



Rotary Club Of Walnut Creek
P.O. Box 4191
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Upcoming Events

Dec 15 Holiday Party and Catered Dinner at Palmer School.

Jan 12-13 Annual Reno Train Trip. See Randy Walker NOW to pay your deposit and reserve your spot with our Club at Harrah's!

Upcoming Meeting Programs

- Oct 29 Mike Parness – Walnut Creek City Manager
- Nov 5 Mary Pols, Contra Costa Times Movie Reviewer
- Nov 12 Bob Kochly, Chief Deputy District Attorney
- Nov 19 Lyn Kenney, Salvation Army
- Nov 26 David Coleman, Deputy Public Defender

For the latest "scoop" on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page:
www.rotarywc.org



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This Week's Worker Bees

Presiding Bruce Cockerham
Team Captain Bruce Johnson
Thought/Pledge..... Fred Sheffler
Guest Intro & Mic..... Paul Fisher
Speaker Intro..... Bruce Johnson
Set-Up/Take-Down..... Bruce Johnson
Ticket Sales..... Marv Epstein

Birthdays..... Jesse Smyers
Anniversaries.....
Song Leader..... Doug Goodrich
Bulletin Editor..... John McClintic
Next Bulletin Editor.... John McClintic

THIS PROGRAM

Today: Susan Belgard--Brainstorming and Participatory Decision Making: Increasing Buy-in to New Ideas and Programs

**October Birthdays Celebrated with Jesse Smyers
Go Giants! World Series 2002**

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ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160**

Chartered April 7, 1937

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District Governor Nominee

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Week: Wheel Chair Project Benefits Disabled in Sri Lanka

Chris Gnanakone reported to the Club on the recent joint project organized by Chris between our Club, the Rotary Club of Colombo West in Sri Lanka, which provided 240 wheelchairs to disabled adults and children throughout Sri Lanka. Ken Behring's Wheelchair Foundation offers matching grants for individuals and groups who desire to help the Foundation make wheelchairs available to every person who needs one throughout the world. So far, projects funded through the Foundation have benefited people in 89 countries. Many Rotary Clubs throughout the world have participated in these projects

Chris organized our Club (which provided \$2,000), and other Bay Area persons with ties to Sri Lanka, to raise the \$18,000 needed to earn a matching \$18,000 grant from the Wheelchair Foundation to cover the costs of manufacturing and shipping a container-load of 240 wheelchairs to Sri Lanka; a cost of only \$150 per chair!. The local Colombo West Rotary Club took care of "unsticking" the red tape in Sri Lanka, identifying and selecting needy persons in City and rural areas, and handling logistics for the distribution and delivery of the chairs. The chairs are basic models designed to be usable in relatively rough rural or urban settings, and easily repairable using commonly available "bicycle shop" parts and repair techniques.

This is a fabulous example of how we can join with others in our local community, and with Rotarians and individuals overseas, to "Sew the Seeds of Love" by providing vitally needed as-

sistance in an affordable and efficient manner. Thanks and congratulations to **Chris** for taking a large leadership role in this terrific project. For more information about the Wheel Chair Foundation, go to www.wheelchairfoundation.com.

Sunrise Rotary's Super Bowl Raffle

The Walnut Creek Sunrise Rotary Club will have a drawing on December 10, 2002 to select the winner of a trip for two to the Super Bowl in San Diego, January 26, 2003. The winner will have 2 choice tickets to Super Bowl XXVII, and 3 nights stay in deluxe accommodations (two night prior and the night after the game). Raffle tickets are \$50 and may be obtained from any Sunrise Rotarian or by calling Bruce Hahn 932-4044; Tom Cranmer 933-1044; or PDG Bill Spalding 938-0700.

Annual Rotary Reno Train Trip January 12-13, 2003

See **Randy Walker** to sign up and pay your deposit for the annual Rotary train trip to Reno on January 12th and 13th. Join Rotarians from throughout the Bay Area on this annual trip through the beautiful Sierra Nevada mountains to Reno. Great scenery, fellowship, fine dining, and shows make this a favorite social outing. \$200 single, \$190 double, occupancy at Harrah's, including your round trip train travel on the Rotary Express. We have 17 signed up already, and we have room for more but you need to get your money in now to assure your space in our allocation at Harrah's.

Annual Club Holiday Party and Catered Dinner—Sunday, December 15th

Mark your calendars for this year's Club Holiday Party on Sunday night, December 15. We will have a no-host bar and catered dinner at the Palmer School. More details to follow.

Buoyant Bruce's Bavarian Beanie...

During a period of merriment at the 2002 Yosemite retreat, our distinguished club President apparently lost his Yellow Bavarian Beanie with the distinctive Blue Feather under very mysterious circumstances. It was suggested at last week's meeting that the (CAL) Bears got it. But NO... when

Sergeant-At-Arms, Tony Gourkani, offered to provide President Bruce a suitable replacement (well... it did have a Blue Feather) for a mere \$20 recognition, President Bruce magically produced an apparently identical Bavarian Beanie with Blue Feather and stuck poor Tony for the twenty bucks.

Well, the question must be asked of President Bruce from the three-way test...

Is it the Truth? Is that really your B. Beanie or did you pilfer it from the Dixon Bavarian Bash when you thought no one was looking? It's time to "fess" up President Bruce.

Anonymous

New Features Offered on the Club Website

Check out some new features on our Club website www.rotarywc.org, including a calendar with automatically updated postings of assignments and programs for upcoming meetings, locations of other Clubs and meeting dates, a photo archive, a members-only section with special information for Club members, Club bulletins going back to 1995, links to other Rotary sites, a form for proposing a new member, and many other new features. Try it today. Thanks to **Hari Boukis** for his efforts to upgrade our site to the "state of the art."

Recognitions

Lee Schneider passed the hat for his first grandchild, Roxanne. Congratulations!

Al Sevilla says farewell this week to another well-trained guide dog pup "graduating" from Al's loving care into formal guide dog training and eventual service to a needy owner. Thanks to Al and Cindy for serving as a guide dog training volunteer.

So far, four Club members have signed up for special Rotary California license plates. We have special stickers for your Club badge identifying you as a participant in this fund-raising program.

New Members

Ken Roberts, Advertising & Marketing, was inducted as a new member of the Club. Welcome, Ken!

Prospective Members

Jonathan Lopez, Commercial Printing, has been proposed for membership in the Club. Please direct any comments to Club Secretary, Clint Collier.

Has your personal information changed?

If your mailing address, telephone or fax numbers, email address, or other personal information changes, please tell the Club Secretary, **Clint Collier**, so that he can keep our records up to date. Contact Clint at the meetings or by email to clintc@rotarywc.org.

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.