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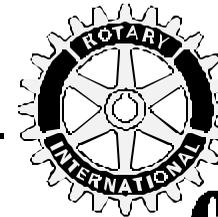
### Upcoming Events

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

### Upcoming Meeting Programs

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Lee Sankowitz and Scott Dennison, Center Rep on the Brink of 40 Years,  
Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Sanchez, The Trip Up Kilimanjaro to Celebrate the Big Four Ooh  
Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Doug Goodrich, Why Investing in the Rotary Foundation Makes Good Sense

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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.....Bob Schroeder
Director.....Milt Smith	Birthdays.....
Team Captain .....Gary Pokorny	Anniversaries.....
Thought/Pledge.....Milt Smith	Song Leader..... Doug Goodrich
Guest Intro & Mic.....Jack Fisher	Bulletin Editor..... John McClintic
Speaker Intro.....Gary Pokorny	Next Bulletin Editor.... John McClintic
Set-Up/Take-Down.....Lance Mendes	

THIS PROGRAM

**Bud Mackenzie, "Trust in Education"**  
**Update on Schools Project in Afghanistan**

Last Week:  
**Oscar Wu wins "breeders" cup!**

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Chartered April 7, 1937  
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**John Milsap**  
**Zach Sahar**

Charlotte Nelson Quinn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Recognitions

We passed the hat for **Oscar Wu**, his 3<sup>rd</sup> time as a grandfather.

**Andy Marshall** has a new SUV.

**Marv Epstein** enjoyed an annual fishing trip with friends to the Sea of Cortez in Mexico.

**Mitch Ambro** has a new house.

Thanks to **Fletcher Tyler** for the following “ten most powerful 2-letter words”: “If it is to be, it is up to me.” Source unknown. He and Nancy enjoyed a recent driving trip through Oregon, Idaho, Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, and then back home.

Thanks to the many members who attended this year’s District 5160 Conference. Our Club was number one in attendance.

**Hari** enjoyed a nice trip to Canada.

**Stan Hill** enjoyed a week at the new JW Marriott resort in Oahu.

**President Oscar**’s daughter had her picture featured in a Shanghai newspaper, where she served as a tour aide for her former boss, former President Bill Clinton.

### October Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Rotarians with wedding anniversaries in October: **Ken Anderson, Tom Grimm, Stan Hill, and Andy Halperin**.

### Projects Wanted

While it is easy for us to donate funds, part of our service to the community is getting personally involved. In past years, we have planted trees. Last year, we successfully completed the Assistance League project of constructing a new storage area. Fishing In the City and the Special Olympics are ongoing events. We are currently involved in the Heather Farms bridge project. We are looking for a few good "hands on" projects to be come involved with this year. Please submit your ideas to Community Service Chairman, **Remsen Barnard**.

### Club Golf Outing—Wed November 16th

Thanks to **Carl Manna** for reserving 4 tee times at Roddy Ranch from 12 noon to 12:30pm on Wednesday, Nov 16. This is room enough for 16 players! If you want to plan, Carl needs to know by Sunday 11/13 in order to avoid being charged for no shows! Please email him at Carl.Manna@rbcdain.com. Green fee= \$45 including cart fee (\$35 if you’re 50 and older....and Carl says “that’s age not golf handicap!”

### Paul Harris Society Inaugural Gala Dinner, This Sat November 12th

Please contact **Tom Rockwell** to make your reservation 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.

### Holiday Party, Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 5pm to 9pm at the Wu Home

Mark your calendars for Tuesday night December 6<sup>th</sup>. Our annual holiday party will be from 5pm to 9pm at the home of Oscar and Tessie Wu. We will have a wine bar, with hors’ d’oeuvres from the membership. See **Pam Raumer** to help with planning.

### 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.

### Crab Feed 2006—Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> at Concord Centre

This year’s crab feed fundraiser will be Saturday, February 4th, at Centre Concord, the same location as prior years. 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.

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 39<sup>th</sup> Kohoku Exchange Student. This is a fantastic opportunity and life changing experience for the chosen student who will represent our club as the 39<sup>th</sup> 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 inter-

viewing 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

Be sure to welcome our newest new member, **David Hanks**, of Peregrine Lending Corporation, in the classification “Lending—Residential and Commercial.”

Also, please welcome our recently inducted new members, **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

**Adrian Mendes** tells us that wife Joan’s hip replacement surgery went very well and she is working on getting back on her feet.

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.