



Rotary Club Of Walnut Creek  
P.O. Box 4191  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

**Upcoming Events**

- Dec 15 Holiday Party and Dinner at Palmer School; cocktails 5:30pm, dinner 6:30pm. \$25 per person. Bring wine and an hors douevres (A-J) or dessert (L-Z) to share.
- Jan 12-13 Annual Reno Train Trip. See Randy Walker or Fletcher Tyler now for possible late reservations.

**Upcoming Meeting Programs**

Unknown... Ask Jack M.

*For the latest "scoop" on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page:  
[www.rotarywc.org](http://www.rotarywc.org)*



# The Walnut Leaf

**ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK**

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**This Week's Worker Bees**

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|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Presiding .....        | Bruce Cockerham | Birthdays.....           |                |
| Team Captain .....     | Carl Manna      | Anniversaries.....       | Lee Schneider  |
| Thought/Pledge.....    | Lee Schneider   | Song Leader.....         | Doug Goodrich  |
| Guest Intro & Mic..... | Randy Walker    | Bulletin Editor.....     | John McClintic |
| Speaker Intro.....     | Carl Manna      | Next Bulletin Editor.... | John McClintic |
| Set-Up/Take-Down.....  | Pat Wahl        |                          |                |
| Ticket Sales.....      | Gordon Fischer  |                          |                |

THIS PROGRAM

**Today: David Doleman, Public Defender,  
on Why You Should Oppose the Death Penalty**

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**CLUB NO. 4191  
ROTARY  
INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 5160**

Chartered April 7, 1937

**Bhichai Rattakul**  
International President  
*Sow the Seeds of Love*

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District Governor

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District Governor Nominee

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Polio Plus "Final Push for Eradication"

The "easy" work has been done, and it's now time to focus on the tough-to-get-at final pockets of polio in remote and isolated locations around the world. A \$500 million 3-year campaign is underway to raise the funds necessary to complete this critical effort. Rotary International is looking to raise \$80 million of this from its own membership. Our Club's goal is \$17,000. We will be working to meet this goal with a combination of Community Foundation and Club member contributions. You also can receive credit towards Paul Harris Fellow, Sustaining membership, or additional Fellow recognitions.

### Rotary License Plate Program—Rotary NEEDS YOU

We MUST SUBMIT a minimum of 7500 applications by December, 31, 2002, or we will lose this opportunity. DON'T LET CALIFORNIA FAIL. As of October 29, there are 1467 or about 20% of the total needed.

The Rotary special interest license plate is an official license plate issued by California's Department of Motor Vehicles. Proceeds (\$50 with the originations, \$26 for each renewal) are returned to local clubs for as long as the plates are in use benefit educational and community outreach activities supported by Rotary International in California.

California Rotary License Plates feature the motto "Service Above Self" and the emblem of Rotary International, and are "moving billboards" for Rotary, providing a wide-ranging, colorful, reminder of Rotary's ideals and good works.

*These "Moving billboards" will promote community awareness of ROTARY and provide DOLLAR\$\$\$ to local Clubs to support their service projects.*

For more information, go to [www.ca-rotarylicenseplates.org](http://www.ca-rotarylicenseplates.org).

### Wolf Heinritz' Poem: The Cancer Monkey

You have terminal cancer!  
so the doctor said  
and like a giant monkey on my head  
it claws on me.

There then,  
not a single day goes by,  
not a single day when I not try  
to minimize the grip it has on me.

I won't give in, I will not crack  
I want this monkey off my back.  
So, what's the trick here, what's the deal  
to get me back to an even keel?

Which part of my life must I rearrange  
what can I offer in exchange  
to finally hear words like these:  
"there is no evidence of disease!"

There then,  
these are the milestones of my life.  
My childhood, my children, my art, my wife,  
the friends I was lucky to make over the years,  
the loves, the laughters, the wonders, the tears.

The tears of joy, the moments of glory,  
the warm fuzzy feeling when I don't worry,  
when I am with someone I can trust,  
when I render judgment and know it's just.

There then,  
let's be honest, I sincerely doubt  
that any of these I want to be without.  
Every milestone I treasure and glorify  
and the monkey just does not measure that high.

In comparison to the life I've led,  
to all the wonderful times I've had.  
This monkey seems surprisingly small.  
I am amazed I feel its claws at all.

— Wolfgang Heinritz 2002

### I-House Tour and I-House Friendship Program

Thanks to Phil Eyring and the Rotarians who hosted 43 students from 16 countries on this year's International House agricultural tour and fellowship.

If you would like further opportunities to host a foreign student for dinner or an activity, you can participate in the I-House International Friendship Program. Find information at <http://ias.berkeley.edu/ihouse>.

### Sunrise Rotary's Super Bowl Raffle

The Walnut Creek Sunrise Rotary Club will have a draw-

ing 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.

### Lafayette Rotary's 2002 BMW Z-3 Raffle

James Bond wannabes will want to take a chance on this Rotary Club of Lafayette fundraiser. \$50 per ticket, maximum of 1,000 tickets. Drawing December 11. Call Mike Heller 682-3577.

### 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, at the Palmer School. The Northgate High School Madrigals will be singing for us. We will start with hosted bar at 5:30pm, followed with dinner at 6:30pm. \$25 per person. Bring wine to share with your tablemates; Rotarians A-K also are asked to bring hors d'oeuvres and Rotarians L-Z are asked to bring desserts. Signup and pay by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Annual President's Dinner with Rotary International Pres. Bhichai Rattakul Fri January 3, 2003, The Double Tree Hotel, Two Portola Plaza, Monterey

Join us in welcoming our Rotary International President BHICHAIRATTAKUL to California. You won't want to miss our outstanding leader! No host reception 6:30pm; dinner at 7:30pm. \$45 per person, reserved seating for tables of 10. Black Tie Optional. **For Dinner Tickets**, either sign up to join with our Club members to form our own table(s) or you can contact Dick Burkhalter 925-254-2222 in the Rotary Club of Orinda. NO DINNER TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE EVENT! **For Hotel reservations**, call 831-649-4511, and ask for the special Rotary rate of \$79 per night.

### Annual Rotary Reno Train Trip January 12-13, 2003

See **Randy Walker or Fletcher Tyler** if you would like to be added in for the annual Rotary train trip to Reno on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. 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, including your round trip train travel on the Rotary Express. Additional spaces may be available but you should let Randy or

Fletcher know now so that he can make arrangements to add you in.

### Medical Testing Opportunity—State of the Art Hearing Devices

**Mark Sanford** advises that hearing impaired persons are invited to try out the latest technology in hearing devices. This is state of the art technology, not yet released to the general public. Program participants will have 4-6 appointments over the 60-180 testing trial period. There is no obligation or cost to the participants. For info or to sign-up, contact Mark Sanford 938-8656.

### Rotary International Convention 2003, Brisbane, Australia—VISA Required

District Governor Mark von Hoetendorff reminds Rotarians who are planning to attend next year's RI Convention that they will need both a Passport and a Visa to travel to Brisbane, Australia. Registrants from our District are eligible for the Visa known as Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) if they hold a US Passport. They can apply through a travel agent, or online at <http://www.eta.immi.gov.au/index.html>.

### 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](mailto:clintc@rotarywc.org).

Marty Larson has a new, plastic, Rotary membership card available. Members received a standard paper card with their dues renewal packet. Members who would like to upgrade to this new, more permanent card can request that one be issued to them but there is a \$2 charge for printing these items.

If you are interested in seeing one of the cards or need more information ask Clint, our secretary, about them at one of the meetings.

### 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](mailto:johnm@rotarywc.org).