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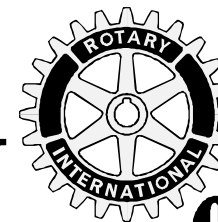
Upcoming Events

Aug 16 Welcome party for Toshiyasu Suzuki, Joan and Adrian Mendes' Home 6pm
Aug 31 Farewell party for Toshiyasu Suzuki, Chris and Rick Mathews' Home, 6pm
Oct 9, Fountain For Youth (FFY) golf tournament, Boundary Oaks.
Dec 17 Our Annual Club Holiday Party. See Barry Slavin to help organize this.
January 21 Annual Reno Train Trip.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

Aug 22 Sue Jones, PAWS to Read Program
Aug 29 Mike Robbins, The Power of Appreciation
September 5, Hitler's Youth
September 12, Annual Meeting at John Muir Medical Center. Dr Michael Cohen on Sleep Disorders.
September 19, Annual Visit of our District 5160 Governor, Candy Pierce
September 26, Rotoplast

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



The Walnut Leaf

ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK

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This Week's Worker Bees

Presiding	Clint Collier	Ticket Sales.....	Paul Fischer
Director.....	Andy Halperin	Thought/Pledge.....	Jim Campana
Team Captain	Jerry Benoit	Song Leader.....	
Meeting Setup.....	Jack Matkin	Guest Intro & Mic.....	Mike Gotfried
Greeter.....		Birthdays.....	
		Anniversaries.....	
		Speaker Intro.....	Clint Collier

THIS PROGRAM

Cliff Dochterman, "Rotary Activities from Around the World"

Welcome, Tishyasu Suzuki,
our Visiting Exchange Student from the Rotary
Club of Tokyo--Kohoku

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CLUB NO. 465
ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160

Chartered April 7, 1937

William B Boyd
International President

Lead The Way

Candy Pierce
District Governor

Stan Smalley
District Governor Elect

Clint Collier
President

Pam Raumer
President-Elect

Oscar Wu
Immediate Past President

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Gordon Fischer

Charlotte Quinn
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Gill Bordenave
Carl Manna
Jesse Smyers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognitions

Thanks to **Leo Silva** and Team 1 for a great month of meetings and programs in July.

We received a thank you letter for the \$4,000 in support we provided to the Rotary Education in Afghanistan project, which purchased outdoor play equipment.

Quent “new knee” Alexander thanked his wife Nancy for her care and support during his recovery.

Marty Larsen, Christy Devoe, and Russ Anderson had a great time on the cruise from Moscow to St Petersburg in Russia. **Barry Slavin** made the arrangements, but the trip was a long-time dream of our departed member, **Doug Goodrich**. Barry visited Doug the night before he died and showed Doug the video of the cruise taken by the cruise line.

Hari Boukis is back from a nice vacation to Greece, with side trips to Moscow and St Petersburg, Russia, and to London.

Tony Gourkani is thankful to report that his condo was spared in the recent fire at The Keys.

President Clint reminds us that the recognition fees are \$12 for birthdays and \$25 for anniversaries.

August Birthdays (and Birthdays in August)

Many happy returns of the day to the following Rotarians celebrating birthdays in August: **Phil Eyring, John Milsap, Valerie Ridgers, and Earl Wightman.**

Rotary Club of Tokyo--Kohoku Exchange Program

The Welcome Party for Toshiyasu is this Wednesday, August 16th at Adrian and Joan Mendes house 6pm. The Farewell Party is Wednesday, August 30th, at Rick and Chris Mathews house at 6pm. Please contact **Rick Mathews** 925-838-0527, rickm@rotarywc.org to par-

ticipate.

Rotarian Poker Tournament

Contact **Mitch Ambro** 209-838-3927 mitcha@rotarywc.org if you know Rotarian poker players who would like to participate in a tournament. The plan is to have a local game and raise \$200.00 for Paul Harris and then have 6 Rotary groups compete for \$1,200.00 by sending 1 player to a District or other regional tournament.

Sears Point Racing Weekend August 25, 26, 27

Driver Mimo Gidley and the Cameron racing team will be back racing at Sears Point Aug 25-27, and we have the opportunity to get tickets through **Rick Mathews** 925-838-0527, rickm@rotarywc.org. See Rick NOW. Our exchange student Toshiyasu Suzuki will be going with us on Saturday the 26th.

