The Russians are Coming; Again this October
We will be hosting a delegation of Russian real estate brokers from Oct 3rd thru 10th during their fall visit to our District. See Andy Halperin if you can host one or more of this delegation that week.

Other Upcoming Events
Oct 6. The annual UC Berkeley International House “Agricultural Tour of CC County”

Jan 13-14 66th Annual East Bay Rotary Reno Inter-City Train Trip

Feb 2, 2008. Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Crab Feed Fundraiser

July Anniversaries
Congratulations to Rick Mathews, Mel Bacher, Bruce Johnson, Andy Marshall, Russ Anderson, and Walt Youngman, all celebrating wedding anniversaries in July!

Thanks to Last Week’s Meeting Sponsor, Mitch Ambro and his new local business, Green Castle Landscape and Exterior Maintenance. Contact Mitch at (866) 842-1420 Mitchell@Anestri.com and visit their website at www.yourgreenestate.com. They handle all types of landscaping and exterior maintenance projects ranging from $125 to $125,000. Weekly maintenance service also is now being offered. Estimates are free and guaranteed to be completed within 48 hours of consultation.

Meet New Member Mike Kilzer
Mike Kilzer filled us in on his background, and current business projects. Mike was born in Hayward, and then moved with his family to North Dakota when he was in 4th grade. After college at the University of N. Dakota, Mike went into the insurance business and did well enough to “retire” from that in 2005. He enjoyed some time backpacking through Europe, Thailand, Viet Nam, and Cambodia, visiting his (female) yoga instructor (details omitted), then went on to Hong Kong and Mainland China. When he returned to the US, he joined a large insurance brokerage in San Francisco, before starting his own marketing and consulting insurance business. He specializes in putting together businesses in the same SIC industry code to setup self-insured pools for workers compensation insurance. Mike travels throughout California looking for prospective groups and companies to join groups. There is money to be made in this business, and Mike made us an interesting offer. If we are able to refer a new business group to him that sets up a self-insurance pool, his business will be able to make a matching contribution to our Community Foundation roughly equivalent to the current earnings of our annual Crab Feed fundraiser for each year the pool stays in business. An interesting idea!

For the latest “scoop” on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page: www.rotarywc.org
Upcoming Club Meetings: Plan to attend these Club meetings and invite at guest!

August 7  Dess Benedetto, on Estate Planning using Wills and Trusts. In 1990, Ms. Benedetto graduated from U.C. Berkeley with a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology. After working for six years as a successful business executive, Ms. Benedetto enrolled at the University of San Diego School of Law. Over the past seven years, Ms. Benedetto has assisted hundreds of clients with the creation of their Wills, Living Trusts and other estate planning documents. The clients Ms. Benedetto works with have assets ranging from $100,000 to over $5,000,000.

August 14  Lynn Leach, Businesswoman, Former State Legislator, Community Activist and Leader. Lynne has been in sales all of her adult life. In 1978, she started her own business, Applied Business Communications, Inc. The firm specialized in sales, customer service and communications training. In 2003, she launched Lynne Leach Presents... offering informative, inspirational speeches and practical, common sense programs on sales — customer service, communications and leadership to the business and political communities. In 1996, Lynne was elected State Trusts and other became the first woman ever to represent the combined Alameda/Contra Costa Coun-ties 15th Assembly District. She was reelected in 1998 and 2000 by commanding margins and term limited in 2002. While serving in the Assembly in Sacramento, Lynne’s top priorities were to make California more business friendly; return our schools to their premier status; address the transpor-tation challenges of the Bay Area and provide some relief for the harried taxpayer.

August 21  Jan Kawal, has been a lead volunteer with California Transplant Donor Network for nearly 8 years. As a CTDN "Ambassador" she speaks to many schools, community and religious organizations as well as participates in Health and Safety Fairs throughout Contra Costa County. As a kidney and pancreas recipi-ent, she hopes by speaking to the public about this im-portant need, she is able to "give something back" to the Community. She says "I have received the most incredi-ble Gift Of Life and I want to share my experience and my joy."

