

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Dec 6th Our Annual Holiday party, at Oscar and Tessie Wu's house, 5:30pm-9pm.

Saturday, Feb 4th, Crab Feed 2006. Our annual fundraiser.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

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

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This Week's Worker Bees

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Anniversaries Barry Slavin
Song Leader Doug Goodrich
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THIS ROGRAM Doug Goodrich,

Why Investing in the Rotary Foundation Makes Good Sense

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at the Home of Oscar and Tessie Wu

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognitions

Lu Hughes "experienced" a trip to the Mexican Riviera with his wife and sister-in-law.

Christy DeVoe reported on her trip to Vietnam as a volunteer on a recent Rotoplast team.

Birthday and Anniversary Assessments Owed

If you have celebrated a birthday or anniversary, or both, since July, be sure to pay your \$20 assessment for each occasion to our Sergeant-at-Arms, **Lu Hughes**.

Holiday Party, Next Tuesday, December 6th, 5:30pm to 9:30pm at the Home of Oscar and Tessie Wu

The Entertainment planned for the evening is: Paul King's 4-Piece Band, Sing-a-Long Holiday Carols, Dancing and Fellowship! Cost is \$20/Person, and checks can be made out to The Rotary Club of Walnut Creek. Contact **Pam Raumer** to signup, 925-274-5740 or praumer@rina.com.

Food & Beverage: We are asking that you bring cold food only, or bring yours already heated. Since Tessie only has one stove, the food should not need to be warmed or cooked. Your food should be able to feed about 10 people. Bring service utensils as well. We will be serving beer, wine, champagne, soda, water, tea and coffee. Suggestions: Sushi Platter, Shrimp Cocktail, Fruit Platter, Sliced Meats & Cheeses w/Rolls & Condiments, Antipasto Platter/Relish Dish, Vegetables & Dip, Smoked Salmon, Tea Sandwiches, Deviled Eggs, Spinach Dip & French Bread, Tortilla Roll-Ups, Mixed Nuts, Prosciutto Ham Wrapped Asparagus, Potato, Pasta, Bean, Fruit Salads, And lots of Desserts!

We want to protect the Wu's beautiful wood floor, so we are asking that ladies do not wear sharp heels.

Toys for Tots—Bring a Donation to the Holiday Party December 6th
We will be collecting toys for the Marine Corp Toys for Tots
campaign. Donations can be dropped off at the Holiday
Party, and possibly at upcoming Club meetings.

Club Monthly Golf Outing, Wednesday, December 14th
Our next Club golf outing is Wednesday, December 14th. Location to be determined. Please contact **Carl Manna** if you want to join in. Our first outing in November had 12 golfers.

World Swim for Malaria Fundraiser

See **Jesse Smyers** if you would like to sponsor his swim to raise money for an international relief project to combat malaria, sponsored by Rotary International.

Reno Train Trip 2006—January 22-23

There may be some room for a few more Rotarians on the 2006 Reno Trip. See **Fletcher Tyler** and **Randy Walker**. \$240 single, \$220 double occupancy. This is a fabulous ride through the snow-covered Sierras, with lots of fun in Reno before the trip back. The trip is open to Rotarians only.

Crab Feed 2006—Saturday February 4th at Concord Centre

There are only five more Club meetings before the Crab Feed. This year's crab feed fundraiser will be Saturday, February 4th, at Centre Concord, the same location as prior years. Our master of ceremonies will be Dan Ashley of Channel 7 news. This is our major fund-raiser for the Community Foundation.

Tickets are available now. See **Mitch Ambro**. Buy a table of ten and reserve an entire table for your group. Buy less than 10 and buy a sponsorship for a table and you can select your seating location.

No Bull: If you want to eat chicken at the Crab Feed (instead of just crab) you need to get a "chicken chit" at the time you buy your ticket.

There are a number of ways you can help with our annual fund raising Crab Feed! Numerous working committees need help. If you would like to help in one of these areas contact the listed Rotarian who is in charge of this portion of the event!

- Silent Auction Lu Hughes
- Live Auction Bob Morgan
- Reverse Draw Layton Hansen
- Greeting and Check In Bruce Johnson
- Drink Service Andy Halprin
- Kitchen Pam Raumer Please contact Pam if you can help in the kitchen.
- Raffle Lance Mendes
- Wine Barrels Gordon Fischer
- Cleanup Clive Masten

Additionally we are looking for the support of every member of the club by...

