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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.yourgreencastle.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

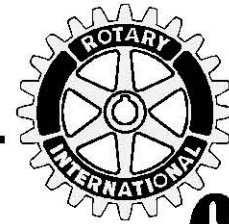
Mike Kilzer filled us in on his background, and current business projects. Mike was born in Hayward, and then moved with his family to North Dakota when he was in 4th grade. After college at the University of N. Dakota, Mike went into the insurance business and did well enough to “retire” from that in 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 pro-

spective 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!

Upcoming Meetings:

- 2007-08-07** Dess Benedetto -- Wills and Trusts
- 2007-08-14** Lynn Leach -- Motivational
- 2007-08-21** Jan Kawal -- What you Need to Know about Organ Donation
- 2007-08-28** Fred LaCoss -- Your American Freedoms: Protect them or Lose Them

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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People In Charge this Week

Presiding	Pam Raumer	Thought/Pledge.....	Dick Mortensen
Director.....	Lu Hughes	Song Leader.....	Lu Hughes
Team Captain	Mike Kilzer	Guest Intro & Mic.....	Gordon Fischer
Meeting Setup.....	Mike Kilzer	Birthdays.....	
Greete.....	Mike Kilzer	Anniversaries.....	
Ticket Sales.....	Lu Hughes	Speaker Intro.....	Kim Brandt
		Meeting Take-Down.....	Mike Kil-

Today’s Program:

Joe Campbell,
Contra Costa Water District Facilities and Water Quality

Notices:

Welcome to our Guests from the Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kohoku Japan,
Kazuo Kubota (Exchange Student from 1967),
his wife **Atsuka Kubota**, and
Miyako Hanaka (Exchange Student for 2007)

Meeting Sponsor:

Today’s Meeting Sponsor: Russ Anderson and Lehmer’s Concord Buick Pontiac GMC
Contact **Russ** at 925-946-1170 and visit their website at www.buyGMdirect.com



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Announcements:

Miyako Hanaka's Welcome Reception is Tonight, July 31st 5:30pm to 7pm at Oscar and Tessie Wu's Home, 15 Kerley Court Walnut Creek

Come greet Miyako Hanaka, our exchange student from Kohoku Japan for this summer. Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Spouses and significant others are welcome. Attendance at the reception will count as attending a meeting. Miyako's visit with us will be short, so mark your calendars now for her farewell party at Adrian and Joan Mendes' home on August 7th (time tba).

SONG OF THE DAY

All day I face the barren waste, without the taste of water, cool water

Old Dan and I with throats burned dry, and souls that cry for water, cool, clear, water

CHORUS

Keep a-movin' Dan don't ya listen to him Dan
He's a devil of a man and he spreads the burning sand with water
Dan can you see that big green tree, where the water's running free
And it's waiting there for you and me?

The nights are cool and I'm a fool, each star's a pool of water, cool water

But with the dawn I'll wake and yawn, and carry on to water, cool, clear, water

The shadows sway and seem to say, tonight we pray for water, cool, water

And way up there He'll hear our prayer, and show us where there's water, cool, clear, water

Dan's feet are sore he's yearning for, just one thing more than water, cool, water

Like me I guess he'd like to rest, where there's no quest for water, cool, clear, water

Invite a Prospective Member to Join Us for Lunch

Here's how it works. You invite your prospect to a Club lunch meeting. You pay the prospect's lunch tab for the first visit. The prospect can visit two more times, and the Club will pay the cost. If the prospect joins, the Club also will reimburse you for the first lunch.

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 involved 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 to the State Assembly and became the first woman ever to represent the combined Alameda/Contra Costa Counties 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 transportation 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 recipient, she hopes by speaking to the public about this important need, she is able to "give something back" to the Community. She says "I have received the most incredible 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, LaCosse 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

by UPI for the best feature report in California. He has also received numerous awards for his community involvement. Fred is now focusing his public speaking efforts on his new presentation "*Your American Freedoms: Protect 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 presentation live at a variety of venues.

September 11 Our annual meeting at John Muir Medical Center. The program features Dr. Horacio Asbun, "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 Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians or just interested in supporting Scouting and the Scout movement you won't want to miss this once 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 celebration 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, clintc@rotarywc.org. For information on the event and an application form to register (the only cost is the \$6.00 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 immobile 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, clintc@rotarywc.org for information.

Rotary District 5160 Annual Foundation Fun Day October 6 2007

And Annual District Conference April 25-26, 2008; Foundation Raffle Tix

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 prospector "daze, Rotary fellowship at its best! Details will follow 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. French skills are a plus. **Please ask your club Rotarians to consider becoming candidates.** Applicants should have leadership experience, and the ability to represent their profession and Rotary in a qualified manner. The most qualified candidate for this expense-paid study exchange will be selected as TEAM LEADER.

Candidates must submit applications to their Club President by August 1, 2007 to be forwarded to the District Outbound GSE chairman by August 7, 2007. Interviews will be scheduled in late August. Applications are available at www.rotary.org or contact