



The Walnut Leaf

ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK

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People In Charge this Week

PresidingPam Raumer
Director.....Jerry Benoit
Team CaptainSabine Webb
Meeting Setup.....Layton Hansen
Greeter.....Jack Matkin
Ticket Sales.....Sabine Webb

Thought/Pledge.....Russ Anderson
Song Leader.....Lu Hughes
Guest Intro & Mic.....Jim Campana
Birthdays.....Donna Montana
Anniversaries.....
Speaker Intro.....Valerie Ridgers
Meeting Take-Down.....Layton Hansen

Today's Program:

**Lynn Leach, Businesswoman,
Former State Legislator, Community Activist, and Leader**

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:

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Upcoming Meetings:

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

Announcements:

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

President Pam 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...

Recognitions/Boosts

Tom Noble boosted **Russ Anderson** and **Lehmer's** Concord Buick Pontiac GMC for checking the records and finding out he had 4 days left on his warranty, which covered the costs of a major transmission repair. **Russ** offers the "Rotary Discount" for car sales, they will beat any other dealership price by \$100, plus make a \$100 donation the Community Foundation.

Randy Walker enjoyed a nice vacation trip to Kodiak Island, Alaska, and came back with lots of fish (halibut and salmon were auctioned off for the Community Foundation).

Thanks to **Adrian and Joan Mendes** for hosting the farewell dinner, and **Oscar and Tessie Wu** for hosting the welcome event, for our visiting exchange student from Japan, Ms. Miyako Hanaka. And thanks to all the Club members, including **President Pam, Mitch Ambro, Leo Silva, Neeru Bhutani, Clint Collier, Cathy Durfee, Rick Mathews, and Lauren Kraus**, who hosted her at their homes or took her on sightseeing activities

Membership Activity

Mike Kilzer graduated from red badge to blue badge status.

Lauren M. Kraus, Coldwell Banker, classification "Real Estate" was inducted as a new member last week. **Lauren** is a local who graduated from Carandolet High School, then went on to Chico State.

Jane Drito, Drito Bros VW-Saab-Nissan, has applied for membership. Please provide any comments to the Club secretary.

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. See page 38 of this month's Rotary Magazine for a great introduction to Rotary projects to introduce prospective members to the Rotary world.

Upcoming Club Meetings: Plan to attend these Club meetings and invite at guest!

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.

Golf Tournaments

Rossmoor Rotary Sept 24. 10am Registration/Driving Range practice, 11am Sharp Shotgun Start, 5:30pm BBQ dinner. \$125 per golfer, \$25 for dinner only. See **Tom Rockwell** 954-0100 tomr@rotarywc.org if you want to join one of our foursomes, or be a sponsor.

WC Fountain for Youth October 8. 10:45am Registration, 11:30am lunch., 12:30pm Shotgun start. \$200 individuals, \$760 per foursome. For info, contact Mike Howard 838-1069, mhoward33@sbcglobal.net (Mike is a member of Sunrise Rotary).

Rotary International Membership Conference This Weekend 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 Location Changed to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom (fmly Marineworld) 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. **The location is now changed to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom** (formerly Marine World). Special events to be held from 9:30 until 1:30 including Key note speaker and past RI President Rajendra Saboo. There will be Raffle Drawings & Silent Auction. After 1:30 the park is available to all to enjoy the shows and rides. See **Gordon Fischer** to sign up. Raffle Ticket information will follow. Cost per person is \$40.

On April 25-26, 2008, the annual District Conference will be held at the Sacramento Radisson Hotel. You won't want to miss the paddle boat races and the pros-

pector "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.

The Russian Real Estate Agents are Coming, October 5 to 13

We will be hosting a delegation of Russian real estate brokers from Oct 5th thru 13th during their fall visit to our District. See **Marty Larsen** to help as a driver. 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

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