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 “D5160” 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.

Upcoming Club Meetings/Events:

- **Our Club Holiday Party, Friday, December 21**
  - 6pm
  - Shadelands Civic Arts Center on Wiget Lane
  - December 25 and January 1
  - No meetings

- **Las Lomas Choir**
  - Friday December 21
  - Holiday Party, 6pm
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  - December 25 and January 1
  - No meetings

- **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
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**December 11**
- Emily Chang, Exec Dir, Walnut Creek Downtown Business District

**December 18**
- Las Lomas Choir

**Friday December 21**
- Holiday Party, 6pm
  - Shadelands Civic Arts Center on Wiget Lane

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- No meetings

### Today’s Program:

**Emily Chang, Executive Director, Walnut Creek Downtown Business District**

### Notices:

**New Email system in effect!**

You must include a password in your email to relay it through the @rotarywc.org system!

### People In Charge This Week:

- **President**
  - Pam Raumer

- **Director**
  - Mitch Ambro

- **Team Captain**
  - Bob Morgan

- **Meeting Setup**
  - Mitch Ambro

- **Greeter**
  - Stan Hill

- **Ticket Sales**
  - Earl Wightman

- **Thought/Pledge**
  - Bob Travalle

- **Song Leader**
  - Lu Hughes

- **Guest Intro & Mic**
  - Allen Wesdorf

- **Birthdays**
  - Mark Sanford

- **Anniversaries**
  - Andy Marshall

- **Speaker Intro**

- **Meeting Take-Down**
  - Mitch Ambro
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TODAY’S SONG: We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas; We wish you a Merry Christmas; We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Good tidings we bring to you and your kin; Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding; Oh, bring us a figgy pudding; Oh, bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer

We won't go until we get some; We won't go until we get some; We won't go until we get some, so bring some out here

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We have lots to do at our meetings, so let’s be seated by 12:25pm…

President Pam again asks that we allow sufficient time to get to the meeting, check in, go through the buffet line, and be seated so that we are ready to start by 12:25pm. This also will allow us more time for conversation and socializing before-hand, one of the purposes of Rotary…

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships

Rotary District 5160 is seeking qualified applicants within our community for Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships for the Rotary year 2009 - 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 $22,500 for 6 - 10 months.

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Kohoku Exchange Program 2008

We are now accepting 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: rmb8@hcgglobal.net or by hand @ any Rotary Meeting. The deadline for resume submission is December 14, 2007.

Club Officers 2008-2010

The following were elected at the November 27th meeting to serve in the following Club offices: President-elect Remsen Barnard (serving as President 2009-2010), Directors 2008-2010, Jerry Benoit, Christy DeVoe, Luis Ramirez-Agudelo Secretary, 2008-09 Officers Hari Boukis and Treasurer Cathy Durfee. There were no nominations from the floor. The elections will be held today.

Are You Ready for Crab? Our Crab Feed Fundraiser is Sat, Feb 2, 2008

It is only 4 months until the 10th annual crab feed on Saturday, February 2, 2008. Now is the time to start making those contacts for auction items, for both live and silent auctions. Step up to the plate and volunteer for a committee chair or to be a member of a committee. The committees are: Ticket Sales, Silent Auction, Live Auction, Registration, Bar, Raffle Tickets, Corporate Sponsors, Kitchen, Reverse Draw, Desserts on Display and check out. Contact Layton Hansen laytonh@rotarywc.org or 925-686-5148 to sign up for a committee chair or other position.

Membership Activity


Proposed Club Bylaws Amendment

The Club’s board of directors recommends that the Club adopt the following proposed change to the Club By-laws. The change is to Article IV (Election of Directors and Officers), Section I, paragraph 5 which refers to the nomination of the Club President Nominee.

Currenty the Section reads: “The nominating committee shall consist of the five most recent past presidents of the club who are still members of the club and are willing to serve. The committee shall elect from its members a chairman.”

The proposed amendment would revise Section 1 to read as follows: “During the month of September the Club President shall convene a committee to nominate the next Club President Nominee. This nominating committee shall con-