



Rotary Club Of Walnut Creek
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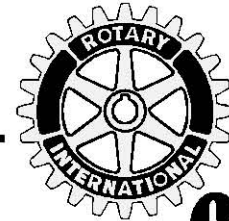
Upcoming Meetings:

- May 15** Peggy White, Diablo Regional Arts Association
- May 22** Mayor Sue Rainey, State of the City of Walnut Creek
- May 29**, Susan Lynn, Project Second Chance Literacy Program

Upcoming Events:

- May 19th** Casino Royale Poker Tournament and Dinner, Grace Church, Martinez. See Mitch Ambro for info.
- June 30th**, District 5160 Sundial Bridge Dinner Dance, Redding
- Feb 2, 2008.** Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Crab Feed Fundraiser

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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People In Charge this Week

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| Presiding | Clint Collier | Thought/Pledge..... | Carl Manna |
| Director..... | Bert Payne | Song Leader..... | Lu Hughes |
| Team Captain | Milt Smith | Guest Intro & Mic..... | Jack Fischer |
| Meeting Setup..... | John McClintic | Birthdays..... | Barry Slavin |
| Greeter..... | Ron Huppert | Anniversaries..... | |
| Ticket Sales..... | Alex Lommel | Speaker Intro..... | Carl Manna |
| | | Meeting Take-Down.... | John McClintic |

Today's Program:

Mats Wilson, Diabetic Youth Foundation

Today's Song

You're a grand old flag, You're a high flying flag,
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of the land I love,
The home of the free and the brave.
Ev'ry heart beats true, 'Neath the Red, White and Blue.
Where there's never a boast or a brag,
But should auld acquaintance be forgot,
Keep your eyes on the grand old flag!

**CLUB NO. 465
ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160**

Chartered April 7, 1937

William B Boyd
International President

Lead The Way

Candy Pierce
District Governor

Stan Smalley
District
Governor Elect

Clint Collier
President

Pam Raumer
President-Elect

Oscar Wu
Immediate Past President

Hari Boukis
Secretary

Quentin Alexander
Attendance Secretary

Cathy Durfee
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John Gardner
Jack Fischer
New Member Coord.

Hari Boukis
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Pam Raumer
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Charlotte Quinn
Lance Mendes

Gill Bordenave
Carl Manna
Jesse Smyers

Announcements:

Recognitions

Mitch Ambro paid in advance for his upcoming trip to the Big Apple for a "Model Party", and then on to a cruise aboard the SS Liberty.

Paul Harris Credit with Community Foundation Contributions

For a limited time the Club will allocated Paul Harris credit to you for contributions made to the Club's Community Foundation. You must already have paid your \$100 sustaining contribution for 2006-2007. See **Pres Clint** if you would like to take advantage of this limited opportunity.

April Birthdays

Many happy returns of the day to **Pam Raumer**, **Allen Wesdorf** and **Bob Romero**, who celebrated birthdays in April.

Wheelchair Project Update

Pres Clint obtained the following update on the Wheelchair fundraising project led by Jack Matkin. Our money (along with that from the Redding clubs) has now been matched by RI and \$75,000 sits in an account with Redding West Rotary Club. The Shanghai Club will be making its financial contribution and then factory orders to manufacture the chairs will be placed by the Shanghai Club with guidance from the collaboration organizations – China Disabled Person's Association and the Huangshan Women's Association. Building the wheelchairs, selecting the recipients, and distributing 1250 wheelchairs will take some time. The Club will continue to monitor this project.

District 5160 Sundial Bridge Dinner Dance, Redding, June 30th

Buy your tickets now for this "adult-oriented" dinner dance which will ring out the old Rotary year and ring in the new. Experience the magic as the sun sets on one end of the bridge and the moon rises on the other. For info and to purchase tickets go to www.rotary5160.org.

