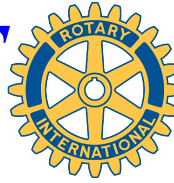


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2015 2016 Theme:

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Thought for the Day: Marty Larsen

Roving Mic: Richard Hsu

Today's Speaker: Mareen Featherston, "Walnut Creek Village"

What is Rotary? Rotary is a leadership organization. We are made up of local business and civic leaders and professionals. We meet regularly, get to know each other, and form friendships. That enables us to get things done in our community and throughout the world.

Chamber of Commerce Art and Wine Festival, Sat June 4 (and possibly Sun 5).

We will be sponsoring a booth all day Saturday and possibly Sunday. Sign up now with **Jennifer Ruane**.

Bocce Fellowship Event Sunday June 5th from noon to 2pm. See **Carl Manna** to sign up.

Our Founder Paul Harris' Day will be celebrated at our Tuesday June 7th meeting. Wear your Paul Harris Fellow pins and medallions. Remember to make your Paul Harris sustaining contributions for 2015-2016—" \$100 by Every Rotary Every Year" provides the funding needed by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International to make an amazing difference in the world— Polio Plus, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Peace Scholarships, and matching grants for international projects.

District 5160 June Joust Bocce Tournament, Saturday June 18th, Martinez. See **Gordon Fischer** to sign up.

"Relive the Memories", as we Bring Back the Yosemite Weekend, September 16-18.

See our host and organizer **Fletcher Tyler** for information. Make your own reservations for lodging at the "Big Trees Lodge" (formerly the Wawona Inn) or get together with other Rotarians and rent a house or cabin. We will enjoy wine tasting, swimming, rafting, hiking, and group dinners.



50th Anniversary Rotary Exchange Student Celebration with the Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kohoku Japan, Honolulu, Hawaii. Oct. 8-14, 2016. Let **Clint**

Collier know if you are coming and see his email message and flyer for details!

May Membership Contest: See **Pres Dess'** email for details about our membership contest which runs through June 14th. Teams with the most points will win fabulous prizes (TBD). To win the **GRAND PRIZE** the winning team **MUST** have at least 50 points. Each guest/visitor earns 10 points; each new member earns 50 points.

Our E-Edition features photos of our 2016 Summer Exchange Students in the 50th Year of our Summer Program with the Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kohoku,

Japan. We have selected Miss Esther Hsu, daughter of Rotarian **Richard Hsu**, as our exchange student going to Japan. She will be departing San Francisco on August 3, 2016 at 11:40 AM and returning September 3, 2016. Upon her return, she will be bringing along our inbound exchange student from Japan, Miss Honami Kageyama, who will be visiting our Club until September 21, 2016.

Please mark your calendars if you would like to join us for Esther's bon voyage from SFO. Details of Honami's arrival and stay will be announced soon. Please let **Trudy Cumming**, this year's Chairperson, know if there is anything special you would like to host during Honami's stay.



Miss Honami Kageyama



Ms. Esther Hsu

Meet New Member Marcia Gerg! Marcia gave us her introductory speech, after having already been a very, very, active member of the Club in her first few months as a Member. Marcia is an incoming Director of the Club for Rotary Years 2016-2018. Marcia was born and raised in Pennsylvania, #6 of 10 children (“hiding out in the middle”). She moved to California in 1980 and has been in commercial banking since then, currently with Summit Bank. She went with banking after college because the thought of working a 10-3 job seemed just dandy. She soon realized that bankers’ hours are a lot longer than that. She and husband Mitch have been married 26 years and love to travel. We are delighted to have Marcia with us!

Demotion Extravaganza, Tuesday, June 28th, 6pm, at Boundary Oak All good things must come to an end. Don’t let down La Famiglia as we gather for fun and fellowship, enjoy a fabulous meal, and say arvederci to President Dess and Rotary Year 2015-2016. Sign up with **Milt Smith**.

Recognitions: Your bulletin editor, **John McClintic**, is humbled by being named by **Pres Dess** as the Club’s Rotarian of the Month for May. This is a fabulous Club with so many Members deserving of recognition. **Pres Dess** presented a \$1000 check from our Community Foundation to **John Fenoglio** of the Mt Diablo Silverado Council Boy Scouts of America for the BSA Hispanic Initiative Project with Monument Crisis Center.

Our Agua Nicaragua Project is featured in the June edition of The Rotarian! See page 55 for an article about water projects in Central America, the world map in page 14 & 15.

Upcoming Club Meetings and Events:

Club and District Calendars are now “always in view” at <http://www.rotarywc.org/>

June 7 Mike Toy, “Six Keys to Success”

June 14 Sara Kelly, “Home Health Assistance”

June 21 Our own Drew Marshal speaking to us about “Snoring—The Not So Silent Killer”

June 28 Demotion Party Dinner for Pres Dess. Boundary Oak Golf Club. See Milt Smith for details.