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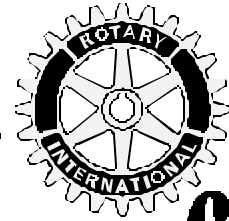
Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 5, 2005, our next Crab Feed Fundraiser. Mark your calendars now.
Saturday, August 14, 2004 Annual District Conference. A new one-day format designed to be a fun day for Rotarians, their spouses, and their children.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

May 25 Juan Laos, Soaring with the Eagles

For the latest "scoop" on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page:
www.rotarywc.org



The Walnut Leaf

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This Week's Worker Bees

Presiding	Jack Fischer	Birthdays.....	
Team Captain	Tony Gourkani	Anniversaries.....	Charlotte Nelson
Thought/Pledge.....	John McClintic	Song Leader.....	Doug Goodrich
Guest Intro & Mic.....	Doug Goodrich	Bulletin Editor.....	John McClintic
Speaker Intro.....	Gordon Fisher	Next Bulletin Editor....	John McClintic
Set-Up/Take-Down.....	John McClintic		
Ticket Sales.....	Allen Wesdorf		

THIS PROGRAM

Today: Robert Yee, Insurance Fraud

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ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrate the Rotary Centennial—Fast Facts about Rotary International

Rotary was founded in 1905. Rotary is made up of 1.2 million business and professional leaders who work to better their community and build understanding and peace in the world. Rotary is a non-political, non-religious humanitarian organization.

Rotary accomplishes this through over 31,000 local clubs in 166 countries which exist to improve communities locally and around the world. Rotary also encourages high ethical standards in business and professions. Rotary clubs work to advance international understanding by partnering with clubs in other countries.

Since 1947, the Rotary Foundation has awarded more than US\$1.1 billion in humanitarian and educational grants, which are administered at the local level. Rotary projects address critical issues in communities around the world. Here are some of Rotary's focus areas:

- Polio Eradication - In 1985, Rotary's members vowed to make the world polio-free. This 20-year commitment to end polio represents the largest private-sector support of a global health initiative to date.
 - Rotary has already committed US\$500 million and countless hours of volunteer work to help immunize nearly two billion children throughout the world.
 - Today, there are only a few hundred polio cases worldwide, a 99.8 percent reduction since 1988, when polio paralyzed more than 350,000 children a year.
- International Education - Rotary is the world's largest privately funded source of international scholarships. Each year,

nearly 1,000 university students receive Rotary scholarships to study in another country. Rotary clubs also coordinate a high school-age student exchange program that sends nearly 8,000 students abroad for 3 months to a year.

- Peace - In an effort to educate tomorrow's peacemakers and ambassadors, Rotary recently launched the Rotary Centers for International Studies for peace and conflict studies at eight prestigious universities worldwide. The program provides master's-level degree education in conflict resolution to a group of 70 Rotary World Peace Scholars chosen annually in a world-competitive selection process.
- Literacy - Rotary clubs are engaged in the fight against illiteracy worldwide. One example is a Rotary literacy program in Thailand that dramatically reduced school failure and was adopted by the Thai government for all the nation's schools.

Source: www.rotary.org

Rossmoor Rotary Centennial Fundraiser This Friday Night, May 21st

Join the Rotary Club of Rossmoor at their annual fundraising dinner, at the Fireside Room at Gateway in Rossmoor. Happy hour starts at 5pm, dinner at 6pm. Dinner includes prime rib or filet of sole, spinach and ricotta cannelloni with all the trimmings, and strawberry shortcake for dessert. Cost is \$60 per person, with \$40 of that tax deductible contribution to their community foundation. Deadline for tickets is Wednesday, May 19th. Send your checks to Scott Walker, 605 Foxwood Way, Walnut Creek CA 94595.

District Conference 2004-2005 to be Held August 14, 2004, in Vacaville

Mark your calendars now for the 2004-2005 District Conference which is being changed to a one-day

format. It will be held August 14, 2004 in Vacaville at the Yee Ranch. The conference will be a family affair with Rotarians, spouses, and children expected and encouraged to attend.

Rotary Foundation Fun Day/Fundraiser 2004-2005 Scheduled for May 2005

With the District Conference moving to August 2004, the Rotary Foundation fun day and fundraiser will be held in May 2005. Details to follow.

Reach for the Peak for Polio Plus, Mt Shasta June 28-29

There will be another REACH THE PEAK FOR POLIO PLUS climb up MT. SHASTA this year on June 28-29. Anyone interested in making the climb, please see **Russ Anderson**.

Kohoku Exchange Program—Applications Encouraged

If you have a college age child/grandchild/nephew-niece etc. interested in representing the Club as part of the four week summer exchange program with the Rotary Club of Tokyo (Kohoku) Japan, please contact **Al Sevilla**. We are trying to line up prospects for this summer and for future years, as well.

Club Dues—July 1 Billing Cycle

Members who have elected the July 1st billing cycle should be receiving their invoices for membership dues by June 1st. Please pay promptly. Dues remain at \$175 per year and payment is due by July 1st and becomes delinquent if not received by July 27th.

Prospective Members

Zachary Sahar, Capital Tax & Financial Services at 2121 N California Blvd. Suite 395, and Matthew Gheisari, owner of Aladdin Persian Rug at 1385 North Main Street are proposed for membership in the Club. Please provide any comments to the Club Secretary, Clint Collier.

International Service Project

The Davis Sunrise Rotary Club, in partnership with

the UCD Medical School, the Rotary Club and Medical School of Leon, Nicaragua, is developing a world community service project to support and expand an existing medical & dental clinic in Leon, Nicaragua. Help is particularly needed with the following:

- Physicians that might be interested in exploring the opportunity of going to Leon, Nicaragua (for 1-4 weeks) to "mentor" our med students who are going there to work in the clinic on a 4 week rotation. The Department of Health physician currently seeing patients in the clinic has the sole responsibility for this.
- People with "building" skills as the infrastructure needs a bit of work
- Medical supplies (list provided upon request)
- Additional partnerships in this world community service project.

If you, your Rotary Club(s), professional colleagues, friends or family are interested in participating please contact Gretchen Peralta, President, Rotary Club of Davis Sunrise, via email gperalta@dcn.davis.ca.us or telephone (530) 304-9983.

New Member Orientation Meetings

John Gardner, our Cogmaster, reminds all of our new "Red Badge" members to attend a series of programs for new members on the third Tuesday of each month, starting today. The meetings will be at the Club's regular meeting place at Heather Farms from 12:00-12:30 p.m. (in the room behind the speakers podium) to minimize conflicts with everyone's schedules. Be sure to put a reminder on your calendars. As always please feel free to call John (or any Club member) any time you have questions or need assistance with Club matters.

Sunshine Committee

Help the Club send good will wishes and support for Rotarians and spouses recovering from surgery