



Rotary Club Of Walnut Creek
P.O. Box 4191
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Upcoming Events

- Dec 15 Holiday Party and Catered Dinner at Palmer School.
- Jan 12-13 Annual Reno Train Trip. See Randy Walker or Fletcher Tyler now for possible late reservations.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

- Nov 19 Lyn Kenney, Salvation Army
- Nov 26 David Coleman, Deputy Public Defender

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The Walnut Leaf

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This Week's Worker Bees

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| Presiding | Bruce Cockerham | Birthdays..... | Jim Campana |
| Team Captain | Carl Manna | Anniversaries..... | |
| Thought/Pledge..... | Tom Grimm | Song Leader..... | Doug Goodrich |
| Guest Intro & Mic... | Chris Gnanakone | Bulletin Editor..... | John McClintic |
| Speaker Intro..... | Carl Manna | Next Bulletin Editor.... | John McClintic |
| Set-Up/Take-Down.. | Chris Gnanakone | | |
| Ticket Sales..... | Wolfgang Heinritz | | |

THIS PROGRAM

**Today: Bob Kochly,
Chief Deputy District Attorney**

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**CLUB NO. 4191
ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160**

Chartered April 7, 1937

Bhichai Rattakul
International President

Sow the Seeds of Love

Mark Von Hoetendorff
District Governor

Connie Crawford
District Governor Nominee

Bruce Cockerham
President

Jack Fischer
President-Elect

Roger Dolan
Immediate Past President

**Clint Collier
& Layton Hansen**
Secretaries

Quentin Alexander
Attendance Secretary

Rod Uffindell
Treasurer

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Hari Boukis
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Hari Boukis
Bulletin Publisher

Directors
2001-2003
Mike Frost
2002-2004
Georgia Cockerham
Layton Hanson
Bruce Johnson
Carl Manna
Jack Matkin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Turkey Sighting

John Roberts brought **Pres Bruce** a new hat to wear for the holiday season. Pres Bruce gobbled up the opportunity to extract sponsorships from Club members, providing cash for the Club treasury in recognition of the sacrifice to come in the weeks ahead (as Pres Bruce wears the hat at meetings). Don't fowl out; turn in your sponsorship contributions to Tony Gourkani.

Memo from Roy Hjersman, DT, on Why Fire Trucks Are Red (and other Tall Tales...)

Our "Doctor of Typewriters" reasons as follows: Fire trucks have 4 wheels and 8 men. Everyone knows that 4 and 8 make 12. There are 12 inches in a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth, a ruler, is also the name of the largest passenger ship on the seas. Seas have fish and fish have fins. The Finns fought the Russians. Russians are Red. Fire trucks are always rushin'; therefore, fire trucks are red.

If you think this is a tall tale, have you ever heard a Club member explain why they missed a Team meeting, assignment, or meeting (without a make-up), or left a meeting early????

Recognitions

Thanks to **Lance Mendes and Jim Schmidt** for buying a "weekend" use of a 2002 BMW Z-3 being raffled by the Rotary Club of Lafayette (see info below).

Allen Wesdorf recently bowled a 224, and also enjoyed a trip to Oregon. Pres Bruce also shared a recent advertisement which listed Allen as a founding member of the Pleasant Hill Lion's Club which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

Sunshine Report

Wolfgang Heinritz is adjusting to a pacemaker "installed" while he was traveling in Reno. Wolf reports that he was fortunate to be near highly skilled medical treatment when he experienced heart problems. We wish him a speedy recovery and return to action.

Medical Testing Opportunity—State of the Art Hearing Devices

Mark Sanford advises that hearing impaired persons are invited to try out the latest technology in hearing devices. This is state of the art technology, not yet released to the general public. Program participants will have 4-6 appointments over the 60-180 testing trial period. There is no obligation or cost to the participants. For info or to sign-up, contact Mark Sanford 938-8656.

