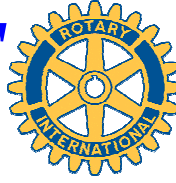


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Thought for the Day: Marty Larsen

Roving Mic: Rod Uffindel

Today's Program: Ethan Bindermagel, “Walnut Creek Economic Development”

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.

2016 Kohoku Exchange Student Dates: Our inbound exchange student from Japan, **Ms. Honami Kageyami, arrives at SFO on next Tuesday, August 30th at 5pm.** Please see **Richard Hsu** or **Trudy Cumming** if you would like to be included in the welcoming group. **Honami's welcome party is Sept 6th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Jennifer Ruane's home 35 Tierra Verde Ct., Walnut Creek.** **Honami's farewell party is Sept 15th at 5:30pm** at the home of **Richard Hsu.** She will join us for our Yosemite weekend Sept 16-18. **She departs from SFO 11am Sept. 25.** Honami is open to any type of experience we can provide her. **Richard Hsu** is passing around a hosting calendar.



“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.



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

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.**

Nicaragua LN-4 Artificial Hand Project, Oct. 21, 22 and 23, Managua, Nicaragua. We are

going to do an LN-4 project with the Rotary Managua-Tiscapa Club that helped us with our "Agua Nicaragua" water project. **Bob Romero** will lead the travel, departing on Oct 19 or 20. We can stay an additional 3 or 4 more days Oct 24-26 and visit the country. **But you must make your own travel arrangements.** FYI, Bob recently checked Expedia for air fare and found flights around \$609 nonstop or \$528 1-stop depending on airline, dates, and times. A Managua Rotarian recommends the Hotel Seminole Managua with rates of \$65 for a single or \$ 70 for a double (both + 17% taxes); go to www.seminoleplaza.com/en/. **Please contact Bob Romero** for more information romero425@aol.com 925-457-4291.

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.

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.

Sunshine Report: Jesse Smyers is home recovering from double bypass heart surgery. He is walking and getting back up to speed and hopes to be back in the pool in 6 weeks or so (as soon as the Docs let him).

Upcoming Club Meetings and Events:

- Sat Aug 27 Rotary District 5160 Foundation Fun Day at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom. \$45 includes lunch.
- Aug 30 Drew Marshall, "Sleep Apnea"
- Sep 6 Bob Romero and David Behring, "Costa Rica Wheelchairs 2016 Project"
- Sept 13 Steven Huss, Public Art Director for the City of Walnut Creek, "Public Art in Walnut Creek"
- Sept 20 Our annual lunch meeting at John Muir Medical Center, Walnut Creek, Ball Auditorium.