

# THE WALNUT LEAF



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465

2013 2014 Theme:

*"Engage Rotary; Change Lives"*

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**Thought for the Day: Andy Marshall**

**Introductions: Andy Halperin**

**Today: Valentine's Day**

## "Love Me Tender"

*Love me tender,  
love me sweet,  
never let me go.  
You have made my life complete,  
and I love you so.*

*Love me tender,  
love me true,  
all my dreams fulfilled.  
For my darlin' I love you,  
and I always will.*

*Love me tender,  
love me long,  
take me to your heart.  
For it's there that I belong,  
and we'll never part.*

*Love me tender,  
love me dear,  
tell me you are mine.  
I'll be yours through all the years,  
till the end of time.*

## "Edelweiss"

*Edelweiss, Edelweiss  
Every morning you greet me  
Small and white clean and bright  
You look happy to meet me  
Blossom of snow may you bloom and grow  
Bloom and grow forever  
Edelweiss, Edelweiss  
Bless my homeland forever.*

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**Interviews are underway for this Summer's Student Exchange Program with the Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kohoku Japan.** This program sends a student from each Club to the other Club to spend a few weeks hosted by the Members. If you know a college age student who would be a good candidate to be our representative, please contact **Lance Mendes** so that they can be interviewed and considered.

**Challenge Days Feb 24 and 25 2014—Northgate High School:** NHS is currently organizing full-day volunteers for Monday, February 24 and Tuesday, February 25; the time commitment is from 7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and registration volunteers for 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. each day. NHS also is soliciting food donations, including granola or snack bars, bananas, individually packaged chips, individually packaged cookies, and "Sponsor a Northgate Teacher" donations (which costs \$150 to provide a substitute teacher). (You can donate towards a substitute by writing a check to "Northgate PFC" with "Challenge Day" written within in the memo). **If you want to help, contact Jerry Benoit.**

**Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting with Concord Diablo Rotary** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord,. **We will NOT be meeting at Heather Farms on March 4.** The speaker is Mark DeSaulnier, a well known bay area politician and currently a State senator. Checks for \$19 should be made payable to Concord Diablo Rotary Club. You may bring guests.

**Reno Train Trip Fri Feb 28-Sun Mar 2. The reservation deadline is extended to this Friday January 31, 2014. To register, see the email from Doug Switzer.**

**March 7th 38th annual Tahoe City Rotary Ski Challenge.** Even though this ski season has been less than stellar so far, the snow at Northstar ski resort is great. Come up and have a great day of skiing and Rotary comradeship. All of the information on the race can be found on our web site: [TahoeCityRotary.org](http://TahoeCityRotary.org)

**Dinner with Rotary International President Ron D. Burton: Sunday March 30, 2014,** at the Double Tree Hotel 2001 Point West Way Sacramento, (Arden Way & Business 80), 5:00 PM Doors Open, 6:00PM Start, \$55 per person (table of 10-\$550), Choice for dinner: Tri-Tip and Shrimp or Vegetarian Soufflé (roasted vegetables in puff pastry).

**Today's E-Edition features photos of last week's speaker, Michael Barrington,**



and of **Joanna Aretakis' newborn Angelina.** Thanks to **Clint Collier** for our meeting photos.



| <b>2013/2014 Club Projects and Contacts (New Table Format In Progress)</b> |               |  |                        |                           |
|--|---------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Project:</b>  | <b>Dates</b>  | <b>Contact<br/>Rotarian</b>            | <b>Phone<br/>Email</b> | <b>News and<br/>Notes</b> |
| <b>New Projects:</b>   |               |  |                        |                           |
| Rotary Learning Center and Monument Crisis Center                          |               | Bob Romero                             |                        |                           |
| The Creek Youth Center (6 computers)                                       |               |  |                        |                           |
| Walnut Creek Fire Station No. 7 (alarm system)                             |               | Jerry Benoit                           |                        |                           |
| Boy Scouts of America Hispanic Initiative                                  |               | Bob Romero                             |                        |                           |
| <b>Continuing Annual Projects:</b>   |               |  |                        |                           |
| Fishing in the City  |               | John Gardner                           |                        |                           |
| Meals on Wheels  |               | Bob Romero                             |                        |                           |
| Camp Royal and Camp Venture  |               | Carl Manna and<br>Joe Doherty          |                        |                           |
| Creek Cleanup  |               | Quent Alexander                        |                        |                           |
| Challenge Day @ Northgate H.S.   |               | Jerry Benoit                           |                        |                           |
| Crab Feed Fundraiser   | Feb 1, 2013   | Milt Smith                             |                        |                           |
| Crab Feed Fundraiser 2014  |               | Dess Benedetto                         |                        |                           |
| Scholarships at Las Lomas H.S. and Northgate H.S.                          |               | Ken Anderson<br>and Rem Barnard        |                        |                           |
| DVC Career Connections   |               | Karen Lile                             |                        |                           |
| Family BBQ   |               | Mike Lommel                            |                        |                           |
| Poker Tournament Fundraiser  |               | Carl Manna                             |                        |                           |
| UC Berkeley International House Agriculture Tour                           |               | Sabine Webb and<br>Darren Kelly        |                        |                           |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo Kohoku Youth Exchange                                 |               | Bay Shahmardaan<br>and Lance<br>Mendes |                        |                           |
| DV8 International Projects   |               | Ken Anderson                           |                        |                           |
| The Garden at Heather Farms  |               |  |                        |                           |
| Assistance League of Diablo Valley   |               |  |                        |                           |
| Rotocare Mobile Clinic-Concord   |               | Lu Hughes                              |                        |                           |
| Toys for Tots  |               | Clint Collier                          |                        |                           |
| Borges Ranch Heritage Day  |               | Jack Fischer                           |                        |                           |
| Annual Lunch at John Muir Medical Center                                   | Sept 16, 2014 | Marv Epstein                           |                        |                           |

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

Feb 18, Solarzar, Magician

Feb 25, David Gilbert, "What's New in Genomes?"

**March 4: No Meeting at Heather Farms.**

**March 5 Special Joint Meeting with Concord Diablo Rotary at the Crowne Plaza Hotel 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, 12:15pm, \$19. The speaker is Mark DeSaulnier. Bring guests.**