

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 re-buys, 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

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.

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.

Prospective Member

Doug Switzer is proposed for membership, trans-

ferring 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. Please send any comments to the Club Secretary, Hari Boukis. Eugene McGrane, of MCC Realty Group in Walnut Creek, is proposed for membership in the classification of Commercial Real Estate. Please send any comments to the Club Secretary, Hari Boukis.

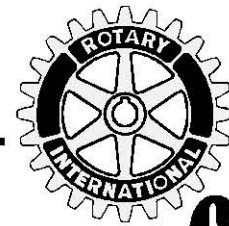
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Upcoming Meetings:

- 2008-04-08** none -- Offsite Meeting- Sequin Moreau Wine Barrel Cooperage in Napa
- 2008-04-15** Karla Weise -- ARF -Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation
- 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 1, 2008 Volume 76 Number 35

People In Charge this Week

Presiding	Pam Raumer	Thought/Pledge.....	Clint Collier
Director.....	Nestor Karas	Song Leader.....	Lu Hughes
Team Captain	Karen Horrigan	Guest Intro & Mic.....	Hari Boukis
Meeting Setup.....	Neerja Bhutani	Birthdays.....	
Greeter.....	John Gardner	Anniversaries.....	Andy Halperin
Ticket Sales.....	Nestor Karas	Speaker Intro.....	Rick Mathews
		Meeting Take-Down.....	Neerja B.

Today's Program:

Bob Carns, Immediate Past President, Mt. Diablo Silverado Council of the Boy Scouts of America

Notices:

Next Week:

Our Tuesday April 8th Meeting will be a tour of the Sequin Moreau Wine Barrel Cooperage in American Canyon

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Announcements:

Next Week: **Our Tuesday April 8th Meeting will be a tour of the Seguin Moreau Wine Barrel Cooperage in American Canyon**

Our meeting on April 8th is a special tour of the Seguin Moreau wine barrel cooperage in American Canyon. We are meeting at Seguin Moreau at 11am for the tour which will conclude by noon. For last minute information, contact Rick Mathews rickm@rotarywc.org or 838-0527.

News Items of the Day

Rotary International announced today that former USA Vice President, Nobel Peace Prize honoree, and Oscar winner, Al Gore, will be a special guest presenter at the 2008 Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles. Mr. Gore will share tips on how to minimize the carbon footprint of your 20,000 square foot primary residence and your vacation homes. RI planners noted that the LA location will avoid the hardship experienced by concerned celebrities and global leaders attending the 2007 UN global warming conferences in Bali which had insufficient airport capacity to accommodate all their private jets. In a related story, President Bush has arranged for representatives of FEMA to address the RI Convention's global warning preparedness seminar on some particularly helpful lessons learned from the Katrina flooding, including how to counteract projected global rises in sea levels by raising houses and huts up on stilts, and shipping truck loads of ice around in search of evacuees.

Palestinian Eluvmi Nabor and Israel's Peesinar Thyme emerged from round the clock negotiation sessions to announce a long-awaited end to armed conflict and division, and a new era of peaceful cooperation, for the peoples of Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel, and an inspiration to those still struggling in Lebanon and the rest of the Middle East. The two envoys credited their surprising success to the application of the Rotary

Four Way Test to everything they think, say, or do. They found that this enabled them to put aside centuries of religious and tribal differences, and find mutual understanding and harmony. May it be so!

On the sporting front, baseball's 2008 season is underway with an Opening Day free of controversy and a nary a word about steroid use and the absence of Barry Bonds from the Giant's lineup (and the outfield walls of AT&T Park). And the A's Opening Night with the Red Sox tonight is actually their third game of the Season, with each team having split a two-game series last week in Tokyo (opps, that one is true!).

Other Recognitions

Joe Stein has been busy opening up the new Cousins BBQ restaurant at the location of their former Sunrise Café at California and Newell, and taking over the catering business at Boundary Oak. And, his baby daughter Grace is making sure he doesn't get much sleep.

Cathy Durfee has been busy working on the integration of Greater Bay Bank into Wells Fargo following their recent acquisition.

Don't Let the Screen Door Hit You in the Behind on the Way Out...

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 at guest!

April 8 Special tour to Seguin Moreau Cooperage in American Canyon. See details in this bulletin, or contact Rick Mathews rbm8@sbcglobal.net or 838-0527 to sign up.

April 15 Karla Weise, ARF Animal Rescue Foundation

April 22 Leonard Komor, Pilot for the China Clipper

April 29 Happy 50th Birthday to Pres Pam.

May 6 Camp Royal and Camp Venture

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?"

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, 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.