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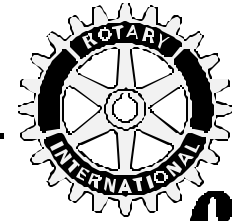
### Upcoming Events

Oct 21-22, District 5160 "Cave Man and Rain Man" conference, at the Concord Hilton Hotel  
Who am I? 1. Russ Anderson and 2. Tom Rockwell

### Upcoming Meeting Programs

- Aug 16 Paul Fisher's Trip to Cartagena, Columbia - Micro Bank Project
- Aug 23 Prof. Christine Yeh, Understanding causes for failure in New York City schools
- Aug 30 Mark Curtis, Channel 2, news anchor

For the latest "scoop" on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page:  
[www.rotarywc.org](http://www.rotarywc.org)



# The Walnut Leaf

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### This Week's Worker Bees

Presiding .....Oscar Wu	Ticket Sales.....Ken Wirfel
Director.....Rem Barnard	Birthdays.....Ursula Behiel
Team Captain ..... Bryan Yeh	Anniversaries.....
Thought/Pledge.....Bill Hourihan	Song Leader..... Doug Goodrich
Guest Intro & Mic.....Jim Campana	Bulletin Editor..... John McClintic
Speaker Intro.....Howard Rudiger	Next Bulletin Editor.... John McClintic
Set-Up/Take-Down.....Layton Hansen	

THIS PROGRAM

Prof. Matthew Francis  
Nanotechnology

Welcome to our  
Kohoku Exchange Student:  
**Yusake Funaki**

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ROTARY  
INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 5160**

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Charlotte Nelson Quinn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome to our Kohoku Exchange Student—Yusake Funaki

Be sure to welcome Yusake Funaki, our exchange student visiting during August from the Rotary Club of Tokyo (Kohoku) Japan. Club members should please contact **Andy Halperin** to coordinate your host activities during August.

### Dues Are Now Due for Members on the mid-year billing cycle.

For Members on the mid-year billing cycle, Rotary dues packets have been either handed to you directly or sent via US Mail. Please take a moment and either bring to the next meeting or pop in the mail, your checks for the annual dues, and foundation donations.

### Enjoy Rotary; Try Something New

New and old members are encouraged to take a chance and try out something new in the big, wonderful, world that is Rotary. There are so many opportunities to serve our world, our local community, and our Club, and to have fun with your fellow Club members and Rotarians from outside of our Club.

If you are a new member, maybe you are overwhelmed with the choices and not sure how to fit anything more into your busy day. If you are a long-time member, maybe you are bored and in a little bit of a rut. Either way, “take a chance” and try out one new Rotary activity during 2005-2006. Enjoy fun and fellowship, work with new and old friends, and make Rotary a meaningful part of your life.

One of Pres Oscar’s goals for this year is to get every member involved in at least one Rotary project. Board members and team leaders are encouraged to talk to everyone on their teams see what they like to do. There is a Rotary opportunity for service and fellowship that will be just perfect for what each member already likes to do or has talents to serve. Have a team brain storming session. Let your imaginations run!

Remember that each of us has a unique background and talents and desires. There is something, probably more to one thing, that each of us is uniquely suited to do to serve our world or community. And if we don’t do it, because no one else is suited to do it, it won’t get done.

Let's help every one to have a chance to participate and contribute, and have a lot of fun serving above self!

You can find information about Club, District, and International Rotary activities at the following websites: [www.rotarywc.org](http://www.rotarywc.org), [www.rotary5160.org](http://www.rotary5160.org), and [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). For an interesting alternative make-up, try [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org).

### Annual Rotary Club Meeting at John Muir Medical Center, Tues Sept 13

Our annual meeting at John Muir this year will be at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 13. This is a great meeting to invite a guest or prospective member. The speaker will be Karl Weisgraber, who will speak on "The Promise of Stem Cell Research." The Sunrise Rotary Club will be joining with us. Marv Epstein will circulate sign-up sheets beginning 8/16.

### I-House Agricultural Tour, Saturday October 9th

Mark your calendars, and see Phil Eyring to participate as a dinner host for this year’s agricultural tour for international graduate students at Cal. This is one of the oldest community programs sponsored by our club, dating back to the days when our county was covered with farms and other agricultural attractions. There are a few working farms, and several vineyards, still operating and this gives international students a chance to see America’s farmland. After the bus tour, we sponsor one or more dinners for Rotarians and the I-House guests.