Annual Meeting and John Muir Medical Center, September 12th

Marv Epstein advises us that the annual meeting of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek at John Muir Medical Center, Walnut Creek Campus, will be held in the Ball auditorium on Tuesday, September 12. The speaker will be Michael L. Cohen, M.D. and his talk will be titled "Perchance to Dream." Dr. Cohen is an expert on sleep disorders, particularly sleep apnea.

Miracle Makeover 2006, September 11th through 23rd

We will be participating in the Miracle Makeover 2006 project which will build a new home for the “Bay Area Crisis Nursery” early in September. The plan is to tear down and rebuild the entire structure in 12 days, working day and night, starting September 11th. Donations of much of the materials and heavy work have been pledged by local and national contractors and suppliers. Food and drink for the workers all through the 12 nights and days have been donated. Please look at these two web sites and get a feel for the project and what the Crisis Nursery does: www.bacn.jkmas.com and www.woodworkingonwheels.com/mira-

clemakeover2006. See **Lu Hughes** luh@rotarywc.org 925-939-4093.

District Conference, Oct 13 and 14, Yin Ranch in Vacaville

Register now at www.rotary5160.org. There also will be a golf tournament at the Silverado Country Club on the 13th. Hotel rooms are available at the Courtyard by Marriott and at the Concord Hilton Hotel, both in Fairfield. See **Rem Barnard** 925-939-6209, remb@rotarywc.org for information.

Rotary Clubs Are First Responders in Lebanon Crisis

(This article by Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga is reprinted from www.rotaryclubone.org). The relief team organized by the Rotary Club of Limassol-Berengaria Cosmopolitan, Cyprus, was expecting no more than one boatload of 500 evacuees from the fighting in Lebanon on 19 July. But the following day, the volunteers who had originally offered to help find hotel accommodations for the new arrivals in the port city of Limassol were suddenly faced with a much bigger challenge. “The Americans decided to reroute their largest ships to Limassol, and we found ourselves standing in front of thousands of people in need in an instant,” explains Scott Givhan, leader of the club’s relief project. Military and chartered-cruise ships each carrying up to 2,000 people — most of them Australian, British, and U.S. passport holders — fleeing the Israeli-Hezbollah conflict were docking at all hours of the day and night, says Givhan. At its peak, the operation brought in about 10,000 evacuees in three days. The club assembled an efficient multinational team of volunteers from 10 Western and Middle Eastern countries. Each time a boat came in, they were on hand to greet, comfort, and assist passengers. Nearly half of the Rotary club’s 25 members were on vacation. But those present and the non-Rotarian volunteers who joined them did an outstanding job providing food and refreshments and helping set up rest and play areas for evacuees and their children. They even offered evacuees use of their mobile phones to call loved ones and make travel arrangements. “This project would not have been possible without the contributions from our non-Rotarian volunteers, many of whom worked through the nights to help the evac-

uees,” says Givhan. With the evacuations ending, the club is turning its attention to helping people internally displaced by the fighting. Already, it has sent two shipments of relief items — mostly donations of food and medicine — to Batroun, Lebanon. Members of the Rotary Club of Batroun are receiving the supplies and distributing them in their own cars at great personal risk. “We contacted this club because it is competent,” says project coordinator George Kfour, of the Limassol-Berengaria club, who is Lebanese. “The members in Batroun are trusted, and they are like our own brothers.” “These Rotarians are the real heroes,” says Givhan. The city of Batroun, in northern Lebanon, is host to more than 10,000 people who have fled intense fighting and aerial bombardment in the south. Other Lebanese Rotary clubs are helping with the relief effort. Rotary clubs were the first to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Batroun, say Givhan and Kfour. Because Rotarians are members of the affected communities, their aid distribution network is one of the most active in the region.

New Members

Be sure also to welcome our recently inducted new members: **Neeru Bhutani**, of Palmin Financial Planning, **Mike Gotfried**, California Highway Patrol; and **Bob Travale**, Manager, ISM Instant Sign Maker, Walnut Creek.

Sunshine Committee Report

Stan Hill is recovering from hernia surgery. We hope he will be back with us soon. **Mel Bacher** is scheduled for deep brain stimulation surgery on August 15th to lessen the effects of Parkinsons. We wish Mel all the best for a successful treatment and a strong recovery.