Tuesday August 2, 2016

Thought for the Day: Richard Hsu

Today’s Speaker: Gail Murray, “Better BART”

Exchange Student Arrival: Our 2016 Kohoku Exchange Student, Ms. Honami Kageyami, will be arriving on August 30th at 5:45pm. She is open to any type of experience we can provide her. Richard Hsu will be passing around a sign-up list for hosting Honami.

Relive the Memories”, as we Bring Back the Yosemite Weekend, September 16-18. See our host and organizer Fletcher Tyler for information. Make your own reservations for lodging at the “Big Trees Lodge” (formerly the Wawona Inn) or get together with other Rotarians and rent a house or cabin. We will enjoy wine tasting, swimming, rafting, hiking, and group dinners.

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. Please contact Bob Romero romero425@aol.com 925-256-8470.

10:30am to 8pm, Six Flags/Discovery Kingdom. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of our District, the induction of all District club presidents, and a day of fun and fellowship with our families and friends. $45 ticket price includes all you can eat picnic lunch including Fried Chicken, Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Garden Salad, Baked Beans, Ice Cream & Soda in the private picnic groves from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. $5 for every ticket sold goes to the Rotary Foundation. TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE PARK. Go to www.SixFlags.com/DiscoveryKingdom, and use promo code: ROTARY in the upper right-hand corner. Six Flags Season Pass Holders can purchase a meal-only voucher for $25 each. Space is limited; buy your tickets by August 21. Questions? Call 707-556-5228 or email cjuarez@sftp.com.
The Walnut Creek Rotary Club and the Kahaku Rotary Club of Tokyo celebration marking the 50th anniversary of our joint student exchange program is coming! The dates are October 8th through the 14th at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa in Honolulu, Hawaii! Some highlights... more details to follow...

- Saturday October 8th: Arrival and check in.
- Sunday October 9th: Welcome reception
- Monday October 10th: Tour organized by the Kahaku Club
- Tuesday October 11th: Breakfast reception followed by free time
- Wednesday October 12th: Joint meeting and dinner
- Thursday October 13th: Free time right now... stay tuned
- Friday October 14th: departure unless you want to linger on... see below!

We have a special rate at the resort of $239 per night. Some points to know...

- They are waiving the resort fee for us ($157/day). If you want to use the spa or the amenities normally covered by this fee you will need to make arrangements to activate it for your individual reservation... hint: if you want free internet access, join the Marriott rewards program (at no cost) and you get it free as a perk.
- Cost of the activities has yet to be determined.
- Each member needs to make their own resort reservation. Do this by clicking here to visit the event registration web site and reserving your room.
- Want to come early or stay late? This special room rate is available when you register for 3 days before and 3 days after the event!

Upcoming Club Meetings and Events:

Aug 9  Mary Azevedo, Rem Barnard, Clint Collier, and Karen Lile “Tanzania”
Aug 16  “Broadway Plaza”
Aug 23  Ethan Bindermagel, “Walnut Creek Economic Development Overview
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 20 Our annual lunch meeting at John Muir Medical Center, Walnut Creek, Ball Auditorium.