



Rotary Club Of Walnut Creek
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\$60.00 for 9 Hole Tournament, \$ 25.00 for Dinner & Open Bar (for non-golfers) Cost Includes: Green & Cart Fees, Box Lunch, Prizes, Refreshments, Texas Back Forty BBQ Dinner, Open Bar, Live Dixieland Jazz and a donation to support a wonderful local cause that helps residents of Rossmoor in need! For more information, call 925-988-0600.

Anguilla, Virgin Islands, Rotary Club Fundraiser
Former Club Member **Mike Paul** visited us recently. Mike now lives in Anguilla in the Virgin Islands (tough duty!). Mike announced that his Rotary Club is holding a fund-raising raffle through the end of this year which offers a trip to Anguilla. For more info on Mike, or to buy tickets, go to www.banana-wind.com. You don't

Upcoming Events

This Friday, June 6th, Fountain for Youth Foundation Golf Tournament, Boundary Oaks.

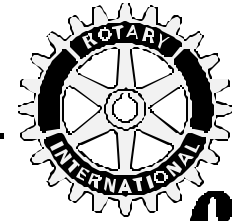
This Saturday, June 7th, Memorial Service for Georgia Cockerham's son, Zachary Ward, at 11:30 A.M. at Saint Joseph's Basilica, 1109 Chestnut Street, Alameda. Further details inside.

June 19-22 Camp Venture. Volunteer instructors needed for entrepreneurship sessions. Contact John Bernardin at 510-223-8274.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

June 10 Jim Scala on "Personal Top Performance"
June 17 John Young on "Trees in the Summer"
June 24 Chris Gnanakone on "Land Mine Removal"
July 2 Demotion for Pres Bruce

*For the latest "scoop" on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page:
www.rotarywc.org*



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This Week's Worker Bees

Presiding Bruce Cockerham
Team Captain Jack Matkin
Thought/Pledge..... Hari Boukis
Guest Intro & Mic..... John Gardner
Speaker Intro..... Mark Sanford
Set-Up/Take-Down..... Tom Rockwell
Ticket Sales.....John McClintic

Birthdays.....
Anniversaries.....
Song Leader..... Doug Goodrich
Bulletin Editor..... John McClintic

THIS PROGRAM

**Patsy Bishop, on
"Traffic School"**

It's Time for the New Roster Again.
Please see Hari if you would like a new photo.

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ROTARY
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dorff**
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Layton Hanson
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Carl Manna
Jack Matkin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognitions and Observations

Brian Thiessen, of the Rotary Club of Alamo, visited our Club on May 20. Brian is the new District 5160 Governor-Elect.

Chris Gnanakone traveled to Europe and to Sri Lanka. His trip to Sri Lanka featured delivery of \$60,000 in land mine relief funds that he assisted in raising through the local community. Pres Bruce also presented Chris with a plaque from the Wheelchair Foundation honoring the Club for a major fundraising effort last fall that was conducted largely thanks to Chris's efforts. Great work, Chris!

Jack Matkin and Tom Rockwell both enjoyed recent trips to Hawaii.

Roy Hjersman noted that the Rotary International Theme for 2003-2004 will be "Lend a Hand."

A couple of new website feature the upcoming Centennial Celebration of Rotary. Take a look at www.rotary.org/centennial and www.rotaryhistory.org.

Dues Statements Sent to Club Members on the Mid-Year Billing Cycle

Invoices for membership dues for those members on the July billing cycle have been mailed. Payment is due the first of July and becomes past due after July 30th. Payment may be sent to our PO Box in the envelopes provided or may be turned in to Clint Collier, our secretary, who will return "to duty" at the June 18th meeting.

Birthdays for May

Many happy returns of the day to **Mike Frost, Randy Walker, Ali Alijanian, John Gardner, Howard Rudiger, Lance Mendes, and Bill Hourihan** who celebrated birthdays in May.

Sunshine Committee Report

We are sorry to report that **Roy Hjersman's wife, Margaret** suffered a stroke after her recent surgery.

Our June Team Leader, and faithful Director, **Jack Matkin**, is undergoing some tests and treatment for prostate cancer. His team members have stepped in to help and wish Jack a strong and complete recovery.

