "www.rotary5160.org"

Rotary International Conference—June 24-27, 2001 in San Antonio, Texas. See Prez Barry Slavin for info on attending this year's international conference.

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

Community Foundation Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser, February 3rd.

Our major fundraiser for the year is less than 60 days

away. This year's major beneficiaries include the DARE program, and the Club's Community Foundation.

See **Ursula Behiel or Roger Dolan now to buy your tickets** 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. We have commitments for 240, so we have 160 to go for a "full house." Buy your tickets today.

See **Marty Larsen** for **Table Sponsorships** at \$50.

See **Mike Frost** for **Corporate Sponsorships** at \$150. Sponsors receive prominent recognition in the Program Book and at the event. Fax your business info to Mike at 925-551-6051.

See **Ken Wirfel** to purchase squares for the **Reverse Raffle Drawing**, \$20 each with cash prizes of \$100, \$200, and \$300. Spaces are going fast; so act now!

Drop off your silent auction and raffle prize donations with Linda Morris or her staff at Union Bank, 1555 Mt Diablo Boulevard, Walnut Creek.

Call **Russ Anderson or Gil Bordenave** with live auction donations. Each team is asked to provide two live auction prizes valued at \$200 or more, and one item valued at \$500 or more. Russ and Gil also can help make suggestions or talk over your ideas for soliciting donations.

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. Bring them to meetings or drop them off at Union Bank. We have received wine from twenty members; we need the remaining 100+ to please bring their donations now.

We also need wine donations (especially white wine) to restock our bar for the Crab Feed. See **Jesse Smyers** with your donations or call him at 947-1140 to arrange for a pick-up. Please consider donating a few bottles of Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc to this effort.

Call **Doug Goodrich** if you can be a "spotter" during the auction portion of the event.

We need help from all Club members to make this event a success. Contact the following committee chairs to volunteer: Administrative/Letters/Acknowledgements—Bruce Cockerham; Advertising/Printing—Rick Matthews; Auction Checkout—Tom Rockwell; Auctioneer/Spotters—Doug Goodrich; Live Auction—Russ Anderson and Gil Bordenave; Silent Auction—Sharon Camandona and Linda Morris; Bar—Jesse Smyers; Cleanup—Inner Wheel; Check in/Greeters—Bruce Johnson; Corporate Sponsors—Mike Frost; Decorations—Inner Wheel; Kitchen—Les & Cathy Howard; Master of Ceremonies—Mark Hull; Music/Sound—Ivan Kerr; Raffle—Lance Mendes; Reverse Draw—Ken Wirfel; Servers—Inner Wheel; Table Sponsors—Marty Larsen; Ticket Sales—Ursula Behiel and Roger Dolan.

Ambassadorial Scholarships—Applications Available Now: All Rotarians are invited to nominate candidates for the Rotary Foundation one-year academic scholarship (\$25,000) the six-month cultural scholarship (\$19,000), or three-month cultural scholarships. College teachers who wish to spend a year teaching abroad also can receive a \$12,500 stipend if selected. This is the largest, privately funded, international scholarships program in the world. Applicants must have completed two years of college or university course work, or have completed high school and two years in a recognized vocation. They must be citizens of a country in which there is a Rotary club. Initial application is made through the local Rotary club in the applicant's legal or permanent residence or place of full-time study or employment. Rotarians, employees of Clubs, Districts or RI, lineal descendants (children or grandchildren) or spouses of lineal descendants, or ancestors (parent or grandparent) are **not eligible**. See Prez Barry for applications or for further information.

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.