



Rotary Club Of Walnut Creek
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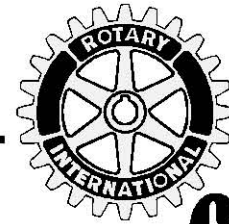
Upcoming Meetings:

- Apr 17** Ethan Rotman, The Art of Public Speaking
- Apr 24** Ranjit Chakravorti, WCS Grants Chair for District 5160
- May 1** Jeanette Engle Ramirez, Neuroscience at John Muir Medical Center
- May 8** Carl Manna, Diabetic Youth Foundation
- May 15** Peggy White, Diablo Regional Arts Association
- May 22** Mayor Sue Rainey, State of the City of Walnut Creek
- May 29**, Susan Lynn, Project Second Chance Literacy Program Chance

Upcoming Events:

- May 5th**. District 5160 Family Fun Day and BBQ at Western Railway Museum
- May 19th** Casino Royale Poker Tournament and Dinner, Grace Church, Martinez. See Mitch Ambro for info.
- June 30th**, 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



The Walnut Leaf

ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK

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People In Charge this Week

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| Presiding | Clint Collier | Thought/Pledge..... | Nestor Karas |
| Director..... | Nestor Karas | Song Leader..... | Lu Hughes |
| Team Captain | Karen Horigan | Guest Intro & Mic..... | John Gardner |
| Meeting Setup..... | Hari Boukis | Birthdays..... | |
| Greeter..... | Hari Boukis | Anniversaries..... | Pam Raumer |
| Ticket Sales..... | Sabine Webb | Speaker Intro..... | |
| | | Meeting Take-Down..... | Hari Boukis |

Today's Program:

Ranjit Chakravorti
WCS Grants Chair District 5160

Song for the Day “Red River Valley”

From this valley they say you are going; We will miss your bright eyes and sweet smile;
For they say you are taking the sunshine; That has brightened our path for a while.

Come and sit by my side if you love me; Do not hasten to bid me adieu.
But remember the Red River Valley; And the cowboy who loved you so true.
Won't you think of the valley you're leaving; Oh how lonely, how sad it will be?
Oh think of the fond heart you're breaking; And the grief you are causing to me.

As you go to your home by the ocean; May you never forget those sweet hours.
That we spent in the Red River Valley; And the love we exchanged mid the flowers

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ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160

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International President

Lead The Way

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District Governor

Stan Smalley
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Announcements:

Walnut Creek Sister City Event, This Friday April 13th

We need volunteers to help serve wine and cheese at the Bedford Gallery on Friday night April 13th 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 Kilsner** mikek@rotarywc.org 925-609-6525 if you can help.

Fishing in the City—This Saturday, April 14th 8:30am to 11:30am

Fellow Rotarians, here's a brief update from **John Gardner** on the fourth graders' fishing event. We'll be going out this Wednesday and Thursday, 12:00 - 1:30pm, to Buena Vista School to teach them how to tie knots, bait hooks and cast, as well as fishing stories and ethics. The Department of Fish and Game has scheduled the fish plant, and next Saturday, April 14th, the kids will be at Heather Farms from 8:30 am to 11:00 am fishing and generally having fun.

We could use an extra set of hands at the school days (our regulars are out of town this year) - no experience required - so give **John Gardner** a call 925-944-0270 or drop him an e-mail johng@rotarywc.org if you could break away 12:00 - 1:30 one of those days.

Most importantly, if you might be able to help out with the kids on the day of the event (and we haven't spoken already) John would appreciate a heads-up, as early as convenient. Again, you don't need to know anything about fishing in particular, and it should be a beautiful morning for it!

