



The Walnut Leaf

ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK

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People In Charge this Week

Presiding	Pam Raumer	Thought/Pledge.....	Barry Slavin
Director.....	Marty larsen	Song Leader.....	Lu Hughes
Team Captain	Bert Payne	Guest Intro & Mic.....	Jack Fischer
Meeting Setup.....	Ron Huppert	Birthdays.....	
Greeter.....	Barry Slavin	Anniversaries.....	
Ticket Sales.....	Alex Lommel	Speaker Intro.....	Bert Payne
		Meeting Take-Down.....	Ron Huppert

Today's Program:

**Danielle Schafer
Home Ownership Accelerator**

Notices:

**New Email system in effect!
You must include a password in your email to relay it
through the @rotarywc.org system!**

Meeting Sponsor:

Upcoming Meetings:

November 27 Danielle Schafer, Home Ownership Accelerator
December 4, Stacey Street, California Symphony Music in the Schools
December 11 Emily Chang, Exec Dir. Of Walnut Creek Downtown Business District
December 18 Las Lomas Choir
Sat December 21 Holiday Party, 6pm Shadelands Civic Arts Center on Wiget Lane
December 25 and January 1 No meetings

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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Announcements:

Kohoku Exchange Program 2008

We are now accepting applications for the 2008 Tokyo/Kohoku Student Exchange. The exchange will include 4 weeks in Summer 2008 usually starting in mid July and returning mid August. Eligible applicants are college students who are children or grandchildren of Walnut Creek Rotarians. Students should submit a resume in writing (no verbal applications) to Rick Mathews. Include Name, Contact Information, Date of Birth, Rotary Affiliation, Educational Background, A Little About Yourself and a Short Essay on Why You Would Make a Great 2008 Representative. Interviews will be held during the Christmas Holidays and a candidate will be announced in Mid to Late January. Submit resumes to Rick Mathews @ 250 La Serena Ave., Alamo, CA, 94507 by email: rhm8@sbcglobal.net as a Word Attachment; by Fax @ 925-838-8460 or by hand @ any Rotary Meeting. **The deadline for resume submission is December 14, 2007.**

Nominating Committee's Report— Nominations for Club Officers 2008-2010

Jack Fischer reported the following nominations issued by the nominating committee: President-elect **Remsen Barnard** (serving as President 2009-2010), **Directors 2008- 2010, Jerry Benoit, Christy DeVoe, Luis Ramirez-Agudelo Secretary, 2008-09 Officers Hari Boukis and Treasurer Cathy Durfee.** There were no nominations from the floor. The elections will be held today.

Are You Ready for Crab? Our Crab Feed Fundraiser is Sat, Feb 2, 2008

It is only 4 months until the 10th annual crab feed on Saturday, February 2, 2008. Now is the time to start making those contacts for auction items, for both live and silent auctions. Step up to the plate and volunteer for committee chair or to be a member of a com-

mittee. The committees are: Ticket Sales, Silent Auction, Live Auction, Registration, Bar, Raffle Tickets, Corporate Sponsors, Kitchen, Reverse Draw, Desserts on Display and check out. Contact **Layton Hansen** laytonh@rotarywc.org or 925-686-5148 to sign up for a committee chair or other position.

Membership Activity

Sandy Garry has been proposed for membership, transferring from the Pinnacle Peak—Scottsdale Rotary Club in Phoenix. We look forward to having her back with us! She doesn't list a current classification, but she used to be in the "oil business" (owner/operator of local gas/service stations).

Be sure to welcome our new members, **Lauren M. Kraus**, Coldwell Banker, classification "Real Estate", **Jane Dirito**, Dirito Bros VW-Saab-Nissan, Classification "Auto Retail--Retired", **Brenda Goodrich**, Goodrich Ad Valorem Property Tax Services, Classification "Property Tax Consulting", and **Dess Benedetto**, an estate planning attorney with the Family Trust Law Center.

Invite a Prospective Member to Join Us for Lunch

Here's how it works. You invite your prospect to a Club lunch meeting. You pay the prospect's lunch tab for the first visit. The prospect can visit two more times, and the Club will pay the cost. If the prospect joins, the Club also will reimburse you for the first lunch. See page 38 of this month's Rotary Magazine for a great introduction to Rotary projects to introduce prospective members to the Rotary world.

Upcoming Club Meetings/Events: Plan to attend these Club meetings and invite at guest!

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Our Club Holiday Party, Saturday, December 21st 6pm

Buy your tickets now for our Club's annual holiday party. Saturday, December 21st 6pm at Shadelands Civic Arts Center on Wiget Lane. \$40 per person.

Rotary Wheelchair Project Trip to Monterrey, Mexico Jan 16-20 2008

The Rotary Club of Danville/Sycamore Valley is planning another trip to Monterrey, Mexico, to deliver wheelchairs. Cost is \$1,459 (or \$899 "land only"). For info contact Bradford R. Howard, District Governor, 2002/2003, Rotary District 5170, 516 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610, Phone: (510) 834-2260, FAX: (510) 834-1019 E-mail: BHoward@HowardTours.net

Reno Train Trip, January 13-14

Money is due now. See **Randy Walker or Fletcher Tyler** for possible additional registrations for the Annual East Bay Rotary Reno Inter-City Train Trip. Lodging will be in the East Wing at Harrah's, \$265 per person single occupancy. We already have 18 members going, and we have room for more.

Annual District Conference April 25-27, 2008

On April 25-27, 2008, the annual District Conference will be held at the Sacramento Radisson Hotel. There's something for everyone: Rotary Conference, Golf Event, Poker Tournament, a Rotary Club Hospitality Party in the theme of the Prospectors (think Gold Rush era, Paint

Your Wagon). The pricing is reasonable, the lodging is inexpensive. And a 25% discount for registering before December 31, 2007. Go to www.rotary5160.org and get all the details. Important Note: Lodging is limited. Call now for room reservations: Radisson Hotel Reservations [500 Leisure Lane](mailto:500LeisureLane@radisson.com), Sacramento, CA 95815 Thursday, April 24 through Saturday, April 26, 2008. Or check rates and availability at www.radisson.com. Enter "D5160" into the promotional code box for special member rates: Single or double: \$93 Triple: \$103 Quad: \$113 Water-front rooms are available for an additional \$30 per room.

Thanks Again to Our Nov 13th Sponsor: Ira Hillyer, Mechanic's Bank



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