

District Poker Championship Thursday April 24, 5pm

District 5160 also will hold a Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament the first night of the District Conference, Thursday, April 24, at 5pm. \$199 registration includes 2 dinner tickets, 2 - \$20 rebuys, and 1- \$40 Add-on. Additional Club players can register for \$100 each, including 1 dinner ticket. Dinner tickets alone are available at \$37.50. Get a registration form at www.rotary5160.org.

Rotary Poker Tournament and Casino Night May 17th Pleasant Hill Community Center—Open to Rotarians and Family Members Our Club Will Sponsor 10 Members at \$100 Each!

Register now for this annual fun and fundraising event. \$100 entry for poker players, \$20 for casino players. The event is Sat May 17th from 4pm to 10pm at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive in Pleasant Hill. See **Mitch Ambro** for details and to register. Our Club is sponsoring 10 Members and will pay the \$100 for each of them as part of our contribution to the District 5160 prosthetic hand LN-4 project.

Please Pay Your Recognitions, Fines, & Donations:

Please make sure to pay your recognitions (including birthday and anniversary fines) as promptly as you can. **Neeru Bhutani** will accept all recognition and fine payments, **Cathy Durfee** will take the sponsor meeting payments and **Gordon Fischer** collects the Rotary International Foundation payments. If you have any questions, you can contact your Club President, Pam Raumer at 925-274-5740 or prau-mer@rina.com. Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

New Members

Welcome our newest members. **Doug Switzer** has transferred from the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek—Sunrise. Doug is retired, and was an active Rotarian in Seattle before relocating here. Besides his involvement

in Rotary, Doug also has been an active leader in the Boy Scouts, recently serving as Scoutmaster for Troop 216 in Alamo. **Eugene McGrane**, of MCC Realty Group in Walnut Creek, has joined in the classification of Commercial Real Estate.

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.

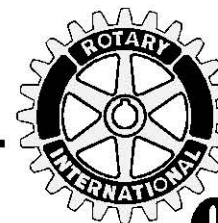
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Upcoming Meetings:

2008-04-22 Leonard Komor -- Pilot for the China Clippers
2008-04-29 -- President Pam's 50th Birthday Bash
2008-05-06 Kids -- Camp Royal & Venture
2008-05-13 Dan Ashley -- World News
2008-05-20 Pam Raumer -- Rotary Speaker
2008-05-27 Marilyn Ellis, CTAC -- Are you stuck on the rocks lost in the fog surrounded by sharks

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, April 22, 2008 Volume 76 Number 37

People In Charge this Week

PresidingPam Raumer
Director.....Nestor Karas
Team CaptainKaren Horrigan
Meeting Setup.....Dess Benedetto
Greeter.....Bruce Johnson
Ticket Sales.....Christy DeVoe

Thought/Pledge.....Nestor Karas
Song Leader.....Lu Hughes
Guest Intro & Mic.....Hari Boukis
Birthdays.....
Anniversaries.....
Speaker Intro.....Clint Collier
Meeting Take-Down.....Dess Benedetto

Today's Program:

Leonard Komor, Pilot for the China Clipper

Notices:

Tonight: 7-Club Rotary Mixer to promote Rotary and our individual Clubs, Bank of the West in Lafayette, 5:30pm - 7:00pm.

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Recognitions

Thanks again to **Jack Fischer** and his team of hard working Club Members who celebrate the final completion, and plaque-setting, for the Rotary Centennial Community Project bridge at Heather Farms.

Masters swimmers **Dess Benedetto**, and **Jesse Smyers**, recently competed in a National Masters Swimming Meet, with **Jesse** capturing several first place victories and **Dess** also helping the local Walnut Creek Masters Club accumulate enough points to win the meet.

MISTER Lu Hughes was featured in a local article where he speculated that "It's a Small World" is probably the most-played song of all-time (given it's played round the clock every day at all the Disneyland's around the globe and has been for decades).

John Gardner went to the Yucatan Peninsula for an exciting vacation with his family.

Carl Manna got to play the Torrey Pines South Course during a weekend in San Diego, as the Course is prepared for the US Open this summer.

Bruce Johnson has a new grandson.

Hi Ho, Hi Ho, It's Out the Door We Go...

Each week, we need to clear the room by 2pm as another group needs the facility at 3pm. Help the cleanup crew get everything put away by 2pm.

No Parking in the Greenery Restaurant and Golf Course Lot

Please note that we cannot park in the parking lot across the street from the Heather Farms Garden Club lot. That lot is reserved for patrons of the Diablo Hills Golf Course and the Greenery Restaurant.

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...

April is Rotary Pin Month

Wear your Rotary pin, especially during Rotary Pin Month in April. President Pam will let you "borrow" from her inventory of Rotary Pins (Quent will have them at registration) if you have forgotten yours. It will cost you \$2 to borrow the pin and you must give the pin back to Quent at the end of the meeting or the fine will be much more! You can always choose to buy a pin for \$3 or the Rotary Shares pin for \$5. Wearing your pin says that you are proud to be a Rotarian!

May is Membership Month

May is Membership Month! Bring a guest to a meeting in May who has never been to a Rotary meeting before and the Club will pick up your guest's lunch! Bring them back a second time, and the Club will pick up your guest's lunch and your lunch - remember - this is good only for the month of May. Let's build a stronger Club together! See Clint for a packet of Club information for your guests.

Upcoming Club Meetings/Events: Plan to attend these Club meetings and invite a guest!

April 29 Happy 50th Birthday to Pres Pam.

May 6 Camp Royal and Camp Venture

May 10 Fishing in the City, Heather Farms Park. See John Gardner to volunteer.

May 13 Dan Ashley, TV anchor, "World News"

May 20 Speaker TBA

May 27 Marilyn Ellis, CTAC, "Are You Stuck on the Rocks, Lost in the Fog, Surrounded by Sharks?"

Fishing in the City, Saturday May 10th, 8:30am to 11:30am Heather Farms

Eighty third graders from Buena Vista School are getting ready to go fishing with our Club in a partnership program with the school district and the Department of Fish and Game. A few Rotarians will be going to the school during the week to teach the kids to cast, tie knots, and about fishing generally. The main event will be held at **Heather Farms from 8:30 am through 11:30 am on Saturday, May 10, 2008.** Everyone's welcome, and no fishing experience is necessary to enjoy the day and help out with the kids. Please contact **John Gardner**, 944-6080, johng@rotarywc.org for more details or with questions.

Russian Real Estate Summer Youth Program

A delegation of Russian real estate industry professionals is coming to visit and learn about our real estate industry this summer. We are asked to host a 22-year old guest named Anna. Please contact **Rem Barnard** 639-

6209 remb@rotarywc.org if you are interested in participating.

USA Playground Map Painting Service Project—Indian Valley School, This Saturday April 19th 8am to 1pm

We have borrowed stencil materials and instructions from the Rotary Club of Concord, and we will be painting a USA map on the playground Indian Valley School on Saturday, April 19th from 8:00am to 1:00pm. We need a maximum of 15 volunteers. Please contact **Clint Collier** 933-6565 ClintC@rotarywc.org to sign up.

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](http://500LeisureLane.com), 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.

District Golf Tournament Thursday April 24, Noon

District 5160 also will hold a Golf Tournament the first day of the District Conference, Thursday, April 24, at noon at Teal Bend Golf Club, in Sacramento. \$100 registration includes 1 dinner ticket. Dinner tickets alone are available at \$37.50. Get a registration form at www.rotary5160.org.