**District 5160 Conference “Cave Man and Rain Man” Oct 21-22, Concord**  
Get ready for the District 5160 "Cave Man and Rain Man" conference, to be held the weekend of October 21 and 22 at the Concord Hilton Hotel. The early registration date has been extended through the end of July. The cost to register before August is \$75 but for new Rotarians (those with less than 6 months in Rotary) there is a reduced fee of \$60! Cost of the meal package for the conference is \$100 per person....and includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, and Saturday dinner.

So who should go? Well, really all Rotarians should but we would especially like to see:

- All new Rotarians in our club. Remember attending a District Conference is one of the red to blue badge requirements and this one is close to home... just over in Concord at the Hilton hotel!
- All members of the board should be going.
- All team leaders. Lead your team by example.

Remember attending a conference: counts as two meetings for make up purposes, satisfies a requirement on the road from red badge to blue, is close and convenient this year, and

is just plain fun so we really encourage all new members to sign up!

Sign up with Clint Collier so we know who is going and he will give you an application form to fill out and send in. He can also provide further details on the event if you have questions.

Support Rotary, support your club and have a great time while doing it!

### Paul Harris Society Inaugural Gala Dinner, Sat November 11th

Mark your calendars to attend the inaugural gala dinner celebrating the formation of the new “Paul Harris Society”. Members of the society will commit to donating \$1,000 per year to the Rotary International foundation. This significant increase from the “Sustaining Membership” target of \$100 per Rotarian per year recognizes that the tremendous increase in the cost of living that has occurred since the Sustaining Member program was introduced over 20 years ago. Members who are fortunate enough to have the financial resources to do so are encouraged to give serious consideration to making this increased level of commitment, to support the fabulous programs and activities funded through RI worldwide.

### Who Am I?

We introduce a new weekly feature “Who am I?” Each week, this feature will provide some clues about the background of one of our Rotarians. The Members and guests are challenged to guess the name of the featured Rotarian. Answers will be provided in tiny print on the back page. This week we have 2 to challenge you:

1. “I grew up on Castle Ranch Road, on the other side of the hill of what later became Rossmoor. I served as a past President of this Club, and in recent years one of my favorite projects has been hosting the annual visiting delegation of Russian Bakers. I climbed Mt Shasta as a fundraising project for our District. Two of my children were Kohoku Exchange students. I like to hike and golf in Kauai, with my wife Caroline who is a Rotarian in another local club. If you need a vehicle, see us.” Who am I?

2. “I’ve been a Rotarian since my late twenties, and joined this Club in 1981. I served as a past president of our Club, but for many years since then I have been a very active member of the board of trustees and an officer of our Club’s Community Foundation. I enjoy working as an adult leader for my sons’ Boy Scout troop, and I enjoy backpacking and

camping with them. My firm and I provide accounting services to many local businesses and individuals, and on a volunteer basis to many civic and arts organizations. This fall my wife, Noralee and I are helping to organize the inaugural Paul Harris Society Dinner, on November 11<sup>th</sup> to benefit Rotary International. Who am I?

### Golden Retriever Needs a New Home and Training

Cooper, a 3-year old male, 75-80 lb., Golden Retriever (neutered) with papers needs a new home. His family is leaving the area and can't take Cooper with them. He has never been around other dogs and consequently is very aggressive with other dogs. He needs an experienced person to discipline, train AND socialize with dogs. He would not be suitable for a family with young children. Teens and adults would be ok but would all have to work on training him. **Gill Bordenave** has seen the dog but cannot take him into his home because he already has another dog. If you or someone you know can offer Cooper a good home, please contact Gill.

### 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](http://rotarywc.org) domain, or at least from “[wcclub@rotarywc.org](mailto:wcclub@rotarywc.org)”. Please note that the [wcclub@rotarywc.org](mailto:wcclub@rotarywc.org) address is a new “Club-wide” email address, and replaces the “allmembers” address which was taken over by evil spammers.

### New and Proposed Members

Please welcome our recently inducted new members, **Cathy Durfee**, Greater Bay Bank, Classification “Banking – Commercial, **Evelyn Ponce**, Mechanics Bank, “Banking—Management”, **Renee Hamilton**, Classification “Assisted Living”, **Cristy DeVoe**, Sierra Surgery Center, classification “Medical – Nurse”, **Richard Lam**, classification “Attorney-Tax”, **Bert Payne** of Starcare International, Inc., healthcare consultant, and **Mitch Ambro**, The Mortgage Practice, mortgage broker.

### Invite a Prospective Member to Lunch

Please pick up a few “Be My Guest” cards to invite business and personal contacts to attend a future Rotary Club meeting as a guest of the Club. Share Rotary with them, and help maintain our membership of active, dedicated Rotarians.

**Sunshine Committee—Chairman Now Lee Schnei-**