



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

**January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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. Turn in your silent auction and raffle items to Linda Morris at Union Bank 925-866-0425.

### Upcoming Meeting Programs

January 23 Economist Brian J. Pretti, of The Mechanic's Bank

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# The Walnut Leaf

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### This Week's Worker Bees

Presiding ..... Barry Slavin  
Team Captain .....  
Speaker Intro.....  
Thought/Pledge..... Stan White  
Visitors Intro..... Roger Dolan  
Bulletin Editor..... John McClintic  
Next Bulletin Editor.... John McClintic

Roving Microphone.....  
Set-Up/Take-Down.....  
Song Leader..... Larry Palmieri  
Ticket Sales.....  
Birthdays.....  
Anniversaries.....

THIS PROGRAM

**This Week: Dr. Dillar "Are We Becoming a Ritalin Nation?"**

**Next Week: Economist Brian J. Pretti, of The Mechanic's Bank"**

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ROTARY  
INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 5160

Chartered April 7, 1937

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*Create Awareness,  
Take Action*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Last Week:** We enjoyed a presentation by St. Louis Cardinals manager, Tony La Russa, about the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF). Founded by Tony and Elaine La Russa in 1990, ARF is a non-profit organization that provides rescue and adoption services for pets in Contra Costa County. As a related part of its services to animals, ARF also provides therapy and companionship for troubled youth and seniors, with animals providing loving friendship to ease loneliness and unconditional love. ARF is in the process of building a facility in the Shadelands near Oak Grove Road.

**Proposed New Members:** Dennis Hughes, Corporate Relations YMCA, and John A. Anderson, auto retail. Please provide any comments to the Club Secretary, Milt Smith.

**Recognitions:** Thanks to **Dennis Bell** for donating two tickets to a Sharks game for auction to Club member, and thanks to the winning bidder, **Doug Goodrich**.

Thanks to the many Club members who made year-end contributions to the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Community Foundation.

Thanks to director **Valerie Ridgers** and her team for an excellent month of programs and events in December.

**Last Minute Announcement: Leadership 5160 Program, this Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30 to 9:00pm, Hungry Hunter Restaurant, 2470 Martin Road, Fairfield, Phone 707-428-0583 for directions.** Join DG Ron Perit, DGE Susan Wait, and DGN Mark von Hoetendorff for this special dinner and program for present and future District Leaders. Cost \$30.

**Announcements: Dues are due now for Club Members on a Calendar Year renewal.** If you received your renewal notice at the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting or in the mail, your dues are due now. Please use the appropriate enclosure forms and envelopes in the dues notice to pay your dues and to make voluntary contributions. See **Milt Smith** with questions.

**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.

### Special Auction Item for Club Members Only

Bob and Shirley Nootbaar again have offered a weekend in their quaint English Garden cottage home in Carmel. Two days and two nights for two couples, to be used within one year at a mutually agreed upon weekend. This special item will be available only to Rotarians and will be auctioned during the January 30 meeting. Proceeds will support the Crab Feed Fundraiser.

### Community Foundation Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There are now only two more Club Meetings before the Crab Feed Fundraiser on Saturday, February 3. The Crab Feed is our major fund raiser and we are counting on it to raise \$35,000 this year to support the Walnut Creek Rotary Community Foundation.

**We need you to turn in Silent Auction item donation reports to Sharon Camandona 925-866-0425 and deliver the auction items to Linda Morris at the Union Bank, 1555 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, 925-945-8759.**

Don't wait for the last minute. We need to list all items in the program book, and need to have all items identified right away so that they are sure to be included. **Gift certificate donations can be reported and submitted at the same time.** Fragile or highly valuable items can be delivered at the night of the auction, but **we need to have all items reported immediately so that they can be properly listed in the program book.**

It is every member's duty to make this year's event a great success. Please do your share. Purchase your minimum of four tickets, bring your bottle of wine, bid on the Big Board, contribute to the two major items (one over \$500, one over \$250) per team, and come and enjoy a great night. Please also bring your smaller items for the silent

auction.

As with everything in life, you only get out of Rotary what you put in. This is our big chance to have fun, show off our club, and do some good for the community. Let's make the most of it!

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 on signs 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!

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/Acknowledgments—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.