This Week’s Worker Bees

Presiding ......................... Jack Fischer
Team Captain ................... Carl Manna
Thought/Pledge............... Richard Ma
Guest Intro & Mic............. Mel Bacher
Speaker Intro................ Mel Bacher
Set-Up/Take-Down........... Richard Ma
Ticket Sales................ Layton Hansen

Birthdays...................... Sharon Camandona
Anniversaries............ Doug Goodrich
Song Leader............... Doug Goodrich
Bulletin Editor.......... John McClintic
Next Bulletin Editor..... John McClintic

Upcoming Events

April 22-29, Russian Entrepreneur Program. See Russ Anderson to help host our visitors.
May 8 Sunrise Rotary Club “Cinco de Mayo” Fundraiser, Civic Park Auditorium.
Sunday, May 16, Jazz Festival/Picnic Fundraiser, Borges Ranch, Noon to 4pm
May 29-31, Rotary District Conference, Redding. Saturday, February 5, 2005, our next Crab Feed Fundraiser. Mark your calendars now.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

March 2 Bruce Cockerham, The Art of Brewing Fine Beer
March 9 Carolyn Wu, Assistant to the White House Chief of Staff During Clinton’s Presidency
March 16 Past Presidents, Past WC Rotary Club Presidents Day

For the latest “scoop” on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page: www.rotarywc.org
Why a Leap Year?

Thanks to Tom Rockwell for passing along the following info on “Leap Year.” Because astronomers have determined that it takes more than a perfect 365 days for the earth to circle the sun. It takes 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds. That’s a difference of almost 6 hours. So every 4 years we have to add a day to our year just to catch up. But obviously, that’s a little bit of overkill. So every so often, the extra day must be eliminated. Starting with the year 1700, every century year is not a leap year, except for every fourth century. Thus the years 1700, 1800, and 1900 were not leap years, whereas the years 1600 and 2000 were left intact as leap years. The next cancellation of a leap year will be the year 2100. If there are any questions, please contact Pope Gregory. Of course you may have to wait a while. He died in 1572.

Our Club and our affiliated Community Foundation have been involved with the following Grants and Projects during 2003-2004.

Grants:
- Dictionaries for Walnut Creek Schools’ fourth graders
  - $2649.50
- Camp Royal and Venture Scholarships
  - $3,150.00
- Special Olympics
  - $865.00
- WCPD DARE / Every 15 minutes (High school DUI program)
  - $2,500.00
- Garden Center at Heather Farms (out door shaded classroom)
  - $2,500.00
- Ruth Bancroft Garden (high school curriculum for garden science)
  - $1,000.00
- Family Stress Center (Walnut Creek) (Child safety program)
  - $2,000.00
- Las Lomas High School Scholarship
  - $1,000.00
- Dist. 5160 matching grant for medical instruments for a hospital in Valdivia,Chile
  - $1,000.00
- Dist. 5160/5190 Rotaplast trip to Santa Cruz, Bolivia
  - $650.00
- Food banks of Contra Costa and Solano
  - $2,000.00

Hands on Projects performed by Club members:
- Amphitheater at Borges Ranch, no expense
- Kiosk at Heather Farm Park, no expense
- Centennial Project (bridge)
  - $2,000.00 (part of the Heather Farms restoration)
- Assistance League of Diablo Valley
  - up to $1,000.00 (dressing rooms – hands on project)
- International House Tour (UC)
  - $175.00

Total estimated grants/expenditures
- $22,489.50

In addition to the above Grants and Projects, the Club also has pledged $17,000.00 to the Polio Plus program for the three years 2002-2005. As of the end of December 2003 we only had $3,501.00 to go to fully fund our pledge.

Membership Promotions
- Bob Morgan and Ali Aljianian have graduated from red badge to blue badge status.

Prospective Member
- Michael DeMeo, of the Michael DeMeo Insurance Agency (State Farm), has been proposed for membership. Please provide any comments to Club Secretary, Clint Collier.

Membership Tip: Fellowship—A Popular Benefit of Rotary
- Pam Raumer, our membership Chair, reminds us about one of the important benefits of Rotary membership—fellowship by visiting other Clubs. Rotary’s minimum attendance requirement is actually very easy to satisfy in our area given that we have many, many local Clubs to visit for “make-ups” morning, noon, and night, and we now have 2 weeks before and after a missed meeting to make-up. Visiting members are welcome at Rotary Clubs around the world, and most members find it to be a very enjoyable way to extend your Rotary perspective.