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

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

Mitc Ambro 209-838-3927 micha@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.  

Driver Mimo Gidley and the Cameron racing team will be back racing at Sears Point August 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.  

Rotary Clubs Are First Responders in Lebanon Crisis  

(This article by Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga is reprinted from www.rotaryclubonline.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 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 Kfouri.  Because Rotarians are members of the affected commu- 

New Members  

Be sure also to welcome our recently inducted new members: Neeru Bhutani, of Palmin Financial Planning; Mike Gottfried, 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 15 to lessen the effects of Parkinsons.  We wish Mel all the best for a successful treatment and a strong recovery.