Announcement of Change to Community Foundation By-Laws:

The Board of Trustees of the Walnut Creek Community Foundation at their meeting of the September 17, 2002 approved a change in the bylaws. The change will read that "No appointed Trustee shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. A Trustee after serving two consecutive three-year terms may, after two years absence, again be appointed a Trustee." The change in the by-laws was unanimously approved by the Trustee's at the Board meeting and is subject to repeal by a vote of the members of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek. Any Club member that has any questions regarding this by-law change should contact Ivan Kerr, secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Meet the New Member—Erik Leuteneker

One of our newest members, Erik is a fourth generation Californian. He grew up in Orinda, graduating from Miramonte High School. He proceeded to UC Santa Barbara where he enjoyed rugby and surfing, spent the next three years working in the family's commercial painting business which bears their name "Leuteneker, Inc.", then earned his MBA in International Finance in Arizona. He now is buying out his father's interest in the business, and looks forward to being a third generation Rotarian, following his father and grandfather. Erik, his wife, and their two children (3yrs and 4 months) live in Lafayette.

Rotary License Plate Program

You can help Rotary make a difference in our community and state by purchasing a specialized California Rotary License Plate. The Rotary special interest license plate is an official license plate issued by California's Department of Motor Vehicles. come back to local clubs for as long as the plates are in use. Proceeds from the sale of these Rotary License Plates (in excess of the basic DMV registration fees, production costs, and environmental fund fees (for personalized plates)) benefit educational and community outreach activities supported by Rotary International in California.

California Rotary License Plates feature the motto

"Service Above Self" and the emblem of Rotary International, and are "moving billboards" for Rotary, providing a wide-ranging, colorful, reminder of Rotary's ideals.

We need a minimum of 7,500 applications and checks to be submitted to the California Rotary License Plate Team in the year 2002. As of October 29, there are 1467 or about 20% of the total needed. These applications and checks must be presented to the California DMV before they will start making our Rotary License Plates. We NEED everyone's help to get as much awareness and exposure of this worthy project as soon as possible.

For more information, go to www.ca-rotarylicenseplates.org.

Sunrise Rotary's Super Bowl Raffle

The Walnut Creek Sunrise Rotary Club will have a drawing on December 10, 2002 to select the winner of a trip for two to the Super Bowl in San Diego, January 26, 2003. The winner will have 2 choice tickets to Super Bowl XXVII, and 3 nights stay in deluxe accommodations (two night prior and the night after the game). Raffle tickets are \$50 and may be obtained from any Sunrise Rotarian or by calling Bruce Hahn 932-4044; Tom Cranmer 933-1044; or PDG Bill Spalding 938-0700.

Lafayette Rotary's 2002 BMW Z-3 Raffle

James Bond wannabes will want to take a chance on this Rotary Club of Lafayette fundraiser. \$50 per ticket, maximum of 1,000 tickets. Drawing December 11. Call Mike Heller 682-3577.

Annual Rotary Reno Train Trip January 12-13, 2003

See **Randy Walker or Fletcher Tyler** if you would like to be added in for the annual Rotary train trip to Reno on January 12th and 13th. Join Rotarians from throughout the Bay Area on this annual trip through the beautiful Sierra Nevada mountains to Reno. Great scenery, fellowship, fine dining, and shows make this a favorite social outing. \$200 (single) \$190 (double) occupancy, including your round trip train travel on the Rotary Express. Additional spaces may be available but you should let Randy or Fletcher know now so that he can make arrangements to add you in.

Annual Club Holiday Party and Catered Dinner—Sunday, December 15th

Mark your calendars for this year's Club Holiday Party on

Sunday night, December 15. The Northgate High School Madrigals will be singing for us. We will have a no-host bar and catered dinner at the Palmer School. More details to follow.

Annual President's Dinner with Rotary International Pres. Bhichai Rattakul Fri January 3, 2003, The Double Tree Hotel, Two Portola Plaza, Monterey

Join us in welcoming our Rotary International President BHICHAIRATTAKUL to California. You won't want to miss our outstanding leader! No host reception 6:30pm; dinner at 7:30pm. \$45 per person, reserved seating for tables of 10. Black Tie Optional.

For Dinner Tickets, either sign up to join with our Club members to form our own table(s) or you can contact Dick Burkhalter 925-254-2222 in the Rotary Club of Orinda.

NO DINNER TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE EVENT!

For Hotel reservations, call 831-649-4511, and ask for the special Rotary rate of \$79 per night.

Has your personal information changed?

If your mailing address, telephone or fax numbers, email address, or other personal information changes, please tell the Club Secretary, **Clint Collier**, so that he can keep our records up to date. Contact Clint at the meetings or by email to clintc@rotarywc.org.

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.