This Week's Worker Bees

Presiding ..................... Gill Bordenave
Team Captain ............... Mike DeMeo
Guest Intro & Mic .......... Mike DeMeo
Thought/Pledge .......... John Milsap
Speaker Intro ............. Joe Anthony
Set-Up/Take-Down .......... John Milsap
Ticket Sales ............... Joe Anthony

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

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 5, 2005, our next Crab Feed Fundraiser. Buy Tickets, and bring in your silent auction items and premium wine donations for the wine barrels now.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

Dec 28 No Meeting. Happy New Year!

For the latest “scoop” on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page: www.rotarywc.org
The nominating committee has proposed the following officers and directors for election by the membership:

Pres Elect (to serve as President 2006-2007): Clint Collier
Secretary: Hari Boukis
Treasurer: Marv Epstein
Attendance Secretary: Quentin Alexander
Outside Secretary: Layton Hanson

Board Of Directors: 2005 to 2007
Andy Halperin
Milt Smith
Tom Noble
Oscar Wu will serve as President, next year, 2005-2006.

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As you can see, our local foundation supports a wide variety of programs in our local community.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Community Foundation of Contra Costa County. In addition to the above grants, our foundation also pledged $17,000 to the Rotary International Foundation “Polio Plus” program and we are 80% fulfilled.

You can still sign up with Randy Walker for this annual fun trip with Rotarians from all over the Bay Area. $215 single occupancy, $205 double occupancy.

The 2005 Presidential Dinner, Monday, January 3, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. – No Host Reception, 7:00 p.m. – Dinner, $45 per person · Black Tie Optional Reserved Seating.

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For 2003-04 community service projects funded by the foundation included: dictionaries for all 4th grade classes in the Walnut Creek schools, summer leadership scholarships, Special Olympics, DARE, Garden Center at Heather Farms, Family Stress Center, Las Lomas Scholarship, Rotoplast matching grant, etc. Other projects include a Rotary Centennial project, which is bridge that is part of the Heather Farms restoration project, the addition of dressing rooms for the Assistance League, and an I-Dea House tour in conjunction with UC Berkeley tour of agricultural endeavors in Contra Costa County. In addition to the above grants, our foundation also pledged $17,000 to the Rotary International Foundation “Polio Plus” program and we are 80% fulfilled.

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Many happy returns of the day to the following Rotarians another year older in December: Ira Hillbyer, Mike DeMio, Gordon Fischer, Jim Campana, Ivan Kerr, Tom Rockwell, Hari Boukis, Quentin Alexander, Al Montonen, Paul Fisher, Tom Grimm.

December Anniversaries
Congratulations to the following Rotarians celebrating wedding anniversaries in December: Paul and Lucy Fisher, Earl and Kay Wightman, Tony and Soheila Gourkani, Mark and Pam Sanford, John and Elaine McClintic, Ivan and Sheryl Kerr, Norm and Lydia Bataque, Lee and Elizabeth Schneider.

This year’s dinner is at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento, 1209 J Street, Sacramento, California, 6:00 p.m. – No Host Reception, 7:00 p.m. – Dinner, $45 per person · Black Tie Optional Reserved Seating. For a reservation form, download at www.rotary5160.org, or call (916) 443-1433 or email: jennifer@rotarysacramento.com

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See Pam Raner to buy your tickets. We want to have another capacity crowd of 400+ so each member is encouraged by buy 4 tickets and bring friends to join us.

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The Rotary Foundation fun day and fundraiser will be held on April 30, 2005. Join Rotarians from throughout our District for a picnic and BBQ and celebration of another great Rotary year. Raffle and silent auction to benefit Rotary International.

The District 5160 website is finally up and running for the current Rotary year. Check out upcoming events at www.rotary5160.org.

Sunshine Committee
Help the Club send good will wishes and support for Rotarians and spouses recovering from surgery or experiencing prolonged illness. Contact Milt Smith.

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 get them in.

Recent Club Inductees
Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome the following new members who have joined the Club during the past few months: Kim Brandt, owner of Diablo Books, Matt Gheisari, Aladdin Persian Rugs, Saied Gorbani, Gorbani & Associates, Zach Sahar, Capital Tax & Financial Services.