



Rotary Club Of Walnut Creek  
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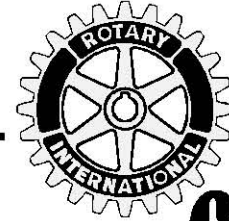
**Upcoming Meetings:**

- 2007-03-27 Jack Roddy -- Rodeo Show for IHOUSE students
- 2007-04-10 -- SIDS Organization
- 2007-04-17 Ethan Rotman -- The Art of Public Speaking
- 2007-04-24 Ranjit Chakravorti -- WCS Grants Chair for District 5160
- 2007-05-01 Jeanette Engle Ramirez -- Neuroscience at John Muir Health
- 2007-05-08 Carl Manna -- Diabetic Youth Foundation
- 2007-05-15 Peggy White -- Diablo Regional Arts Association
- 2007-05-22 Mayor Sue Rainey -- Update on the State of the City
- 2007-05-29 John McClintic -- Project Second Chance

**Upcoming Events:**

- May 5<sup>th</sup>. District 5160 Family Fun Day and BBQ at Western Railway Museum
- June 30<sup>th</sup>, District 5160 Sundial Bridge Dinner Dance, Redding
- Feb 2, 2008. Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Crab Feed Fundraiser

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, March 27, 2007 Volume 75 Number 32

**People In Charge this Week**

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|--------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Presiding .....    | Clint Collier  | Thought/Pledge.....    | Wolfgang Heinritz |
| Director.....      | Lu Hughes      | Song Leader.....       | Lu Hughes         |
| Team Captain ..... | Bryan Yeh      | Guest Intro & Mic..... | Bryan Yeh         |
| Meeting Setup..... | Mike Kilzer    | Birthdays.....         |                   |
| Greeter.....       | Gordon Fischer | Anniversaries.....     |                   |
| Ticket Sales.....  | Marv Epstein   | Speaker Intro.....     | Phil Eyring       |
|                    |                | Meeting Take-Down..... | Mike Kilzer       |

**Today's Program:**

**Jack Roddy,  
 Rodeo Show for iHouse Students**

**Song for the Day "Blowin' in the Wind"**

How many roads must a man walk down  
 Before they call him a man!  
 How many seas must a white dove sail  
 Before she sleeps in the sand ?  
 How many times must a cannon ball fly  
 Before they are forever banned?

The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind  
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**CLUB NO. 465  
 ROTARY  
 INTERNATIONAL  
 DISTRICT 5160**

Chartered April 7, 1937

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## Announcements:

### Rotary International Foundation Secretary Needed for Our Club

**Layton Hansen** needs to hand over his duties as RI Foundation Secretary for our Club to another member as he prepares to serve as President of our Club for 2008-2009. Basic duties are processing and mailing to the Rotary International Foundation all donations made by our members. Layton has set up a tracking database using Excel and has scanned the RI donation form into a Word document. He has a file setup with each member's information that is required to be entered on the form when the member makes a donation. Thus, having access to Excel and Word on your computer is a big help for this job. Please contact Layton at the meeting or by email to [laytonh@rotarywc.org](mailto:laytonh@rotarywc.org) if you are interested so that he can train you between now and July.

### Walnut Creek Sister City Event, Friday April 13th

We need volunteers to help serve wine and cheese at the Bedford Gallery on Friday night April 13<sup>th</sup> at a gathering in honor of visitors from our sister city in Nacifa, Italy. We also are looking for some wine and cheese donations. See **Mike Kilser** [mikek@rotarywc.org](mailto:mikek@rotarywc.org) 925-609-6525 if you can help.

### Fishing in the City—April 14<sup>th</sup>

This year's Fishing in the City outing with Walnut Creek 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Heather Farms Park is Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 11:30am. Contact **John Gardner**, [johng@rotarywc.org](mailto:johng@rotarywc.org) 925-944-0270 if you are interested in helping with this event.

### Yosemite Weekend Fri and Sat Sept 21-22

We are going to Yosemite again this September. See Bill Larmer and Pam Raumer for room reservations at the Wawona Hotel. Friday night features pot-luck appetizers and wine tasting on the hotel grounds, Golf, tennis, swimming, hiking on Saturday, and Saturday night features a BBQ dinner at the cabin of Fletcher and Nancy Tyler. \$190 per room, double occupancy. We have 15 rooms reserved, so act fast.

### The Russians are Coming; Again this October

We will be hosting a delegation of Russian real estate brokers from Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> during their fall visit to our District. See **Andy Halperin** if you can host one or more of this delegation that week.

### Meet New Member Neeru Bhutani

Neeru had a chance to introduce herself to the Club last week. She has been married to husband Rakesh for 27 years—after a courtship of two hours!!! They have 2

daughters, one at Cal and the other at UC Davis. Neeru was raised in New Delhi. Her undergraduate studies were in economics, and she did one year of graduate studies at Delhi University. She went into social work, focusing on children and women living at the poverty line. She helped her clients get small businesses started, and Neeru worked to establish literacy programs to help them. After she got married, she and Rakesh moved to the US and they settled in San Jose. He is a physician with Kaiser. She took several years out to raise her daughters, then studied financial planning to put her economics background back into use. She is a certified financial planner and worked for a financial planning firm from 2000 through 2004 when she opened own business providing independent financial consulting on an hourly fee basis. She does workshops for non-profits and continues to volunteer with "financial" literacy programs for women and children. In her spare time, Neeru practices meditation and yoga and reads spiritual books. Welcome, Neeru!

