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Thought for the Day: Dess Benedetto

Today’s Speaker: Catherine Baker, California State Assembly

Rotary Dues 2016-2017: Please pay your dues to Doug Switzer or mail them to PO Box 4191 Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Doug has sent you an invoice by email, and has additional copies available at Club meetings.

Back to School Backpacks for the Monument Crisis Center. Donate by July 26. 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 Eric Baba ericr.baba@gmail.com 925-378-5255 by July 26. If you prefer to buy backpacks or supplies yourself, Ivan Kerr and Jean Edwards suggest that you try Kohl’s where you can get a $40 FILA backpack on sale for only $20. These appear to be top quality with great features (e.g., lots of compartments, zippers, nice colors, etc.). Or Target where you get a free $5 gift card when you spend $25 on school supplies. Please be sure to pick up an instruction sheet with a checklist from Eric 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.

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 cjuanaez@sftp.com.
50th Anniversary Rotary Exchange Student Celebration with the Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kohoku Japan, Honolulu, Hawaii. Oct. 8-14, 2016. Registration deadline is September 9th. Let Clint Collier know if you are coming. We need more participation from our Club members. 24 Japan Rotarians are signed up already vs. only 5 for our Club. See the last page of the E-Edition of today’s bulletin for more details!

“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 our hosts, the Rotary Managua-Tiscapa Club that also helped us with our "Agua Nicaragua" water project. Bob Romero will be leading the travel there, 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.

July Anniversaries: Congratulations to the following Rotarians celebrating wedding anniversaries in July: Russ Anderson, Joe Dougherty, Bruce Johnson, Andy Marshall, and Walt Youngman.

Upcoming Club Meetings and Events:
Club and District Calendars are now “always in view” at http://www.rotarywc.org/
July 26 Dan Ashley, ABC News
August 27 Rotary District 5160 Foundation Fun Day at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom. $45 includes lunch.
The Walnut Creek Rotary Club and the Kohaku 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 Kohaku 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 ($35/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!