Reno Train Trip, January 13-14

Money is due now. See Randy Walker or Fletcher Tyler for possible additional registrations for the Annual East Bay Rotary Reno Inter-City Train Trip. Lodging will be in the East Wing at Harrah’s, $265 per person single occupancy. We already have 18 members going, and we have room for more.

Annual District Conference Thursday April 24 to Saturday April 26, 2008

On April 24-26, 2008, the annual District Conference will be held at the Sacramento Radisson Hotel. There’s something for everyone: Rotary Conference, Golf Event, Poker Tournament, a Rotary Club Hospitality Party in the theme of the Prospectors (think Gold Rush era, Paint Your Wagon). The pricing is reasonable, the lodging is inexpensive. And a 25% discount for registering before December 31, 2007. Go to www.rotary5160.org and get all the details. Important Note: Lodging is limited. Call now for room reservations: Radisson Hotel Reservations 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento, CA 95815 Thursday, April 24 through Saturday, April 26, 2008. Or check rates and availability at www.radisson.com. Enter “DS160” into the promotional code box for special member rates: Single or double: $93 Triple: $103 Quad: $113 Waterfront rooms are available for an additional $30 per room.

For the latest “scoop” on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page: www.rotarywc.org
2010. The scholarships are designed to further international understanding and goodwill. They provide for study abroad in more than 150 countries where Rotary Clubs are located. Some 800 scholarships of various types are available worldwide. Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships are for one academic year abroad and provide a flat grant of US$23,000 or equivalent. There are also multi-year scholarships available. Rotary offers study abroad programs for Language, 3 and 6 months with a stipend of $10,000 and $15,000 respectively. Academic 1 year and 2 years is $23,000. University teaching grants are $12,500 for 3 - 5 months and $22,950 for 6 - 10 months.

Rotary Jackets are Here!
Karen Horgan reports that the Rotary Jackets have arrived, and are available for pick up. Please give Karen your check for the $40 (or $42 for the larger sizes) purchase price, plus any extra donation you may have noted at the time of your order.

Kohoku Exchange Program 2008
This is the last chance for late applications for the 2008 Tokyo/Kohoku Student Exchange. The exchange will include 4 weeks in Summer 2008 usually starting in mid July and returning mid August. Eligible applicants are college students who are children or grandchildren of Walnut Creek Rotarians. Students should submit a resume in writing (no verbal applications) to Rick Mathews. Include Name, Contact Information, Date of Birth, Rotary Affiliation, Educational Background, A Little About Yourself and a Short Essay on Why You Would Make a Great 2008 Representative. Interviews will be held during the Christmas Holidays and a candidate will be announced in Mid to Late January. Submit resumes to Rick Mathews @ 250 La Serena Ave., Alamo, CA, 94507 by email: rickm@rochglobal.net as a Word Attachment; by Fax @ 925-838-8460.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries
Many happy returns of the day to the following Club members celebrating birthdays in December: Ira Hillyer, Neeru Bhutani, Beh Shahmaradan, Gordon Fischer, Jim Campana, Ivan Kerr, Tom Rockwell, Hari Boukis, Quent Alexander. Congratulations to the following Club Members celebrating wedding anniversaries in December: Tony Ghorkani, Neeru Bhutani, Lee Schneider, Norm Bequa, John McClintic, Ivan Kerr, Mark Sanford, Zak Sahar.

Are You Ready for Crab? Our Crab Feed Fundraiser is Sat, Feb 2, 2008
Our 10th annual crab feed is Saturday, February 2, 2008. Buy your tickets now from Bob Morgan, $40 per person with checks payable to WCRCF (Walnut Creek Rotary Club Community Foundation). Be sure to ask for a “chicken sticker” for your ticket if you want chicken instead of crab. And please line up auction items; Valerie Ridders is the contact for the silent auction and Mitch Ambro is the contact for the live auction. For corporate sponsorships, contact Milt Smith. Contact Layton Hansen Layton@rotarywc.org or 925-686-5148 for other information or questions.

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Every member is asked to bring in 2 bottles of premium wine for the wine barrel auction and wine barrel raffle. See Gordon Fischer with your donations (or bring a check for $50 and Gordon will shop for you).

Rotary Ambassadorsial Scholarships
Rotary District 5160 is seeking qualified applicants within our community for Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships for the Rotary year 2009 -