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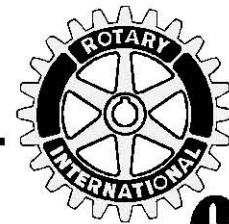
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**Upcoming Meetings:**

- 2007-11-06 Gordon Fischer and Layton Hansen -- Foundation Day
- 2007-11-13 Bill Killips -- Medicare Issues
- 2007-11-20 Zak Sahar -- Effective accounting is a key component of successful businesses
- 2007-11-27 Danielle Schafer -- Home Ownership Accelerator

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

**ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK**

Tuesday, November 6, 2007 Volume 76 Number 18

**People In Charge this Week**

Presiding .....	Pam Raumer	Thought/Pledge.....	John McClintic
Director.....	Marty larsen	Song Leader.....	Lu Hughes
Team Captain .....	Bert Payne	Guest Intro & Mic.....	Jack Fischer
Meeting Setup.....	John McClintic	Birthdays.....	
Greeter.....	Bill Larmer	Anniversaries.....	Zak Sahar
Ticket Sales.....	Alex Lommel	Speaker Intro.....	Pam Raumer
		Meeting Take-Down.....	John McClintic

**Today's Program:**

**Gordon Fischer and Layton Hansen, Rotary Foundation Day**

**Notices:**

**Special thanks to Clint Collier who stepped in at the last moment to take over the *Anniversaries* job for this month!**  
-Hari

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## Announcements:

### The Rotary Foundation (from [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org))

In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to “hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property . . . as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI.” Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. “Daddy” Allen, later grew into the Easter Seals.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded the Foundation’s growth, but the need for lasting world peace generated great postwar interest in its development. After Rotary’s founder, Paul P. Harris, died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation. That year, the first Foundation program – the forerunner of Rotary Foundation [Ambassadorial Scholarships](#) – was established.

In 1965-66, three new programs were launched: [Group Study Exchange](#), Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called [Matching Grants](#).

The [Health, Hunger and Humanity \(3-H\) Grants](#) program was launched in 1978, and Rotary Volunteers was created as a part of

that program in 1980. [PolioPlus](#) was announced in 1984-85, and the next year brought [Rotary Grants for University Teachers](#). The first peace forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the [Foundation's peace and conflict studies programs](#).

Throughout this time, support of the Foundation grew tremendously. Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, it has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion. More than \$70 million was donated in 2003-04 alone. To date, more than one million individuals have been recognized as [Paul Harris Fellows](#) – people who have given \$1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund or have had that amount contributed in their name.

Such strong support, along with Rotarian involvement worldwide, ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.

### 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 at the Club’s annual meeting Nov. 27.

### Books Recently Contributed by Our Club in Honor of Our Speakers

**Kim Brandt** reports that the following have been books have been contributed to the Walnut Creek Library in honor of our recent Speakers: Out Cold by William Tapply, I Was a Child of Holocaust Survivors by Bernice Eisenstein, Thomas Paine: Enlightenment, Revolution and the Birth of Modern Nations by Craig Nelson, The N-word by Jabari Asim.

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

It is only 4 months until the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 committee. 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](mailto: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: Plan to attend these Club meetings and invite at guest!

November 13 Bill Killips, Medicare  
November 20 Zak Zahar, Effective Accounting is a key component of successful businesses  
November 27 Danielle Schafer, Home Ownership Accelerator  
December 4, Stacey Street, California Symphony Music in the Schools  
December 11 Emily Chong, Exec Dir. Of Walnut Creek Downtown Business District  
December 18 Las Lomas Choir  
December 25 and January 1 No meetings

### 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](mailto:BHoward@HowardTours.net)

### Reno Train Trip, January 13-14

Sign up now with **Randy Walker** to go on 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](http://www.rotary5160.org) and get all the de-