



The Walnut Leaf

ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK

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People In Charge this Week

PresidingPam Raumer
Director.....Lu Hughes
Team CaptainMike Kilzer
Meeting Setup.....Bruce Cockerham
Greeter.....Rod Uffindell
Ticket Sales.....Lu Hughes

Thought/Pledge.....Phil Eyring
Song Leader.....Lu Hughes
Guest Intro & Mic.....Kim Brandt
Birthdays.....
Anniversaries.....
Speaker Intro.....Gordon Fischer
Meeting Take-Down.....Bruce C.

Today's Program:

Robert Miller
National Fragile X Foundation
Fragile X is a family of genetic conditions,
which can impact individuals and families in various ways.

Notices:

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12:25pm...**

Upcoming Meetings:

- 2008-01-29** David Schmit -- Indian Gaming Impact on California
- 2008-02-12** Neil Reeder -- Challenge Day Organization
- 2008-02-19** Terri A. Khonsari -- Raising a Superstar
- 2008-02-26** Bahrem Shahmardaan -- Five Systems of Medicine

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

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Announcements:

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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...

Reno Train Trip Thank yous

Thanks to **Randy Walker** and **Fletcher Tyler** for organizing our Club contingent on the annual Rotary Reno Train Trip. 20 of our members joined in this fun fellowship event. We look forward to another trip next year.

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.

Kohoku Exchange Student 2008

Sean Davidson, grandson of Jack Fischer, has been selected to be our Club's exchange student with the Rotary Club of Tokyo (Kohoku) Japan this summer.

Crab Feed Fundraiser Saturday, Feb 2, 2008

Our 10th annual crab feed is Saturday, February 2, 2008. Buy your tickets now from **Bob**

Romero, \$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. **We need 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 or 925-686-5148 for other information or questions.

If you are a table sponsor, please contact **Bob Travale** 944-1600 bobt@rotarywc.org with information and logos to be used in your signage. If you want to be a table sponsor, see **Tom Noble** tomm@rotarywc.org 933-3166 right away because there are only a few full tables remaining.

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).

The **Reverse Draw** board has spots available for purchase. \$20 each. The final drawing will be made at our meeting on January 29th.

Walnut Creek State of the City Address Tues Feb 5th, Boundary Oaks

The Walnut Creek Chamber is once again, hosting the "State of the City Address" and has asked us to participate on Tuesday, February 5th. We are dark that day due to the Crab Feed. If you attend this event, you will be given a "make up" if you need one. The cost is \$35 for a sit down lunch at Boundary Oaks Country Club, 3800 Valley Vista Road in Walnut Creek. It starts at 11:30am and ends at approximately 2:00pm. **President Pam** will be at the head table representing our Club

along with Sunrise and other service organizations such as Kiwanis, Soroptimist and Lions Clubs. Let **Pam** know if you would like to attend. If you do, she will need to receive your check made out to the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce for \$35 before Friday, January 25th.

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.

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

January 29 David Schmit -- Indian Gaming Impact on California

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February 26 Beh Shahmardaan – Five Systems of Medicine

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 Water-front 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.

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.