August 28  Fred LaCosse, “Your American Freedoms: Protect them or lose them” Fred LaCosse is well-known to San Francisco Bay Area television viewers as a veteran news anchor, reporter and talk show host. In 1978, La-Cosse received an Emmy from the Northern California Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for his news feature reporting and was honored byUPI for the best feature report in California. He has also received numerous awards for his community in-volved. Fred is now focusing his public speaking efforts on his new presentation "Your American Freedoms: Proteクト Them or Lose Them." In his presentation, Fred carries on conversations with many of America’s Founding Fathers & Together, they tell the amazing story of the founding of America. Fred delivers the presenta-tion live at a variety of venues.

September 11  our annual meeting at John Muir Medi-cal Center. The program features Dr. Horacio Ashby, “Keyhole Surgery”

September 25  Our annual meeting with our District 5160 Governor, Stan Smalley.

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting at Sunrise Wednesday August 1
If you are a member of the International Federation of Scouting Rotarians or just interested in supporting Scouting and the Scout movement you won't want to miss this one in a lifetime opportunity! On Wednesday, August 1st at 7:00am Scouts and their supporters from around the Bay Area will gather atop Mt. Diablo for a special sunrise cele-bration marking the 100th anniversary of Scouting. Scouts around the world, in each time zone, will be marking this event in similar gatherings. The park will open at 6:00 that morning for people who want to drive up. There are also a limited number of camp sites reserved for those who would like to go up Tuesday and spend the night. Contact Clint Collier, 933-6565, cincl@rotarywc.org. For information on the event and an application form to register (the only cost is $5.00 park entrance fee) for the event. Advance reservations are required if you wish to camp over from Tuesday night.

6th Annual Drive for Mobility Golf Tournament— Monday Aug 13th, Brentwood Golf Club 100 Summerset Drive Brentwood In 2001, The Wheelchair Foundation and its founder, fellow Rotarian Ken Behring, embarked on a mission to bring mobility to every needy man, woman and child: to bring new independence to those deprived of mobility by war, disease, birth defect, or advanced age. Each donation of $75 will be combined by Wheelchair Foundation, with funds provided specifically for that purpose, to deliver a wheelchair to a person in need somewhere around the world. Thanks to the generous contributions from last year’s event, the Drive For Mobility 5th annual Golf Invitational raised over $220,000. With matching funds from the Wheelchair Foundation, we were able to deliver over 3,000 wheelchairs to innomobile men, women and children. For more information, contact: Pete Petrovich, Chair, Pacific Communications (925) 634-1203

Rotary International Membership Conference August 17-18
Rotary International is holding a series of membership promotion conferences this summer. RI President Wilf Wilkenson is placing special emphasis on membership during his term. Our local conference will be August 17-18 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose. Contact Clint Collier, 933-6565, cincl@rotarywc.org for information.

Rotary District 5160 Annual Foundation Fun Day October 6 2007 And Annual District Conference April 25-26, 2008; Foundation, Invitation Join fellow District 5160 Rotarians for our annual Foundation Fun Day on Saturday, October 6. We return to the Yin Ranch in Vacaville this year for this great event. And, on April 25-26, 2008 will hold the annual District Conference at the Sacramento Radisson Hotel. You won't want to miss the paddle boat races and the prospec-tor “daze, Rotary fellowship at its best! Details will fol-low for these events. Fulfill your Paul Harris Sustaining Member commitment of $100 for the year by buying 5 raffle tickets at $20 each. Great prizes, as always.

Rotary District 5160 Group Study Exchange Outbound Team Leader Wanted District 5160 is seeking applications for a TEAM LEADER to represent the District on a Group Study Exchange trip to District 9220, Madagascar during May and June, 2008, exact dates TBD. Applicants must be Rotarians who have had involvement in International Rotary programs. Frenchskills are a. Please ask your club Rotarians to consider becom-ing candidates. Applicants should have leadership ex-perience, and the ability to represent their profession and Rotary in a quality manner. The most qualified candidate for this expense-paid study exchange will be se-leced as TEAM LEADER. Candidates must submit applications to their Club President by August 1, 2007 to be forwarded to the District Outbound Chair by August 7, 2007. Interviews will be scheduled in late August. Applications are available atwww.rotary.org or contact