



Rotary Club Of Walnut Creek
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Upcoming Events

Rotary District 5160 Conference—May 3-5 2001 in Woodland. Information and registration forms are available from **Roger Dolan** or online at www.rotary5160.org

Free Ferry Boat Tour of Oakland Harbor, June 7th. The tour will start at 11am, and be followed by no-host lunch at the Spaghetti Factory in Jack London Square. **Sign up with Roy Hjersman or Bruce Cockerham.**

Demotion Celebration. Say *bon voyage* to **Prez Barry** as he walks the plank, returning to being just another deckswabber. **Saturday, June 30, at 6pm, at the Jewish Community Center** in Walnut Creek. See **Earl**

Upcoming Meeting Programs

May 1st: Playhouse West, with Lois Grandi.

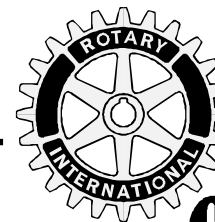
Monday, May 7th, 12 noon, Concord Hilton. Joint meeting with 5 area Rotary Clubs and the visiting GSE team from Thailand.

No meeting on Tuesday, May 8th. Attend the special joint meeting on May 7th.

May 15th. War Stories with Brad Slavin.

May 22th. Guide Dogs for the Blind.

May 29th. Rotary Club Youth Programs.



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This Week's Worker Bees

Presiding Barry Slavin
Team Captain Linda Morris
Speaker Intro.....
Thought/Pledge..... Claudine Fletcher
Visitors Intro..... Howard Rudiger
Bulletin Editor..... John McClintic
Next Bulletin Editor.... John McClintic

Roving Microphone.....
Set-Up/Take-Down.....
Song Leader..... Larry Palmieri
Ticket Sales.....
Birthdays.....
Anniversaries.....

THIS PROGRAM

This Week: Walnut Creek Mayor, Kathy Hicks

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ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160**

Chartered April 7, 1937

Frank Devlyn
International President

*Create Awareness,
Take Action*

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District Governor

Susan Wait
District
Governor Nominee

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Roger Dolan
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Week: Thanks to **Gill Bordenave** for organizing a tour of the “Golden Bear III”, training ship for the CSU California Maritime Academy in Vallejo. Our tour was led by CMA’s President, Jerry Asplant. CMA’s approximately 600 undergraduate students major in Facilities Engineering Technology, Marine Engineering Technology, Marine Transportation, Mechanical Engineering, and Business Administration. CMA boasts 100% placement of its graduates in well-paying career jobs in the Coast Guard, the Navy, the Merchant Marine, and private on-shore industries. Last year, 70 firms came to campus recruiting for the 83 graduating seniors. Students also have the opportunity to earn licenses and certifications in marine industry areas of expertise. Students take a 2-month training cruise during the freshman and senior years (some also go on cruises in sophomore and junior years. Cruise destinations include the Far East, South Pacific, Central and South America, Hawaii, and the Caribbean. CMA’s hands-on educational program has become well-recognized in industry, and CMA’s campus has benefited from significant recent donations to expand its engineering and classroom facilities. Students live on-campus in a beautiful bay-side setting just west of the Carquinez Bridge. The Golden Bear III was made available to CMA by the federal government in 1994 after being used by the Navy for “oceanographic” (and other exotic, but unmentionable) uses for five years following its launch in 1989. Completely refurbished by the students and outside contractors, the Golden Bear III is a beautiful, state of the art, training vessel which provides the students with a hands-on learning environment to apply their engineering and management skills.

Two Weeks Ago: Guest speaker, Lori Legler, of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) told us about this volunteer program which provides an independent advocate to work directly with children removed from their homes through the juvenile rescue system. 3,000 children in our County are removed from abusive home situations each year in our County, and thousands more are processed through the juvenile justice system. CASA seeks to be a lifeline to these children. CASA’s goal is to help the children make it through high school and have hope for a normal life in the future. Volunteer advocates help investigate school, medical care, foster care, and other resources and to be a mentor and friend to the child. CASA’s \$300,000 annual budget and volunteer force currently allows it to provide services to meet only a fraction of the need. CASA is holding a Golf Tournament fundraiser at Diablo Creek Golf Course in Concord on **this Friday, April 27th**, shotgun start at 1pm; dinner follows the play. \$110 per golfer, \$400 per four-

some. **Call Lori Legler at 258-1111 ext 216 for possible last minute registration.**

Lost and Found: Ahoy matey, **your maroon sweater with a Grodin’s label** was picked up by mistake on the Golden Bear III. See **Gill Bordenave** 938-2122 to arrange a swap.

Thank You: Thanks to **Linda Morris** for stepping in as March director, **and to her Team** for a great month of programs and activities.

Recognitions: Former Club member, **Alex Belof III**, now selling Cadillacs in Memphis, Tennessee, was recognized in absentia for his aggressive marketing (he recently appeared on the cover of “Southern Golfer” magazine).

Roger Dolan recently was appointed a lecturer at the University of California in a Graduate School program for Management of Wastewater Utilities.

