



Rotary Club Of Walnut Creek  
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### Upcoming Events

**This Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Community Service Project at Sugar Loaf Open Space Park.** Meet at the park at the end of Young's Valley Road, off of Rudgear Road. 8:30am to 2pm.

**November 4<sup>th</sup> Breeder's Cup at Golden Gate Fields.** See Ursula Behiel for information.

**February 3, 2001 Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser.** This year supporting the Club's Community Foundation and the DARE program. Buy/sell 4 tickets and sign up to help. Start soliciting and collecting silent auction items.

### Upcoming Meeting Programs

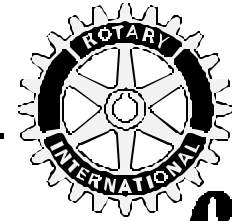
**October 31** Walnut Creek School District Superintendent Michael DeSa

**November 7** Business Incubator, Linda Best of the Contra Costa Economic Partnership

**November 14** Rotary International Foundation

**November 21** 2001 Regional Transportation Plan, Lawrence Dahms of MTC

**November 28** Matching Grants, with Neil Hoffman



# The Walnut Leaf

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### This Week's Worker Bees

Presiding ..... Barry Slavin  
Team Captain ..... Bill Larmer  
Speaker Intro..... ?  
Thought/Pledge..... Claudine Fletcher  
Visitors Intro..... Bob Hagler  
Bulletin Editor... ..... John McClintic  
Next Bulletin Editor.... John McClintic

Roving Microphone..... Bob Hagler  
Set-Up/Take-Down.. Bruce Landgarten  
Song Leader..... Larry Palmieri  
Ticket Sales..... Joe Anthony  
Birthdays.....  
Anniversaries.....

THIS PROGRAM

**Today: Tour of The Gardens at Heather Farms**

**Next Week: Walnut Creek School District Superintendent, Michael DeSa**

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INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 5160

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1937

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Take Action*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Last Week:** We enjoyed meeting the delegation of bakers from the Russian Republic. Our many host Rotarians and spouses reported having a terrific time getting to know the individual members of the delegation. Our region has the largest participation in the US in this international "Productivity Enhancement Program" sponsored in part by the US Department of Commerce. The Russian delegation visitors pay their own way to travel here, with housing and evening meals supplied by Rotarian host families. District 5160 leads the nation's Rotarians in hosting delegations (this is our 5<sup>th</sup> year).

**Measure L Opposition.** International management consultant Ken Hambrick from the Alliance of Contra Costa Taxpayers spoke to us in opposition to Measure L, the County Library 1/8<sup>th</sup> percent sales tax initiative. Mr. Hambrick noted that, while supporting the need for libraries, his taxpayers' group is concerned that this sales tax lets the County Board of Supervisors off the hook for their continuing failure to provide adequate funding for this service. Sales taxes hit the fixed and lower income taxpayer hardest of all. The group also is concerned that only 6.2% of the measures funding is for books and materials, with most funding going towards staff. Library supporters should join with taxpayer groups to force the State to return stolen tax funds back to the counties and local governments to fund these important local services.

**This Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>--Community Service Project—Sugar Loaf Open Space Amphitheater** Come help this Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30am until around 2pm. The Open Space park is located at the end of Young's Valley Road off of Rudgear Road in south Walnut Creek. Call **Jack Fischer** if you need more information. We need help from all willing and able Club members and friends, because **Prez Berry** says "we don't need his kind of help."

**Sunshine Report about Roy Hjersman**

Margaret Hjersman thanks all of the Rotarians, spouses, and friends for the cards, letters, calls, and visits she and husband **Roy Hjersman** have received during his recovery from a recent stroke. **Roy** expects to be back with us again soon. You can continue to relay cards and messages through Margaret and arrange for visits with Roy.

**Recognitions: Prez Barry Squelches Truth, Imposes Unprecedented Fine on Bulletin Editor**

Apparently forgetting who gets the last word around here (at least in print), **Prez Barry** fined **Bulletin Editor John McClintic** and **Community Service Project leader Jack Fischer** for their report to the membership concerning the Club's major community service project for 2000-2001. The report noted that Prez Barry no-showed at the first day of construction of the Club's Sugar Loaf Open Space amphitheater project, opting instead to enjoy a champagne sailing cruise on SF Bay. Besides being an act unheard of in recorded Club history, Prez Barry's fining of the Bulletin Editor and the Community Service Project Leader stomped on the principles of a free society that the Club is trying to demonstrate for the visiting delegation of bakers from the Russian Republic. What do you have to say for yourself, Mister President?