"Casino Royale" Rotary Poker Tournament, Sat May 19th, Martinez

There is still a chance to participate in the big Rotary Poker Tournament on May 19th in Martinez. Get your \$100 entry fee to **Mitch Ambro** (866) 842-1420 mitcha@rotarywc.org to secure your spot. The event will be held at Grace Church, 130 Muir Station Road, Martinez. There also is space to attend the dinner sponsored by Sunrise Bistro, which is included in the entry fee for the participants. The winning pot is \$1,500! The District Governor Candy Pierce will be playing; will YOU?

Rotary International Convention—Salt Lake City, Utah June 17-20, 2007

Conventions are meant to "stimulate, inspire, and inform all Rotarians at an international level". You can learn about strengthening your club and identifying service and fellowship opportunities through attending a Rotary Convention - listening to speakers (Bill Gates & Hyrum Smith), participating in workshops, visiting the Club and District Project Exhibition and talking to fellow Rotarians. Experience the energy of thousands of fellow Rotarians from around the world at daily plenary sessions at the Salt Palace Convention Center. Why not plan a vacation with your own family after the convention or before? Plan to attend the world famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir performance or enjoy a real live western rodeo with bull riding, barrel racing and bronco bucking. This year's program promises sensational entertainment, stirring speeches, and inspirational opening and closing ceremonies, including a performance by renowned New Zealand opera singer Dame Malvina Major. For reservation and registration information, go to <http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2007/how-to-register.html>

Rotary International Membership Conference August 17-18

Rotary International is holding a series of membership promotion conferences this summer. Our local conference will be August 17-18 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose. Additional details will be announced at a later date.

Yosemite Weekend Fri and Sat Sept 21-22—Sign up now to avoid cancellation

We hope to go again to Yosemite this September. See **Bill Larmer** and **Pam Raumer** for room reservations at the Wawona Hotel. Friday night features pot-luck appetizers and wine tasting on the hotel grounds, Golf, tennis, swimming, hiking on Saturday, and Saturday night features a BBQ dinner at the cabin of Fletcher and Nancy Tyler. \$190 per room, double occupancy. We have 15 rooms reserved, but we need to act fast to fill them and hold the group reservation.

The Russians are Coming; Again this October

We will be hosting a delegation of Russian real estate brokers from Oct 3rd thru 10th during their fall visit to our District. See **Andy Halperin** if you can host one or more of this delegation that week.

Replacement Club Rotary International Foundation Secretary Still Needed

Layton Hansen needs to hand over his duties as RI Foundation Secretary for our Club to another member as he prepares to serve as President of our Club for 2008-2009.

Basic duties are processing and mailing to the Rotary International Foundation all donations made by our members. Layton has set up a tracking database using Excel and has scanned the RI donation form into a Word document. He has a file setup with each member's information that is required to be entered on the form when the member makes a donation. Thus, having access to Excel and Word on your computer is a big help for this job.

Please contact **Layton** at the meeting or by email to laytonh@rotarywc.org if you are interested so that he can train you between now and July.

Lunch experiment....

From time to time we reevaluate our lunch program, to try to meet the changing tastes and desires of our changing membership. One suggestion that we have been getting recently is a desire to "lighten up" a bit.

So, we thought we would try an experiment for the month of May. We are going to switch our lunches to a sandwich, soup and salad bar. Rotarians will be able to pick and choose, building a lighter lunch of their own preference. Towards the end of May we will ask each team leader to canvas their members for their opinion of this new approach to our lunches and either continue it or revert back to our traditional meal service.

Show that Rotary Pride—Wear Your Rotary Pins 24/7

Don't keep Rotary a secret. Spread the word by wearing your favorite Rotary pin 24/7. We have lots of styles and sizes. Pres Clint is ruthless and relentless on this issue. Avoid a \$15 recognition fee for being caught naked without your pin.

Invite a Prospective Member to Join Us for Lunch

Here's how it works. You invite your prospect to a Club lunch meeting. You pay the prospect's lunch tab for the first visit. The prospect can visit two more times, and the Club will pay the cost. If the prospect joins, the Club also will reimburse you for the first lunch.

Proposed New Member

A former member, Donna Montana, has applied to rejoin the Club. Donna is now with First Bank in Walnut Creek. Please provide any comments to the Club Secretary.