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Thought for the Day: Trudy Triner

Roving Mic: Jack Fischer

Today's Program: David Behring, “Costa Rica Wheelchairs 2016 Project”

Club Directories are Now Available. Thanks to **Doug Switzer** for his efforts in producing this year's Directories. Each member can pick up two directories today or at a future meeting.

Exchange Student Arrival: The Welcome Party for our 2016 Kohoku Exchange Student, **Ms. Honami Kageyami, is tonight** at 5:30pm at the home of **Jennifer Ruane** 35 Tierra Verde Ct., Walnut Creek. Her farewell party is Sept 15 at 5:30pm at the home of **Richard Hsu** 1124 Bancroft Road Walnut Creek. Honami will join us for our Yosemite weekend Sept 16-18. She departs from SFO 11am Sept. 25.

Our Annual Lunch Meeting at John Muir Medical Center Walnut Creek is Tues Sept 20th at Noon in the Ball Auditorium. The program will feature a walk-through tour of the new Rehabilitation Center. Members and guests are invited; \$17 at the door. Sign up now with **Rob Walters**.



“Relive the Memories”, as we Bring Back the Yosemite Weekend, September 16-18.

See our host and organizer **Fletcher Tyler** for information. We will enjoy wine tasting, swimming, rafting, hiking, and

group dinners. You need to arrange your own lodging. Options include: 1. The BIG TREES LODGE (formerly known as Wawona Hotel) Call for reservations (888) 413-8869. 2. PRIVATE HOMES for rent in Wawona - Log on to the Website: redwoodsinyosemite.com. or

call for reservations (877) 753-8566. 2 or 3 couples might choose to share the cost of a home. This is where the Tyler's home is and we will have a Saturday night BBQ for all. 3. WAWONA CAMPGROUND. 4. TENAYA LODGE in Fish Camp, about 3 miles outside the South Entrance to the Park, about 9 miles from Wawona. Call for reservations (888) 514-2167.

Lafayette Rotary Club's Golf Classic is Monday, October 3rd at the Rossmoor Golf Club. Shotgun start at noon. \$150.00 includes golf, box lunch, and dinner. Dinner only \$35. Register at <https://bit.ly/lafayetterotarygolf>.



50th Anniversary Rotary Exchange Student Celebration with the Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kohoku Japan, Honolulu, Hawaii. Oct. 8-14, 2016. We are headquartered at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa.

Main events include:

Sat Oct 8th Arrival and Check-in

Sun Oct 9th Welcome Reception

Mon Oct 10th Tour

Tues Oct 11th Breakfast reception

Wed Oct 12th Joint meeting and dinner (**Dress code: Jacket and Tie**)

Thurs Oct 13th free time and TBA

Fri Oct 14th departure

Let Clint Collier know if you are coming and see his email message and flyer for details!

[Click this Link to the Registration Website.](#)

Rotary Community Service Project October 8th 9AM to Noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble and install benches for the Rotary amphitheater at Borges Ranch. See **Jesse Smyers** or **Don Willoughby**.

Rotary District 5160's Fall Foundation / Membership Seminars. Two dates/locations:
North - **Saturday, September 24 9:30 am – 2:00 pm Red Bluff High School, Red Bluff** or
South - **Saturday, October 8 9:00 am – 2:30 pm Benicia High School, Benicia.** This is for all Rotarians. Learn more about improving your Club's membership - attracting, retaining, and engaging your members. And, learn more about your Rotary Foundation.

Nicaragua LN-4 Artificial Hand Project, Oct. 21, 22 and 23, Managua, Nicaragua. A delegation led by **Bob Romero** will be traveling to Managua to distribute artificial hands with the Rotary Managua-Tiscapa Club that helped us with our "Agua Nicaragua" water project.

Our Club's Holiday Party will be held Tuesday, December 20, from 6 to 10 PM at Boundary Oak. Cost is \$40.00 per person, including music, entertainment, and also a great dinner. For more info, contact Jean Edwards 925-899-0727, jedwards1007@comcast.net

Crab Feed 2017 is Saturday, January 28. It will be held at the Pleasant Hill Community Center. This is a new venue for us and recently remodeled.

The Club received a thank you letter from visiting Rotary Scholar Eri Yoshimura, expressing her thanks to the Club, and especially **Rem and Vera Barnard** and **Trudy Cumming,**

for the tremendous personal support and encouragement they provided to Eri during her intensive, exhausting, year of graduate study at UCSF. Eri also credits **Adrian Mendes and Dess Benedetto** for helping her make the connections required to obtain this great global scholar opportunity. Eri has returned to Japan and will start working in October for a global health "think tank."

Welcome New Member Jason Callan. Jason was inducted last week. He lives in Walnut Creek and is the librarian for SF law firm Davis Wright Tremaine LLP.

Proposed New Member: Matthew P. Guichard is proposed for membership in our Club. Matt is a nationally recognized litigation attorney and founding partner of the Guichard Teng & Portello law firm in Walnut Creek. Matt was born and raised in Walnut Creek and he and his wife Eileen sponsor local youth sports teams. Matt's sponsor is **Rem Barnard**. Please provide any comments to the Club Secretary.

Prospective Member Incentive—Another Free Lunch! The Club Board has approved a new incentive to encourage Club members to bring prospective members as guests. The lunch for the guest AND FOR THE CLUB MEMBER will be free for the first meeting attended by the guest.

Upcoming Club Meetings and Events:

Sept 13 Steven Huss, Public Art Director for the City of Walnut Creek, "Public Art in Walnut Creek"
Sept 20 Noon Our annual lunch meeting at John Muir Medical Center, Walnut Creek, Ball Auditorium.
Sept 27 Camp Venture and Camp Royale Students tell us about their summer camp experiences.
Nov 11 Our Annual Poker Event at St. Isadore Church. 5:30 dinner. 6:30 cards fly. See **Carl Manna**.