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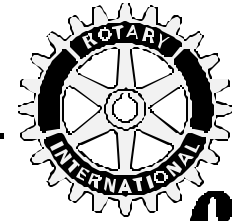
Upcoming Events

Oct 21-22, District 5160 "Cave Man and Rain Man" conference, at the Concord Hilton Hotel
Who am I? Paul Fisher

Upcoming Meeting Programs

- 2005-08-23 Prof. Christine Yeh -- Understanding causes for failure in New York City schools
- 2005-08-30 Mark Curtis -- Channel 2, news anchor
- 2005-09-06 Donna Perham & Trisha Carella -- Donna & Trisha are founders of a new Non-Profit Middle School Youth Center in Walnut Creek.
- 2005-09-13 -- John Muir
- 2005-09-20 -- California Symphony
- 2005-09-27 Dave Casper -- Financial Planning and Pro Football. Dave is incharge of the Northwestern Financial Services office in WC. He is also in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

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



The Walnut Leaf

ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK

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This Week's Worker Bees

Presiding	Oscar Wu	Ticket Sales.....	Ken Wirfel
Director.....	Rem Barnard	Birthdays.....	
Team Captain	Bryan Yeh	Anniversaries.....	Bill Hourihan
Thought/Pledge.....	Bob Ayres	Song Leader.....	Doug Goodrich
Guest Intro & Mic.....	Ursula Behiel	Bulletin Editor.....	John McClintic
Speaker Intro.....	Jack Matkin	Next Bulletin Editor....	John McClintic
Set-Up/Take-Down.....	Paul Fischer		

THIS PROGRAM

Paul Fisher's Trip to Cartagena, Columbia
Micro Bank Project

Welcome to our
Kohoku Exchange Student:
Yusake Funaki

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ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160

Chartered April 7, 1937
Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognitions

Jack Matkin is going on a trip to Hawaii for his 45th wedding anniversary.

Ken Wirfel had a nice vacation in Sun Valley, Oregon.

Fletcher Tyler celebrated his 65th birthday.

Walt Youngman reported on the latest innovation in bridal showers, a “couple’s tool shower”. Things got boisterous when the presents shifted from outdoor tools to “bedroom tools”....

Rick Matthews’ Viper Club got to drive on the Grand Prix race track through downtown San Jose.

Ninth Paul Harris Fellowship Completed by Tom Noble

Congratulations and thanks to Tom Noble on completing his ninth Paul Harris Fellowship.

August Birthdays

Many happy returns of the day to **Earl Wightman, Phil Eyring, John Milsap, and Valerie Ridgers** who celebrate their birthdays during August.

Dues Are Now Due for Members on the mid-year billing cycle.

For Members on the mid-year billing cycle, Rotary dues packets have been either handed to you directly or sent via US Mail. Please take a moment and either bring to the next meeting or pop in the mail, your checks for the annual dues, and foundation donations.

Rotary Internet Sites

You can find information about Club, District, and International Rotary activities at the following websites: www.rotarywc.org, www.rotary5160.org, and www.rotary.org. For an interesting alternative make-up, try www.rotaryclubone.org.

Kohoku Exchange Student—Yusake Funaki

Yusake introduced himself to the Club last week. He has visited the US one time previously, a trip to Provo, Utah. He enjoys working on his English (and it is quite good!). He is his second year as an Industrial Relations major in college in Tokyo.

Help raise funds for the Alzheimer’s Association at a car wash, car show, and BBQ lunch at Aegis of Pleasant Hill, 1660 Oak Park Blvd from 11am to 2pm on August 27th. \$8 for autos \$10 for SUVs/trucks includes everything. And mark you calendar for the “Memory Walk” on Treasure Island, October 8th. For info call Amanda at 925-939-2700.

Annual Rotary Club Meeting at John Muir Medical Center, Tues Sept 13
Our annual meeting at John Muir this year will be at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 13. This is a great meeting to invite a guest or prospective member. The speaker will be Karl Weisgraber, who will speak on "The Promise of Stem Cell Research." The Sunrise Rotary Club will be joining with us. Marv Epstein will circulate sign-up sheets beginning 8/16.

I-House Agricultural Tour, Saturday October 9th

Mark your calendars, and see Phil Eyring to participate as a dinner host for this year’s agricultural tour for international graduate students at Cal. This is one of the oldest community programs sponsored by our club, dating back to the days when our county was covered with farms and other agricultural attractions. There are a few working farms, and several vineyards, still operating and this gives international students a chance to see America’s farmland. After the bus tour, we sponsor one or more dinners for Rotarians and the I-House guests.

