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Thought for the Day: Walt Youngman

Roving Mic: Cathy Durfee

Today's Speaker: Pamela Hofsass, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab

Today's Speaker, Pamela Hofsass joined the Contra Costa County SO's Crime Lab as the new Chief of Forensic Services on January 26, 2015. Pam has over 25 years of law enforcement experience, including 12 years in the lab. She joined the San Francisco Police Department in 1989 as a patrol officer. By 1994, she was assigned to the SFPD Crime Lab and worked in the capacity of a Criminalist, testing narcotics, gun-shot residue, DNA evidence and crime scene investigations. As a dedicated officer, she left no stone unturned in many a murder or sexual assault investigation, aiding the DA's Office in expert testimony or providing assistance to colleagues in crime scene investigations. Pam has both a strong science background (receiving her Master of Science degree in Forensic Science in 2008 from UC Davis) as well as investigative experience in both the Sexual Assault and Homicide Details at SFPD. She has taught for the Robert Presley ICI since 1998 and has presented workshops throughout the country in the areas of Forensic Science, DNA and Evidence Collection. Pam left the SFPD at the rank of Lieutenant.

The Times (and our Meeting Room) They Are A Changing! Pres Dess immediately broke us out of our Tuesday meeting rut by changing the usual orientation of our meeting space. Those of us used to hanging out towards the back now find ourselves up front and center. And she greatly improved coffee service by

bringing in a new coffee maker (and better grounds)! And tea for the tea drinkers! Thanks, **Pres Dess!** And look for the new information table on "stage right" of the head table (formerly the back left corner) which will feature sign-up sheets for upcoming events, and other announcements and informational materials.

Back to School Backpack Drive thru Aug 4th for Monument Crisis Center: We again are collecting funds to supply backpacks with school supplies for children served by the MCC. \$60 will cover the costs for one filled backpack, but any amount will help. Please make checks payable to "Monument Crisis Center" and give them to **Bob Romero** by August 4th. If you prefer to buy backpacks or supplies yourself, please be sure to pick up an instruction sheet with a checklist from Bob or from the information table at our weekly Club meeting. There are limitations on colors (to avoid gang affiliation) and special needs for younger and older students. Thanks for your generous support which gets the kids off to an excellent start each school year.

2015 Rotary Exchange Students; Hosts Needed: Laura Tracey, niece of **Trudy Cumming**, is representing our Club. She departed Monday to spend three weeks with the Rotary Club of Tokyo- Kohoku Japan. Laura is a junior at Sonoma State University, majoring in Political Science.

Laura will return on July 27th, bringing along Miss Hirari Yamishita representing the Kohoku Club. She will be visiting with us for three weeks through August 17th. She is a Freshman in High School.

Please sign-up with **Richard Hsu** to host Hirari for a home stay and for events and sightseeing. Show her the beauty of the San Francisco Bay Area and the warmth of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek.

Proposed Walnut Creek Tokyo-Kohoku Clubs Anniversary Trip to Japan:

Preliminary planning is underway for a joint meeting in Hawaii next year. Please sign up to receive information (no obligation) or to participate in the planning.

Fellowship Fest BBQ August 1 5pm to 8pm at the home of Oscar and Tessie Wu 15 Kerley Court, \$25 adults \$10 kids, \$60 max per family: Pres Dess wants 100% participation in this new fun fellowship program featuring small group events sponsored by Club members. Pick up a Fellowship Fest flyer and event form on the information table. To participate you can do one or more of the following: 1. Host a fellowship event; 2. Come to the Fellowship Fest Event on August 1st from 5 - 8 pm. This is a family event. All are welcome. 3. Attend a fellowship event hosted by one of your fellow Rotarian friends. **PRIZES:** The first 5 Rotarians who turned in their Fellowship Fest idea forms received 10 free meeting raffle tickets. The first 5 Rotarians to sign up and pay for an Event at the Fellowship Fest on August 1 also will get 10 free raffle tickets.

Welcome Back, Hari Boukis. Hari has rejoined us after a two year leave of absence. Hari is a computer consultant and a long-time member of the Club. He has been volunteering locally in the meantime and is glad to be back volunteering again with us.

Upcoming Club Meetings/Events:

July 21 Leigh Johnson, Coping with Hearing Loss

July 28 Mike Woodring, from the Mt Diablo Interpretive Association, shares his experience as a volunteer and his knowledge gained while walking the over 2,000 miles of hiking trails in the Mt Diablo park system.

Sunshine Committee Report: New member **David Levien** reportedly suffered a stroke and is hospitalized in Maine.

Prospective Member: Mark Olson has been proposed for membership. Mark is a business attorney who worked at major law firms before opening his own Walnut Creek practice in 2013. Mark has been an active Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, and parishioner volunteer at St Mathews Lutheran Church in Walnut Creek. He looks forward to further serving our local community as a member of our Club. Please provide any comments to the Club Secretary.

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Today's E-Edition features a photo of **Pres Dess** accepting the District 5160 "Service Above Self" Award on behalf of our Club for Rotary year 2014-2015. Congratulations to all of us!



Aug 4 Gary Conner, White Pony Express
Aug 11 Jill Lawrence, Loaves and Fishes
Aug 18 Glovy Webb and Nicole Bustamonte, Camp Venture
Aug 25 Mike Robbins, Motivational Speaker