Services for Zachary Ward, Son of Georgia Cockerham

We are saddened to report the tragic death of Georgia Cockerham's son, Zachary Ward, in a traffic accident last week. Zach was a Marine, a firefighter, an Eagle Scout, a faithful son, and a loving husband. Our sincere sympathies go out to Georgia and Bruce, and to Zach's widow, Jessica, and the rest of the family. A memorial service for Zach will be held on Saturday, June 7th @ 11:30 A.M. at Saint Joseph's Basilica, 1109 Chestnut Street, Alameda. There will be a scattering of ashes into the S.F. Bay directly following the service, and a gathering for refreshments, music and conversation thereafter at the Alameda Elk's Lodge. We are all invited to attend any or all of these planned events in Zach's honor.

Bob Nootbaar—Notes from Memorial Service on May 12th

Many of us have fond memories of working with **Bob** on projects benefiting the Club, our local community, and Rotary International. At the Memorial Service on May 12th, several of Bob's friends and family members shared some other stories that helped us round out our view of his life.

His younger brother, John, told us how Bob's life-long love of the outdoors began. Bob was an Eagle Scout and a faithful supporter of the Scouting program throughout his life. Growing up in Laguna Beach during the 50's, Bob, his brother John, and his sister Joanne, shared lots of adventures swimming, surfing, and scuba diving. Bob's love of water sports started here, and while he was not a nationally acclaimed swimmer in high school and in

college as were his siblings and several of his children, he was always a fierce competitor.

After college, Bob joined the Naval Reserve and served on the USS Yorktown in the Far East. One of Bob's Navy shipmates, Jim Pitto, came from Oregon to share stories about how Bob's positive outlook and genuine interest in others stood out among the shipmates. Bob especially enjoyed shore leave in foreign lands where he could explore and learn about the local cultures that he visited. Jim also noted that Bob proudly defended his alumni ties to USC among lots of UC alumni shipmates, and had an infectious optimistic and happy personality that made the drudgery of life at sea easier to bear.

After the Navy, Bob left his Southern California family roots and moved to the East Bay. He married Shirley and they spent the next 42 years raising their family together. A long-time neighbor, Chris Howser, shared stories about growing up as part of the Nootbaar family. To the neighborhood kids, Bob was known as "Mr. Noot", and was famous for playing touch football (Bob was always Quarterback, and Chris noted that Bob seemed always to be on the lookout for possible football recruits for SC). Chris (and Bob's brother John) also shared a story about Bob's self-invented kid language which he called "Alfafa" (and which was akin to pig-Latin). Bob passed this along to his children and to the neighbor kids. Bob was keenly interested in the development, education, and career and personal progress of all the neighbor kids, and kept close contact with them and their families even after they had left the area and started their own lives. Chris shared another recent story from Chris' bachelor party weekend, which was a white-water rafting trip. Going through the rapids, Chris's Dad lost his grip and slipped into the center of their raft a couple of times, bouncing up and down trying to regain his bearings and having to be "rescued" by a hysterically laughing Bob who flopped into the center of the raft himself to join the fun and adventure and make his friend feel better.

The final speaker was long-time family friend Bruce Garland. The Nootbaar and the Garland families shared holiday dinners, camping trips, and vacations together for many years. Bruce noted that Bob was very interested in photography, and he showed blow-ups of several photos that had been taken by Bob (and some that included Bob) in the great outdoor adventures that Bob loved so much. This love clearly drove Bob to devote so much of his volunteer time to our Club's environmental projects, and his years of service to the Lindsey Museum. May his memory be eternal.

Regime Change, Part Dux

Rotary revelers please note that a fitting end is planned for the regime of **President Bruce** at our regular Club meeting on July 1st. A posse has been formed by Past President **Roger Dolan**, to round up this outlaw.

District Matching Funds for Paul Harris Fellowships

District 5160 has released a limited amount of funds to be used to match contributions from Rotarians to complete a Paul Harris Fellow recognition (whether it is your first, second, third, or higher). Please see **Layton Hanson** if you would like to participate.

Attention Rotarian Golfers—Upcoming Fundraising Tournaments

June 9 – Rotary Club of Danville: Golf Tournament at the Diablo Country Club. 11:30 shotgun-start that includes lunch & dinner. Fees are \$225.00 per golfer, or \$900.00 per foursome. It is a great event, and we would love to have other Rotarians join in. For more information, contact Jim Cambier, 925-820-2777, 675 Hartz Avenue Suite 206, Danville CA. 94526.

June 16 – Rotary Club of Rossmoor Charity Golf Tournament: contests, raffles, prizes, food, drink and entertainment. \$100.00 for 18 Hole Tournament;