- Purchasing at least 4 tickets and brining a couple of friends.
- Donating an item, through your team, for the Silent Auction.

- Helping your team develop at least one item for the Live Auction.
- Donating 2 bottles of wine for the Wine Barrels (no two-buck-chuck please!).

Kohoku Exchange Student Program 2006

It is now time to start thinking about who will represent our club next year as our 39th Kohoku Exchange Student. This is a fantastic opportunity and life changing experience for the chosen student who will represent our club as the 39th ambassador that we will send to Japan. Listed below are the basic requirements and timing for this program.

Who Is Eligible: Our first choice is to have a child or grandchild of a Walnut Creek Rotarian represent us. If this cannot be done we will extend our search to nieces and nephews. We have found it is best for the participant to be at least 19 years old and a college student and it is even better if they are a few years older. The older and more mature the participant, the more they get out of it and the better the ambassador they are.

When Is The Exchange: The student leaves for Japan in the second to third week of July and is gone for four weeks. Please check your school schedule carefully before applying.

What Is Expected Of the Participant: The chosen participant is expected to be a model citizen while in Japan and remember at all times that they are representing our Club, Rotary, and our Country in a program that has existed for 39 years. They are also expected to act accordingly and appropriately at all times during the exchange and be open to new experiences as they learn about a very different foreign culture.

What Is Expected Of the Participant's Family: The family is expected to host the incoming student for 4-5 days, preferably after our student returns home. They are also expected to be actively involved with the arrival and send off of the incoming Japanese student. They are also expected to organize and run the following year's exchange program.

What Cost Is Involved: The club pays for the airfare and all living expenses are paid for by the host families in Japan, just as we do on this end. The participant only needs to take spending money for shopping and incidentals.

By the end of 2005 we would like to have this person and a back up identified. If you have someone who is interested in being considered be sure they are aware of what is involved and are willing to accept all of the aforementioned conditions and then contact Rick Mathews @ rbm8@sbcglobal.net. Each candidate should submit a resume which spells out who they

are, how they are related to Rotary, how old they are, what they are doing with their life, why they think they would be the ideal ambassador for this exchange, any other pertinent information that would enhance their candidacy, how they can be reached, and when they will be available to interview if away at school. We will plan on interviewing candidates in December and make a decision around the first of 2006.

Set Your E-Mail Settings to Allow Email from rotarywc.org

We have noticed that many corporate email systems, and some private systems, have increased their restrictions on inbound email messages. While this helps cut down on SPAM, it also can block "friendly" messages. Please tell your email administrator to allow email coming from our rotarywc.org domain, or at least from "wcclub@rotarywc.org". Please note that the wcclub@rotarywc.org address is a new "Clubwide" email address, and replaces the "allmembers" address which was taken over by evil spammers.

New Members

Please welcome our recently inducted new members, **David Hanks**, of Peregrine Lending Corporation, in the classification "Lending—Residential and Commercial", **Bob Romero**, of Great Clips, membership classification "Haircut Salons"; **Cleve Masten**, of Accountants Plus, membership classification "Staffing – Employment" **Cathy Durfee**, Greater Bay Bank, Classification "Banking – Commercial, **Evelyn Ponce**, Mechanics Bank, "Banking—Management", **Renee Hamilton**, Classification "Assisted Living", **Christy DeVoe**, Sierra Surgery Center, classification "Medical – Nurse", **Dick Lam**, classification "Attorney-Tax", **Bert Payne** of Starcare International, Inc., healthcare consultant, and **Mitch Ambro**, The Mortgage Practice, mortgage broker.

Invite a Friend or Associate to Try Rotary

Members are urged to invite their friends and associates to a Rotary luncheon or Rotary event. If your guest has an interest in joining our Club or receiving more information, have them either contact Pamela Raumer at 925-274-5740 or praumer@rina.com or better yet, introduce them to Pamela and she will make sure that they receive the Rotary information packet. There is an inventory of Rotary information and applications at our registration desk at our Tuesday meetings - see Hari or Quentin.

Sunshine Committee

Help the Club send good will wishes and support for Rotarians and spouses recovering from surgery or experiencing prolonged illness. Contact **Lee Schneider**.

Get Your Rotary Announcements in the Bulletin: Our regular publishing deadline is Sunday night. You