Upcoming Events

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Oct 4 Diane and John Kopchik -- "The Walnut Creek Library, It’s Our Turn"
Oct 11 Carl Manna -- Update on Camp Royal and Camp Venture with visitors
Oct 18 George Counelis, MD -- Blacked out due to District Conference
Oct 25 Leslie Canada, our 2005 Kohoku Exchange Student, Reports on Her Trip

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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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Dave Casper, “Financial Planning and Football”

Rod Uffindell was recognized for being in an alarm industry newsletter, announcing that he will be receiving an award in December.

Barry Slavin was in the paper on September 8th ... a little article about volunteerism in the city.

Jack Matkin: Took a trip to Hawaii to visit his two children that live there, and was
surprised with a 45-year wedding vow renewal ceremony on the beach.

Announcements

District 5160 Conference “Cave Man and Rain Man”  Oct 21-22, Concord

We are adding a picnic dinner for all Club members/families after this year’s agricultural tour for international graduate students at Cal. This is one of the oldest community programs sponsored by our club, dating back to the days when our county was covered with farms and other agricultural attractions. There are a few working farms, and several vineyards, still operating and this gives international students a chance to see America’s farmland. The dinner will be from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at a location to be announced. Signup with Phil Eyring or Gill Bordanove. The picnic is free, but you need to sign-up so we can make appropriate plans.

We invite all Rotarian golfers (and their friends) to sign up again for the Foundation for Youth Golf Tournament at Boundary Oaks Mon Oct 10th. Contact Barry Slavin and he will organize us into foursomes (each foursome $700 or $175 per person)...and includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, and Saturday dinner.

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I-House Agricultural Tour and FREE Picnic Dinner, Saturday October 8th. Get ready for the District 5160 “Cave Man and Rain Man” Conference, I be held the weekend of October 21 and 22 at the Concord Hilton Hotel. The early registration date has been extended through the end of July. The cost to register before August is $75. The Club has agreed to cover the reduced $40 fee for all new Rotarians in the Club (those with less than 6 months in Rotary). Cost of the meal package for the conference is $100 per person...and includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, and Saturday dinner.

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Paul Harris Society Inaugural Gala Dinner - Sat November 11th. Mark your calendars to attend the inaugural gala dinner celebrating the formation of the new “Paul Harris Society.” Members of the society will commit to donating $1,000 per year to the Rotary International foundation. This significant increase from the “Sustaining Membership” target of $100 per Rotarian per year recognizes that the tremendous increase in the cost of living that has occurred since the Sustaining Member program was introduced 20 years ago. Members who are fortunate enough to have the financial resources to do so are encouraged to give serious consideration to making this increased level of commitment, to supporting the fabulous programs and activities funded through RI worldwide.

Whistle Stop Foundation Trip to Costa Rica, November 9th. The Wheelchair Foundation, in partnership with Howard Tours, offers a group-travel experience to deliver wheelchairs to those who lack mobility in coordination with the Rotary Clubs in the San Jose, Costa Rica area. Cost for 5 Days with airfare from Houston, $1,725. Contact Howard Tours, Tel: 800-475-2260, Fax: 510-834-1019, www.HowardTours.net.

Crab Feed 2006—Saturday, February 4th at Concord Centre. This year’s crab feed fundraiser will be Saturday, February 4th, at Centre Concord, the same location as prior years. This is our major fund-raiser for the Community Foundation.

There will be some changes this year -- a change in our traditional pasta dish. There will also be an alternative dish for those who do not eat crab -- chicken. When you buy your ticket, let the seller know that you want chicken. You can also specify chicken later. As usual, there will still be a live and silent auction. Club members, either by themselves or through personal or business contacts will donate all items for the auction. Each team will be asked to provide at least one item for the live auction. We are getting an earlier start this year, thanks to our eager President-elect and Crab Feed organizer, Clint Collier.

There will be two barrels of wine -- one auctioned off and one raffled. Each Rotarian in the club is asked to donate two bottles of PREMIUM wine, so start rounding up your choice selections to donate.

Tickets will go on sale around the first of next month. Tickets will cost $40 each. You can also buy a table of 10 for $400. If you buy a table, that table will be reserved for you in your or your company’s name.

New members are encouraged to get involved. We need members to participate on the various Crab Feed committee.

Who Are They?

Each week, this feature will provide some clues about the background of one of our Rotarians. The Members and guests are challenged to guess the name of the featured Rotarian. Answers will be provided in tiny print on the back page.

“Rotarian #1 is a past president of our Club, who lists planting oak trees at the entrance to Castle Rock Park as one of his favorite Rotary service projects. He enjoys the friendships he has made within the Club, and has instant Rotary friends anywhere in the world that travels. He has traveled in the past 10 years (along with wife Judy or other family members) to Germany, Ireland, Austria, Japan, Rotary Convention and touring), England, Scotland and Canada. He is a past president of Rotary’s international projects like Ropewalk where volunteers perform life-changing surgeries for disadvantaged around the world. The “delight of my life is to take someone to Yosemite who has never been there.” A Rotarian for life, he has been on top of Halidome for two days and has a picture of Yosemite Fall going through his legs over the edge of the falls (his high school buddy was holding on to his belt at the time). He enjoys photography and owning his dog Cuss. He is now living it up as an avid Cal Bear fan. He also maintains his active real estate broker and property manager career with REMAX C.C. Connection.”

“Rotarian #2 has been a director and officer of the Club, and loves the Crab Feed and the many social and fellowship activities available through Rotary. He notes that one of the best things about Rotary is the people that his able to meet here at his heart's salting. He has been a member of 3 Rotary fellowships: "Scouting", "Yachting", and "Computer Users." Besides his community service for Rotary, he served previously as an active volunteer with the Boy Scouts. His career field services include mainframe computer support and "computer information by design."