

dation Fragile X is a family of genetic conditions, which can impact individuals and families in various ways.  
January 29 David Schmit -- Indian Gaming Impact on California

## 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 Thursday April 24 to Saturday April 26, 2008

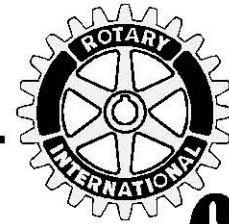
On April 24-26, 2008, the annual District Conference will be held at the Sacramento Radisson Hotel. There's something for everyone: Rotary Conference, Golf Event, Poker Tournament, a Rotary Club Hospitality Party in the theme of the Prospectors (think Gold Rush era, Paint Your Wagon). The pricing is 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 details. Important Note: Lodging is limited. Call now for room reservations: Radisson Hotel Reservations [500 Leisure Lane](http://500LeisureLane.com), Sacramento, CA 95815 Thursday, April 24 through Saturday, April 26, 2008. Or check rates and availability at [www.radisson.com](http://www.radisson.com). Enter "D5160" into the promotional code box for special member rates: Single or double: \$93 Triple: \$103 Quad: \$113 Waterfront rooms are available for an additional \$30 per room.

### Upcoming Meetings:

**December 18** Las Lomas Choir  
**Friday December 21** Holiday Party, 6pm  
Shadelands Civic Arts Center on Wiget Lane  
**December 25** and January 1 No meetings

**Our Club Holiday Party, Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 6pm**

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, December 18, 2007 Volume 76 Number 23

### People In Charge this Week

Presiding .....	Pam Raumer	Thought/Pledge.....	Adrian Mendes
Director.....	Mitch Ambro	Song Leader.....	Lu Hughes
Team Captain .....	Bob Morgan	Guest Intro & Mic.....	Ivan Kerr
Meeting Setup.....	Mark Sanford	Birthdays.....	
Greeter.....	Mitch Ambro	Anniversaries.....	
Ticket Sales.....	Stan Hill	Speaker Intro.....	
		Meeting Take-Down.....	Mark Sanford

### Today's Program:

Las Lomas High School Choir

### Notices:

**Our Holiday Party is this Friday December 21  
6pm Shadelands Civic Arts Center on Wiget Lane**

### Meeting Sponsor:

**CLUB NO. 465  
ROTARY  
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## Announcements:

### We have lots to do at our meetings, so let's be seated by 12:25pm...

**President Pam** again asks that we allow sufficient time to get to the meeting, check in, go through the buffet line, and be seated so that we are ready to start by 12:25pm. This also will allow us more time for conversation and socializing before-hand, one of the purposes of Rotary...

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

Our 10<sup>th</sup> annual crab feed is Saturday, February 2, 2008. Buy your tickets now from **Bob Morgan**, \$40 per person with checks payable to WCRCCF (Walnut Creek Rotary Club Community Foundation). Be sure to ask for a "chicken sticker" for your ticket if you want chicken instead of crab. And please line up auction items; **Valerie Ridgers** is the contact for the silent auction and **Mitch Ambro** is the contact for the live auction. For corporate sponsorships, contact **Milt Smith**. Contact **Layton Hansen** [laytonh@rotarywc.org](mailto:laytonh@rotarywc.org) or 925-686-5148 for other information or questions.

Every member is asked to bring in 2 bottles of premium wine for the wine barrel auction and wine barrel raffle. See **Gordon Fischer** with your donations (or bring a check for \$50 and Gordon will shop for you).

### Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships

Rotary District 5160 is seeking qualified applicants within our community for Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships for the Rotary year 2009 -

2010. The scholarships are designed to further international understanding and goodwill. They provide for study abroad in more than 150 countries where Rotary Clubs are located. Some 800 scholarships of various types are available worldwide. Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships are for one academic year abroad and provide a flat grant of US\$23,000 or equivalent. There are also multi-year scholarships available. Rotary offers study abroad programs for Language, 3 and 6 months with a stipend of \$10,000 and \$15,000 respectively. Academic 1 year and 2 years is \$23,000. University teaching grants are \$12,500 for 3 - 5 months and \$22,500 for 6 - 10 months.

### Rotary Jackets are Here!

**Karen Horgan** reports that the Rotary Jackets have arrived, and are available for pick up. Please give Karen your check for the \$40 (or \$42 for the larger sizes) purchase price, plus any extra donation you may have noted at the time of your order.

### Kohoku Exchange Program 2008

This is the last chance for late 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](mailto:rhm8@sbcglobal.net) as a Word Attachment; by Fax @ 925-838-8460.

### December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Many happy returns of the day to the following Club members celebrating birthdays in December: **Ira Hillyer, Neeru Bhutani, Beh Shahmardaan, Gordon**

**Fischer, Jim Campana, Ivan Kerr, Tom Rockwell, Hari Boukis, Quent Alexander.**

Congratulations to the following Club Members celebrating wedding anniversaries in December: **Tony Ghorkani, Neeru Bhutani, Lee Schneider, Norm Betaque, John McClintic, Ivan Kerr, Mark Sanford, Zak Sahar.**

### Membership Activity

Be sure to welcome our new members, **Lonnie Finkel**, of the Finkel Law Group, classification "Law", **Sandy Garry**, transferring back to our Club from the Pinnacle Peak—Scottsdale Rotary Club in Phoenix, **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.

### Proposed Club Bylaws Amendment

The Club's board of directors recommends that the Club adopt the following proposed change to the Club By-laws. The change is to Article IV (Election of Directors and Officers), Section I, paragraph 5 which refers to the nomination of the Club President Nominee.

Currently the Section reads: "The nominating committee shall consist of the five most recent

past presidents of the club who are still members of the club and are willing to serve. The committee shall elect from its members a chairman."

The proposed amendment would revise Section 1 to read as follows: "During the month of September the Club President shall convene a committee to nominate the next Club President Nominee. This nominating committee shall consist of the Club President, the Club President Elect and three Club Past Presidents, preferably the three most recent past presidents, who are still members of the club and are willing and able to serve. At the date and time set by the Club President this committee will meet and as their first item of business elect one of their members other than the Club President as its chairman. The committee's business shall be to nominate a member of the club as the Club President Nominee (president to follow the current Club President Elect) and three members of the club to serve on the next Rotary year's board of directors, replacing those members who have finished their two year term."

### Upcoming Club Meetings/Events:

Plan to attend these Club meetings and invite at guest!

Friday December 21 Holiday Party, 6pm Shadelands Civic Arts Center on Wiget Lane  
December 25 and January 1 No meetings  
January 8 Joey Bozik – Our speaker was riding in the passenger seat of a Hummer in Iraq when the front tire ran over a bomb planted by insurgents. He lost both legs and one arm, and now uses a wheelchair or prosthetic legs to get around. Here his amazing story and what he is doing now.  
January 15 Sheila Hurst -- China Wheel Chair Report  
January 22 Robert Miller -- National Fragile X Foun-