### Recognitions

**Tom Noble** thanked the Club members who volunteered some hands-on painting and fix-up work at our local library last weekend.

**Joe Stein** thanked **Gary Pokorny** for his efforts to get power restored to Joe's Sunrise Café and adjacent Pinky's Pizza.

**Phil Eyring** made a nice contribution to the Club in exchange for NCAA basketball tickets donated by **Russ Anderson**.

### Anniversaries for March

Congratulations to the following Rotarians who celebrated wedding anniversaries in March: **Tom Noble, Hari Boukis,**

**Claudine Fletcher, Karen Horrigan, Jesse Smyers, and Christy Devoe.**

### Recent Book Donations from Our Club

**Kim Brandt** reports that we donated the following books in honor of our recent guest speakers: "Great English Tales from English History 3" by Robert Lacey, "American Island" by Paul M. Barrett, "Naomi's Guide to Aging Gratefully" by Naomi Judd, "Class 11: Inside the CIA's First Post 9/11 Spy Class" by T.J. Waters.

## Paul Harris Sustaining Membership Status 2006-2007 Rotary Year

\$100.00 or more donation  
for 2006 2007

Double Sustainers who  
have contributed in  
2006 2007

Ken	Anderson	Quentin	Alexander
Remsen	Barnard	Mitchell	Ambro
Jerry	Benoit	Russ	Anderson
Neeru	Bhutani	Joe	Anthony
Jim	Campana	Hari	Boukis
Bruce	Cockerham	Clint	Collier
Christy	DeVoe	Marv	Epstein
Cathy	Durfee	Gordon	Fischer
Phil	Eyring	Jack	Fischer
Paul	Fisher	Layton	Hansen
Andy	Halperin	Stan	Hill
Mark	Hull III	Lu	Hughes
Nestor	Karas	Carl	Manna
Alex	Lommel	Rick	Mathews
John	McClintic	Jack	Matkin
Bert	Payne	Adrian	Mendes
Gary	Pokorny	Lance	Mendes
Valerie	Ridgers	Bob	Morgan
Tom	Rockwell	Tom	Noble
Bob	Romero	Pam	Raumer
Howard	Rudiger	Jesse	Smyers
Leon E	Schneider	Randy	Walker
Bob	Schroder	Oscar	Wu
Leo	Silva		
Frank	Suess		
Bob	Travale		
Al	Westdorf		
Brian	Yeh		

### Sunshine Report

**Quent Alexander** suffered quite a setback in recovery from knee surgery. A persistent infection required the removal of his artificial knee joint so that his medical care providers can attempt to eliminate the infection. **Quent** is living at Manor Care on Rossmoor Parkway for 4-5 weeks. Hopefully by the end of that time the infection will be cured and his artificial knee can be reinstalled. **You can reach Quent directly at 925-935-9611.**

### Rotary International Convention—Salt Lake City, Utah June 17-20, 2007

Experience the energy of thousands of fellow Rotarians from around the world at daily plenary sessions at the Salt Palace Convention

Center. This year's program promises sensational entertainment, stirring speeches, and inspirational opening and closing ceremonies, including a performance by renowned New Zealand opera singer Dame Malvina Major. For reservation and registration information, go to [http://](http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2007/how-to-register.html)

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### Rotary International Membership Conference August 17-18

Rotary International is holding a series of membership promotion conferences this summer. Our local conference will be August 17-18 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose. Additional details will be announced at a later date.

### Rotary Poker Tournament, Sat May 19<sup>th</sup>, Martinez

Get your \$100 entry fee to **Mitch Ambro** (866) 842-1420 [mitcha@rotarywc.org](mailto:mitcha@rotarywc.org) to secure your spot in the Rotary poker tournament on Sat May 19<sup>th</sup> in Martinez.

### Show that Rotary Pride—Wear Your Rotary Pins 24/7

Don't keep Rotary a secret. Spread the word by wearing your favorite Rotary pin 24/7. We have lots of styles and sizes. Pres Clint is ruthless and relentless on this issue. Avoid a \$15 recognition fee for being caught naked without your pin.

### District 5160 Fundraiser -- Raffle

Remember the motto "\$100 Every Rotarian Every Year." An easy way to fulfill your sustaining membership commitment is to buy 5 raffle tickets for our annual District 5160 fundraiser. Not only will you have a chance to win fabulous trips and other prizes, you also be credited with having met you Paul Harris Sustaining Membership contribution for the year. Please see **Rem Barnard** 925-939-6209, [remb@rotarywc.org](mailto:remb@rotarywc.org).

### -- Family Fun at Western Railway Museum, May 5th

Mark your calendars for this family-oriented event for Rotarians and their families. This will be a day of fun at the Western Railway Museum located on Highway 12 between Fairfield and Rio Vista. The event includes a BBQ, train rides, silent auction, music, and fellowship. Information to follow at [www.rotary5160.org](http://www.rotary5160.org).

### -- Sundial Bridge Dinner Dance, Redding, June 30th

Mark your calendars for this "adult-oriented" dinner dance will ring out the old Rotary year and ring in the new. Experience the magic as the sun sets on one end of the bridge and the moon rises on the other. Information to follow at [www.rotary5160.org](http://www.rotary5160.org).