**Packages from Chuck: Wolf Heinritz, Claudine Fletcher, and Tom Grimm** received mystery packages delivered by **Prez Barry** from former Club member **Chuck Miller** now living in San Diego. The recipients are to report their bounty this week, and settle with the Prez.

**Rotary International News: Rotary International Announces RI President Nominee for 2002-2003** Bhichai Rattakul of the Rotary Club of Dhonburi, Bangkok, Thailand, has been unanimously nominated to serve as the President of Rotary International for the Rotary Year 2002-2003. Bhichai served as a member of Parliament of Thailand for nine terms, also serving as leader of the Democratic Party, foreign minister, and deputy prime minister. His prior

international service to RI includes RI Director 1990-92 and RI Foundation Trustee 1985-86.

**Rotary International Credit Card** RI President Frank Devlyn announces that the Rotary International Board of Trustees has approved RI's sponsorship of a credit card which will bear the name and emblem of Rotary International. Royalties generated from purchases using this card will go directly to the Foundation to support its service projects worldwide. Application forms are available from the RI web site, [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). An article about the card also can be found on page 12 of the October issue of The Rotarian magazine.

**2000 North American President's Conference--** Looking for an excuse to get away for one last beach fling before winter? Attend the 2000 North American President's Conference in Miami, Florida. For information and registration forms, surf on over to [www.rotary.org/meetings/presconf/miami/index.htm](http://www.rotary.org/meetings/presconf/miami/index.htm). The program features an all-day Projects Fair and Task Force Exhibition, an Open Forum with the RI President and other Senior Leaders, Roundtable Discussion Groups and much more. Additionally, many dynamic individuals, including Dr. Michael Nobel of the Nobel Family Society and leaders in law enforcement and the medical community, will be serving as resource panelists and speakers.

**Announcements:**

**Yosemite Weekend 2001 Dates Set: September October 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>** Signups have begun for next year's Club weekend in Yosemite. See Fletcher Tyler or find the signup sheet at an upcoming meeting.

**Invite a Friend or Business Contact to Join Us for Lunch.** We have many excellent programs ahead in October and November. Take this opportunity to invite a friend or business contact to enjoy a Rotary meeting "on us." Let them learn about the fellowship and service opportunities available in the wonderful world of Rotary.

**Mel Bacher's Oracle Challenge 2000.** Thanks to **Mel Bacher** for donating 10 post-split shares of Oracle stock (fmv approx \$35/share) to the Community Foundation Endowment, and for offering to donate another 10 post-split shares for use as incentive (as he did last year) for a matching donation program to be devised by the Club and Foundation leadership. We are awaiting details on the incentive program from the Club's Board of Directors.

**Our Club's Community Foundation is selling Entertainment Books—**Profits from sales will be contributed to the Community Foundation's permanent endowment fund. See **Carl Manna**.

**International Fellowship of Rotarians Home Exchange.** **Stan Hill** has information about this program which helps put Rotarians in contact with other Rotarians around the world. The Fellowship helps interested Rotarians make their homes available for use by visiting Rotarians and obtain lodging on a reciprocal basis at the home of a foreign Rotarian. Please see Stan for an application to register for the coming year. Cost is \$50 and is **due by October 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**Our Club and Community Foundation Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser, February 3<sup>d</sup>.** Start lining up auction items now. See Russ Anderson and Jim Campana with your ideas and for more information.

**Placemat Advertising.** See **Heinz Hoffman** to sign up for a business card ad on our new lunch placemats. ½ year (\$45) and 3 mos (\$25) spaces are still available.

**Get Your Rotary Announcements in the Bulletin: Our regular publishing deadline is Sunday night.** You can phone your bulletin announcements to **John McClintic** by 9:00pm on Sunday to be sure to be included. Call John at 930-7352 and leave your message on the answering machine, or fax to 925-945-8932, or email to [johnm@rotarywc.org](mailto:johnm@rotarywc.org).