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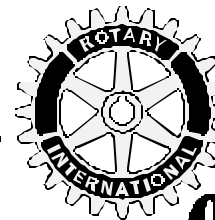
### Upcoming Events

Oct 21-22, District 5160 "Cave Man and Rain Man" conference, at the Concord Hilton Hotel

### Upcoming Meeting Programs

- 2005-08-30 Mark Curtis -- Channel 2, news anchor
- 2005-09-06 Donna Perham & Trisha Carella -- Donna & Trisha are founders of a new Walnut Creek Non-Profit Middle School Youth Center called "The Creek"
- 2005-09-13 -- John Muir  
2005-09-20 -- California Symphony
- 2005-09-27 Dave Casper -- Financial Planning and Pro Football. Dave is incharge of the Northwestern Financial Services office in WC. He is also in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

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# The Walnut Leaf

## ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK

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### This Week's Worker Bees

Presiding .....	Oscar Wu	Ticket Sales.....	Larry Henson
Director.....	Rem Barnard	Birthdays.....	
Team Captain .....	Bryan Yeh	Anniversaries.....	
Thought/Pledge.....	Bryan Yeh	Song Leader.....	Doug Goodrich
Guest Intro & Mic.....	Jack Matkin	Bulletin Editor.....	John McClintic
Speaker Intro.....	Bryan Yeh	Next Bulletin Editor....	John McClintic
Set-Up/Take-Down.....	Bryan Yeh		

THIS PROGRAM

Today: Prof. Christine Yeh,  
Understanding causes for failure in New York City schools

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**CLUB NO. 465  
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**  
Immediate Past President

**Hari Boukis**  
Secretary

**Quentin Alexander**  
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Treasurer

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Directors  
2004-2006  
**John Milsap**  
**Remsen Bernard**  
**Gordon Fischer**  
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**Andy Halperin**  
**Milt Smith**  
**Tom Noble**

Trustees  
**Gill Bordenave**  
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**Carl Manna**  
**Doug Goodrich**  
**Jack Matkin**  
**Russ Anderson**  
**Bob Morgan**  
**Milt Smith**  
**John Milsap**  
**Zach Sahar**

Charlotte Nelson Quinn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Recognitions

**Jack Fischer** claims the longest string of perfect attendance in the Club at 47 years; he bases his claim on Adrien Mendes' status as a Past District Governor, and thus "belonging to the District and not to the Club." **Adrien's** string is almost 50 years, now. We'll take credit for both of these fine gentlemen!

**Valerie Ridgers** had a nice trip to Yosemite.

**Lance Mendes** and family enjoyed a vacation in Sun River, Oregon.

**Randy Walker** served as announcer for his 52<sup>nd</sup> year at the Concours de Elegance yacht club fundraising benefit show in Lake Tahoe.

**Milt Smith** enjoyed a trip to the Galapagos Islands, including some fabulous scuba diving with whale sharks.

**Pam Raumer** was recognized for doing a great job of placing an article about Oscar Wu and the Club in the East Bay Business Times.

**Ken Anderson** returned from a great African safari.

**Phil Eyring** had an interesting trip to Iceland, including a peak at a statue of an ancestor from 25 generations back who was prominent (at the time) in local historical affairs.

**Gill Bordenave**'s daughter is getting married in Yosemite.

### August Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Rotarians celebrating wedding anniversaries in August: **Marty Larsen, Pam Raumer, Clint Collier, Sal Flavetta, John Gardner, Jack Matkin, Adrien Mendes, John Milsap, Howard Rudiger and Barry Slavin.**

### Kohoku Exchange Student—Yusuke Funaki

Yusuke competes in "modern dance" and presented a nice demonstration to the Club last week.

Our "Farewell Party" for Yusuke will be next, Thursday, September 1, at 6:30 PM, at the home Of Rick & Chris Mathews, 250 La Serena Avenue, Alamo. This is a potluck dinner, so if your last name starts within A to K bring a

salad or within L to Z bring a main dish. The club will provide beverages, dessert, and utensils, etc. **YOU NEED TO RSVP NO LATER THAN THIS FRIDAY, August 26th** to Rick Mathews @ 838-0527 or rbm8@sbcglobal.net.

### Kohoku Exchange Student—Yusuke Funaki

Our exchange student, Leslie Canada, thanked the Club for sponsoring her trip to Japan this summer. Leslie will be giving us a slide presentation in October.

### "Memory Walks" Car Wash, Car Show, and BBQ August 27<sup>th</sup>

Help raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association at a car wash, car show, and BBQ lunch at Aegis of Pleasant Hill, 1660 Oak Park Blvd from 11am to 2pm on August 27<sup>th</sup>. \$8 for autos \$10 for SUVs/trucks includes everything. And mark you calendar for the "Memory Walk" on Treasure Island, October 8<sup>th</sup>. For info call Amanda at 925-939-2700.

### 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 8th

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. **The Club has agreed to cover the reduced \$60 fee** for all new Rotarians in the Club (those with less than 6 months in Rotary). Cost of the meal package for the conference is \$100 per person....and includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, and Satur-

day 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 you 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.

### Wheelchair Foundation Trip to Costa Rica, November 9-13

The Wheelchair Foundation, in partnership with Howard Tours, offers a group-travel experience to deliver wheelchairs to those who lack mobility in coordination with the Rotary Clubs in the San Jose, Costa Rica area. Cost for 5 Days with airfare from Houston, \$1,725. Contact Howard Tours, Tel: 800-475-2260, Fax: 510-834-1019,

www.HowardTours.net.

### 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.

### 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 "wcclub@rotarywc.org". Please note that the wc-club@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.

Cleve Masten, of Accountants Plus, membership classification "Staffing – Employment" is scheduled for induction today.

### 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 Schneider

**Fred Scheffler** suffered a stroke recently. He is working on his recovery and hopes to be back with us soon.

**Marv Epstein** has a cast on his arm after falling "upstairs." We wish him a speedy recovery.