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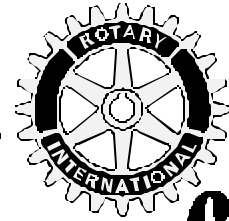
Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Dec 6th Our Annual Holiday party, at Oscar and Tessie Wu's house, 5-9pm.
Saturday, Feb 4th, Crab Feed 2006. Our annual fundraiser.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

Nov 29th Doug Goodrich, Why Investing in the Rotary Foundation Makes Good Sense

For the latest "scoop" on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page:
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The Walnut Leaf

ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK

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This Week's Worker Bees

PresidingOscar Wu	Ticket Sales.....Alex Lommel
Director.....Milt Smith	Birthdays.....
Team CaptainGary Pokorny	Anniversaries.....
Thought/Pledge.....Barry Slavin	Song Leader..... Doug Goodrich
Guest Intro & Mic.....Bill Larmer	Bulletin Editor..... John McClintic
Speaker Intro.....Gary Pokorny	Next Bulletin Editor.... John McClintic
Set-Up/Take-Down.....John McClintic	

THIS PROGRAM

Kevin Sanchez:
The Trip Up Kilimanjaro
to Celebrate the Big Four Ooh

Go Bears — Kiss my Axe!
oh, and... uh, Happy Thanksgiving.

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ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160**
- Chartered April 7, 1937
Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
International President
- Service Above Self*
- Brian D Thiessen**
District Governor
- Candy Pierce**
District
Governor Elect
- Oscar Wu**
President
- Clint Collier**
President-Elect
- Gill Bordenave**
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Clint Collier
Carl Manna
Doug Goodrich
Jack Matkin
Russ Anderson
Bob Morgan
Milt Smith
John Milsap
Zach Sahar
Charlotte Nelson Quinn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognitions

District Governor Brian Thiessen was on-hand to recognize **Adrian Mendes** for over 50 years of service to Rotary, and **Jack Fischer** with over 25 years of service to Rotary.

DG Brian also awarded Quent Alexander the Cliff Dokterman award for over 37 years of dedicated service to both Rotary and to the Boy Scouts of America.

Christy DeVoe has returned from her recent Rotoplast volunteer mission to Vietnam. 77 surgeries were performed and 101 children were treated. The Rotoplast team did an amazing job considering that their destination was almost wiped out by a flood the day before they arrived. Fortunately, the local Rotary volunteers handled things well and the team was able to do its work.

The Club endured some pretty spotty singing from **alumni of both Cal and Stanford** before the Big Game. The singing performance matched the ups and downs of the teams' on-field performances this year. And the Big Game itself was another long, painful day for the Stanford folks. Maybe the good news is that next week the old 80,000+ seat Stanford Stadium will be completely torn down and replaced with a modern 50,000 seat stadium, so fewer Stanford fans will have to endure such pain in the future.

Gill Bordenave paid in \$50 for Cal's poor showing against USC.

Mark Hull reported winning \$500 in a two-month signing competition, and shared some of his prize money with our Foundation.

Eagle-eyed **Ivan Kerr** "recognized" **Clint Collier**'s face in the Uncle Sam picture featured on our weekly Crab Feed announcement in the Bulletin.

Thanks to **Carl Manna** for organizing our first monthly Club golf outing on November 16th. **Russ Anderson, Bob Johnston, John McClintic, Layton Hansen, Dave Hanks, Dick Lam, Wolf Heinritz, Lance Mendes, Doug Goodrich, John Milsap,** and former member Rick Harding joined in the fun. We hope more Club members and "hackers-on" will come along on future outings.

Holiday Party, Tuesday, December 6th, 5:30pm to 9:30pm at the Wu Home

Oscar and Tessie Wu have generously offered their home in Walnut Creek to host our annual Holiday Party. 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 sign up, 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

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.

Reno Train Trip 2006—January 22-23

Rotarians are encouraged to see **Fletcher Tyler** and **Randy Walker** to sign up for the 2006 Reno trip. \$240 single, \$220 double occupancy. Hotel TBD. We need your money now to reserve the few spaces allotted to us. 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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Many happy returns of the day to **Joe Anthony, Jack Fischer, Chris Gnanakone, Fred Scheffler, Rem Barnard, Dick Lam, Al Sevilla, Rene Hamilton, and Rod Uffindell**, who celebrate birthdays in November.

And congratulations to **Al Sevilla** who celebrates his 25th wedding anniversary this month.

Crab Feed 2006—Saturday February 4th at Concord Centre

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
- 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 in-bound 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 "wclub@rotarywc.org". Please note that the wclub@rotarywc.org address is a new "Club-wide" 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 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.