District 5160 Conference “Cave Man and Rain Man” Oct 21-22, Concord
Get ready for the District 5160 "Cave Man and Rain Man" conference, to be held the weekend of October 21 and 22 at the Concord Hilton Hotel. The early registration date has been extended through the end of July. The cost to register before August is \$75. **The Club has agreed to cover the reduced \$60 fee** for all new Rotarians in the Club (those with less than 6 months in Rotary). Cost of the meal package for the conference is \$100 per person....and includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, and Saturday dinner.

So who should go? Well, really all Rotarians should but we would especially like to see:

- All new Rotarians in our club. Remember attending a District Conference is one of the red to blue badge requirements and this one is close to home... just over in Concord at the Hilton hotel!
- All members of the board should be going.
- All team leaders. Lead your team by example.

Remember attending a conference: counts as two meetings

for make up purposes, satisfies a requirement on the road from red badge to blue, is close and convenient this year, and is just plain fun so we really encourage all new members to sign up!

Sign up with **Clint Collier** so we know who is going and he will give you an application form to fill out and send in. He can also provide further details on the event if you have questions.

Support Rotary, support your club and have a great time while doing it!

Paul Harris Society Inaugural Gala Dinner, Sat November 11th

Mark your calendars to attend the inaugural gala dinner celebrating the formation of the new “Paul Harris Society”. Members of the society will commit to donating \$1,000 per year to the Rotary International foundation. This significant increase from the “Sustaining Membership” target of \$100 per Rotarian per year recognizes that the tremendous increase in the cost of living that has occurred since the Sustaining Member program was introduced over 20 years ago. Members who are fortunate enough to have the financial resources to do so are encouraged to give serious consideration to making this increased level of commitment, to support the fabulous programs and activities funded through RI worldwide.

Wheelchair Foundation Trip to Costa Rica, November 9-13

The Wheelchair Foundation, in partnership with Howard Tours, offers a group-travel experience to deliver wheelchairs to those who lack mobility in coordination with the Rotary Clubs in the San Jose, Costa Rica area. Cost for 5 Days with airfare from Houston, \$1,725. Contact Howard Tours, Tel: 800-475-2260, Fax: 510-834-1019, www.HowardTours.net.

Who Am I?

Each week, this feature will provide some clues about the background of one of our Rotarians. The Members and guests are challenged to guess the name of the featured Rotarian. Answers will be provided in tiny print on the back page.

“I have served in many roles in our Club, including President, and District 5160, including District Governor. But among my greatest memories are the trips that I have taken around the world helping to see miracles performed by dedicated Rotoplast volunteers, and helping young businessmen and women learn new techniques and share ideas through the

Rotary Group Study Exchange. I also love to travel for pleasure with my wife, Lucy. In my professional life, I specialize in casualty insurance. Who am I?”

Set Your E-Mail Settings to Allow Email from rotarywc.org

We have noticed that many corporate email systems, and some private systems, have increased their restrictions on in-bound email messages. While this helps cut down on SPAM, it also can block “friendly” messages. Please tell your email administrator to allow email coming from our rotarywc.org domain, or at least from “wcclub@rotarywc.org”. Please note that the wcclub@rotarywc.org address is a new “Club-wide” email address, and replaces the “allmembers” address which was taken over by evil spammers.

New and Proposed Members

Please welcome our recently inducted new members, **Cathy Durfee**, Greater Bay Bank, Classification “Banking – Commercial, **Evelyn Ponce**, Mechanics Bank, “Banking—Management”, **Renee Hamilton**, Classification “Assisted Living”, **Cristy DeVoe**, Sierra Surgery Center, classification “Medical – Nurse”, **Richard Lam**, classification “Attorney-Tax”, **Bert Payne** of Starcare International, Inc., healthcare consultant, and **Mitch Ambro**, The Mortgage Practice, mortgage broker.

Cleve Masten, of Accountants Plus, has been proposed for membership in the classification “Staffing – Employment”. Please provide any comments to the Club Secretary.

Invite a Prospective Member to Lunch

Please pick up a few “Be My Guest” cards to invite business and personal contacts to attend a future Rotary Club meeting as a guest of the Club. Share Rotary with them, and help maintain our membership of active, dedicated Rotarians.

Sunshine Committee—Chairman Now Lee Schneider

Help the Club send good will wishes and support for Rotarians and spouses recovering from surgery or experiencing prolonged illness. Contact **Lee Schneider**.

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.