Club Leadership Assembly, Saturday, April 28th, 8:30am - 2:30pm

McBride Senior Center, 91 Town Square Place, Vacaville

Club Assemblies are designed to provide a variety of Rotary information to all members of the Clubs. Since many Clubs struggle with the dissemination of Rotary information, this is a perfect opportunity for newer members to get the bigger picture of who we are and what we are capable of doing. It is important that board members for the 2007 - 2008 year attend as well as all committee chairs. They provide a continental breakfast at 8am and lunch at 12Noon. The Club pays only \$65, whether 2 Rotarians attend or 20 Rotarians attend. Contact Pam Raumer if you would like to attend!

“Casino Royale” Rotary Poker Tournament, Sat May 19th, Martinez

Get your \$100 entry fee to **Mitch Ambro** (866) 842-1420 mitcha@rotarywc.org to secure your spot in the Rotary poker tournament on Sat May 19th in Martinez. There are still some spaces left. The event will be held at Grace Church, 130 Muir Station Road, Martinez. Dinner sponsored by Sunrise Bistro is included in the entry fee. Win-

ning pot is \$1,500! The District Governor Candy Pierce will be playing; will YOU?

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

Conventions are meant to "stimulate, inspire, and inform all Rotarians at an international level". You can learn about strengthening your club and identifying service and fellowship opportunities through attending a Rotary Convention - listening to speakers (Bill Gates & Hyrum Smith), participating in workshops, visiting the Club and District Project Exhibition and talking to fellow Rotarians. Experience the energy of thousands of fellow Rotarians from around the world at daily plenary sessions at the Salt Palace Convention Center. Why not plan a vacation with your own family after the convention or before? Plan to attend the world famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir performance or enjoy a real live western rodeo with bull riding, barrel racing and bronco bucking. 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://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2007/how-to-register.html>

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.

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 3rd thru 10th during their fall visit to our District. See **Andy Halperin** if you can host one or more of this delegation that week.

Attention Paul Harris Fellows:

As a fully paid Paul Harris Fellow, you or another person, have contributed \$1000.00 in your name to The Rotary Foundation

of Rotary International, either as a lump sum or in increments which accumulate to that amount. (Example: As a "Sustaining Member" donating \$100 per year for ten years or \$200 per year for five years.) Any amount you contribute over \$1000.00 adds toward your additional recognition as a "Multiple Paul Harris Fellow" and *at the same time* may be assigned by you to another person toward a Paul Harris Recognition for that person, called the "Recipient." In other words "you *both* get credit." The recipient can be a family member, spouse, parent, child, or friend. Special community leaders, speakers, and other Rotarians are a few examples of potential "Recipients." When that person accumulates \$1000 in their account they will be named a Paul Harris Fellow.

The use of these Foundation Recognition credits is *best done at the time of donation*. This will avoid additional paperwork in having to make a "transfer" of these credits later. There is a provision on the donation form for the information concerning the "Recipient." If no "Recipient" is named, the credits will remain on the Donor's account pending the submission of a "Transfer Form" at a future time authorized by the donor. Transfer of Foundation Recognition points held by the club must be authorized by the club president or club foundation chairman. Foundation credits held by the district must be transferred by authorization of the District Governor or the District Foundation Chairman. This additional recognition encourages continued contributions by those contributors who have reached the first step in a long tradition of support of The Rotary Foundation by becoming multiple Paul Harris Fellows. Those who are not Paul Harris Fellows and have unassigned available Foundation Credits may also transfer them as Matching Credits to encourage additional giving by offering to "match" a new donation with their unassigned credits.

Any questions can be directed to Layton Hansen at the meeting or by email at wcpmlah@aol.com.

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 if you are interested so that he can train you between now and July.

Lunch experiment....

From time to time we reevaluate our lunch program, to try to meet the changing tastes and desires of our changing membership. One suggestion that we have been getting recently is a desire to "lighten up" a bit. So, we thought we would try an experiment for the month of May. We are going to switch our lunches to a sandwich, soup and salad bar. Rotarians will be able to pick and choose, building a lighter lunch of their own preference. Towards the end of May we will ask each team leader to canvas their members for their opinion of this new approach to our lunches and either continue it or revert back to our traditional meal service.

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.

-- 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.

-- 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.