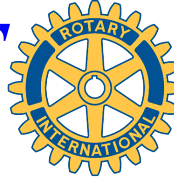


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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465

2015 2016 Theme:

*"Be a Gift to the World"*

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**Thought for the Day: Rem Barnard**

**Roving Mic: Richard Hsu**

**Today's Speaker: Peter Kohn, Developmental Disabilities Services in the East Bay**

**Aloha and Mahalo to Andy Halperin** for printing and delivering our bulletin Mar 8 and 15 while your bulletin editor plays golf in Kauai.



**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rotary Exchange Student Celebration with the Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kohoku Japan, Honolulu, Hawaii. REVISED DATES, October 8-14, 2016**

Attendees must make their own room reservations now. You can [Click this link](#) for the special \$239 per night rate at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa. This rate also is available if you want to come 3 days earlier and/or leave 3 days later. If you are staying somewhere else, please let **Clint Collier** know that, so that we know how many are coming along.

Scheduled events currently include Saturday arrival/check in, Sunday night welcome reception, Monday tour organized by the Kohoku Club, Tuesday breakfast reception and free time, Wednesday joint meeting and dinner, Thursday free time, Friday departure (or stay over!). Details of events will follow, and costs of the events will depend upon attendance.

**District 5160 Conference April 1-3, 2016, YOLO County Fairgrounds in Woodland.**

Bring yourself, your spouse, or your whole family if you like. There are breakout sessions, wonderful speakers, a multi-club social on Friday night, and a Saturday night BBQ. To register for the conference go to <http://goo.gl/WXbekK> to get a personal registration link sent to your email. Or contact **Doug Switzer** and he will help sign you up. The entire conference is only \$99 pp and includes 5 meals. There is an optional golf tournament on Thurs 3/31 for an additional \$99. Sign up soon to reserve your spot!

**Fishing in the City will be held Sat April 9<sup>th</sup>.** More information is forthcoming. See **John Gardner**.

**Benecia Rotary Club Casino Night and Texas Hold'em Tournament, Fri May 6 6:30pm to 1pm, Benecia Clocktower. \$40.** Register at [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com).

**Vocational Service—"Coffee Draw"**— Vocational service is a core part of Rotary since its first meeting February 23, 1905, when founder Paul Harris and a few Chicago professionals gathered together for fellowship, business development, and community service. Vocational service gives Rotarians the opportunity to represent the dignity and value of our vocations. To

help us share our vocational backgrounds with one another, **Trudy Triner** is organizing a “Coffee Draw” each meeting. She will collect business cards from those interested in participating and will draw two business cards at random. The matched individuals then can arrange to meet for coffee and share information about what they do. See **Trudy Triner** to participate.

**Rotarian of the Month, Jesse Smyers:** Pres Dess honored Jesse as our Rotarian of the Month. Jesse is celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a member of our Club. Jesse has been a dedicated community event organizer this year. His latest effort was organizing 15 other Rotarians and friends to box up more than 7,000 of Bosc pears for the Contra Costa Food Bank.

**Paul Harris Fellow: Ivan Kerr** completed his 4<sup>th</sup> Paul Harris Fellow recognition and received his new pin. Thanks for your continuing support of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

**Recognitions:** Our Club’s participation in Meals on Wheels celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Thanks to **Bill Babcock and Wendy Jones** and their Teams for great programs and meetings in January and February. **Jack Fischer, Jerry Benoit,**

**Marty Larsen, and Bob Romero** enjoyed a nice weekend in Lake County.

**Welcome back, Dave Levien!** Dave returned to our weekly meeting last week after spending several months recovering from a stroke. It was good to have Dave back with us.

**Summit Bank’s “Lunch and Learn” Program Wed March 16<sup>th</sup> Noon** features the topic “Enhanced Cyber Security”. See **Marcia Gerg** 925-935-9220 ext 2224 if you would like to be invited.

**Caring Hands, John Muir Health.** If you want more information about being a volunteer for the Caring Hands program at John Muir Health, call 925-952-2999 or go to [johnmuirhealth.com/caringhands](http://johnmuirhealth.com/caringhands)

**Prospective Member, Gary Stein.** Gary is CEO of Paradox Traders, a financial trading business in Walnut Creek. Gary is a retired Nuclear Chemist, Physician, Bank Director, and Motion Picture Producer. He was a member of the Vacaville Rotary Club from 1980 to 2011 and looks forward to being part of our Club. He and his wife Jana support the Leshner Center, Center Rep, and the Walnut Creek Library. Please contact the Club Secretary with any comments.

#### **Upcoming Club Meetings and Events:**

**Club and District Calendars** are now “always in view” at <http://www.rotarywc.org/>

Mar 15 Karen Lile/Rem Barnard, Rotary Yachting Fellowship

Mar 22 TBA

Mar 29 James Vendel, BSA Troop 832

Apr 5 Hannah Richardson, “Teaching swimming to the non-swimming inhabitants of the Corn Islands, Nicaragua

Apr 12 Ruth Bancroft Gardens

Apr 19 Wolf Heinritz, “El Capitan or Bust”

Apr 26 Jesse Smyers, “Swimming Saves Lives”

June 28<sup>th</sup>, Demotion Party Dinner for Pres Dess. Details to follow.