

sist 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!

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 21st 6pm

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

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

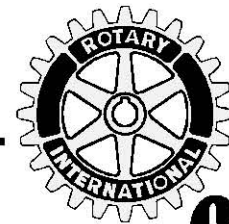
On April 24-26, 2008, the annual District Conference will be held at the Sacramento Radisson Hotel. There's something for everyone: Rotary Conference, Golf Event, Poker Tournament, a Rotary Club Hospitality Party in the theme of the Prospectors (think Gold Rush era, Paint Your Wagon). The pricing is reasonable, the lodging is inexpensive. And a 25% discount for registering before December 31, 2007. Go to www.rotary5160.org and get all the details. Important Note: Lodging is limited. Call now for room reservations: Radisson Hotel Reservations [500 Leisure Lane](tel:500), 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 Waterfront rooms are available for an additional \$30 per room.

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For the latest "scoop" on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page:
www.rotarywc.org



The Walnut Leaf

ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK

Tuesday, December 10, 2007 Volume 76 Number 22

People In Charge this Week

Presiding	Pam Raumer	Thought/Pledge.....	Bob Travalle
Director.....	Mitch Ambro	Song Leader.....	Lu Hughes
Team Captain	Bob Morgan	Guest Intro & Mic.....	Allen Wesdorf
Meeting Setup.....	Mitch Ambro	Birthdays.....	Mark Sanford
Greeter.....	Stan Hill	Anniversaries.....	Andy Marshall
Ticket Sales.....	Earl Wightman	Speaker Intro.....	
		Meeting Take-Down.....	Mitch Ambro

Today's Program:

**Emily Chang, Executive Director,
 Walnut Creek Downtown Business District**

Notices:

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



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 DISTRICT 5160**

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District Governor
- Jim Campbell**
Dist Gov. Elect
- Pam Raumer**
President
- Layton Hansen**
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- Clint Collier**
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Announcements:

TODAY'S SONG: We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas; We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin; Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding; Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer

We won't go until we get some; We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some, so bring some out here

We wish you a Merry Christmas; We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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...

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 lo-

cated. 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. She also have the jackets available on the 18th.

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: rbm8@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.**

Club Officers 2008-2010

The following were elected at the November 27th meeting to serve in the following Club offices: 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 con-

tacts 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 or 925-686-5148 to sign up for a committee chair or other position.

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 Diritto**, Diritto 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 con-