Dennis Hughes celebrated his daughter’s recent successful cheerleading competition, and a new granddaughter.

Oscar Wu was recognized for wife Tessie’s new Mercedes SUV.

Wolf Heinritz happily reported an “all-clear” from his physician on his recent cancer follow-up tests.

Prez Barry unwittingly held an impromptu “sale” on travel recognitions, \$25 each no matter how many, no matter how long (during his reign), no matter how far, starting with **Mel Bacher** (reporting several recent trips), **John Gardner** (Mexico), and **Marv Epstein** (Passover in Michigan), then spreading like wildfire through future travelers **Wolf Heinritz** (50th high school reunion in Europe), **Walt Youngman** (Europe), **John McClintic** (Europe), **Ken Anderson** (Europe), **Lee Schneider** (Caribbean), and **Frank Suess** (Switzerland).

Event Announcements: Sign up to help with the **Fishing in the City program on May 5th** for the public. See **John Gardner** to volunteer.

Joint Meeting May 7th at the Concord Hilton, noon, to meet the visiting Thailand GSE team. **This joint meeting replaces our meeting on May 8th**. A special \$25 missed meeting charge will be levied on those missing the May 7th joint meeting.

Rotary Club of San Francisco’s “An Evening to Remember” Saturday May 19th, Armenian Community Center. Call 415-923-0645 for tickets or to donate an a travel-related auction or raffle item.

Free Oakland Harbor Tour by Ferry, June 7th We will take a one-hour ferry boat tour of the Port of Oakland, followed by lunch at the Spaghetti Factory. **Signups are required so we know how many tickets to order. See Roy Hjersman or Bruce Cockerham.**

Demotion Party. Mark your calendars for this sweet celebration as we **say bon voyage to Barry** and welcome aboard to Roger Dolan. This year’s demotion party will be **Saturday, June 30, at 6pm, at the Jewish Community Center** in Walnut Creek. Contact **Earl Wightman** if you want to assist with this joyous event.

Rotary District 5160 Conference, Thursday, May 3rd through Saturday, May 5th in Woodland. Featured events include Thursday Sports Day at the Flyers Club, a “Bovines, Combines, and Fine Wines Tour”, and a Sports Banquet; Friday Kickoff Luncheon with Olympic athlete Marilyn King speaking on “Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things”, plenary sessions, and a Route 66 Hospitality Night; Saturday plenary sessions and financial planner Gary Wollin, luncheon speaker Astronaut Marsha Ivins (currently in space building the International Space Station), and the Governor’s Prom Night at the Yolo County Airport. Information and registration forms are available from **Roger Dolan** or online at “www.rotary5160.org” **Register now to be assured of hotel space. Sign up for carpooling.**

Rotary International Conference—June 24-27, 2001 in San Antonio, Texas. See Prez Barry Slavin for info on attending this year’s international conference.

Crab Feed Fundraiser, February 2nd, 2002. Mark your calendars for next year’s fundraiser.

Perfect Attendance: Just How Perfect Do I Have to Be?

If Cal Ripkin Jr. could use Rotary’s rules, his streak would still be going strong. RI measures “perfect attendance” over any consecutive 12-month period. Perfect attendance years do not have to be continuous. Rotarians earn perfect attendance credit by attending either their own Club meeting, or a meeting of any other Rotary Club in the world within the two weeks before or the two weeks after the missed “home-club” meeting. Our Club further encourages perfect attendance by assessing an \$10 missed meeting fee for each meeting not

made-up. Making up a missed meeting is fun, and easy to do, and one of the best benefits of Rotary membership. See Club attendance secretary **Quentin Alexander** for a list of all of the Rotary Clubs in the world, their meeting dates, times, and locations, and a local contact person/phone number.

“Frank Talk: How You Can Make a Difference in Your Career, in Your Community, and in Your World” released by RI President Frank Devlyn

Co-authored with David C. Forward, this book is RI President Frank Devlyn’s story of an experience he had early in his year as a Club President and how he has used that experience to carry the message of the benefits of Rotary membership to many others that he has met during my travels. “FRANK TALK” is being published at NO COST TO ROTARY. All sales proceeds will be donated to The Rotary Foundation to be used for avoidable blindness projects. Order at a special pre-publication price through www.frankdevlyn.org/franktalk.htm.

Membership News: Sharon Camandona, a tireless worker and co-chair of our recent years’ major fundraisers and other Club projects, has tendered her resignation from the Club due to substantially increased demands from her banking career. President Barry and the Board of Directors of the Club have thanked **Sharon** for her years of dedicated service to the Club and the community, and has encouraged her to visit us anytime and to come back to membership status should her circumstances change. Please join us in sending **Sharon** your thanks and best wishes.

Get Your Rotary Announcements in the Bulletin: Our regular publishing deadline is Sunday night. You can phone your bulletin announcements to **John McClintic** by 9:00pm on Sunday to be sure to be included. Call John at 930-7352 and leave your message on the answering machine, or fax to 925-945-8932, or email to johnm@rotarywc.org.