



The Walnut Leaf

ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK

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People In Charge this Week

PresidingPam Raumer
Director.....Sabine Webb
Team CaptainJerry Benoit
Meeting Setup.....Jesse Smyers
Greeter.....Jane Drito
Ticket Sales.....Layton Hansen

Thought/Pledge.....Sabine Webb
Song Leader.....Lu Hughes
Guest Intro & Mic.....Rem Barnard
Birthdays.....
Anniversaries.....Jim Campana
Speaker Intro.....Jerry Benoit
Meeting Take-Down.....Jesse Smyers

Today's Program:

Neil Reeder – Challenge Day Organization

Notices:

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Upcoming Meetings:

- 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...

February 2008 Message From RI President Wilfred J. Wilkinson

In the last few weeks, as I considered what I might write on this page, I thought again and again of the words widely attributed to the American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson: "Peace cannot be achieved through violence; it can only be attained through understanding."

In Rotary, we work toward peace through understanding, and we work to build understanding through service. In our travels throughout the Rotary world, Joan and I have seen very vividly the kinds of projects that genuinely create understanding and bring people together. Most often, they're the projects that involve both Rotarians and beneficiaries. They're the projects that allow everyone to work with each other toward a common goal and to share in the pride and benefit of a job well done.

When we come together in friendship with the people we wish to help; when we communicate goals, needs, and expectations clearly; when we approach our work with a spirit of cooperation, not charity – this is when we truly build understanding. This is how we begin a process of change that will endure far longer than our involvement in any one project.

In the years since Rotary International chose to take on the goal of global polio eradication, we've seen again and again how working toward a common objective can bring people together. We've seen an unprecedented level of international collaboration as governments and agencies around the world have built new channels of communication and cooperation. And we've seen how the openness and trust that were developed through this effort have endured, allowing for other projects, more cooperation, and greater under-

standing among nations.

Rotary will never be able to solve all the world's problems or meet all its needs. What we can do, and what we try our best to do, is to help where and how we can – and, through our service, to bring people together in peace to help each other.

All of Rotary's projects, no matter how small, have the potential to build understanding and bring peace. As we enter World Understanding Month, I ask all of you to remember that every project has a twofold purpose: meeting its practical objective and building goodwill and friendship. If we plan and serve well, we'll also build lasting bridges to a better future. As Rotarians, we truly believe that peace is possible.

January Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Rotarians who celebrated wedding anniversaries in January: **Gill Bordenave, Marv Epstein, Bill Larmer, Tom Rockwell, and Randy Walker.**

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 praumer@rina.com Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

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!

February 19 Terry A Khonsari – Raising a Superstar

February 26 Beh Shahmardaan – Five Systems of Medicine

6 Club Rotary Meeting, Next Wednesday Night Feb 20th with KeyNote Speaker, Air Force Pilot Brian Shul

Join several other local Clubs to hear a special presentation by former Air Force pilot Brian Shul, who survived when his aircraft was shot down in Viet Nam. Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville CA 94526. 5:45pm no-host cocktails, 7pm dinner and program. \$50. Please RSVP with your check to **President Pam TODAY.**

Rotary Joint Meeting, Friday March 28th, Noon at Concord Hilton

We are invited to join the Rotary Clubs of Concord, and Concord-Diablo at a joint meeting on Friday, March 28th, at noon and the Concord Hilton Hotel, 1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord, CA 94520. The program will feature

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-LEISURE-LANE), 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.