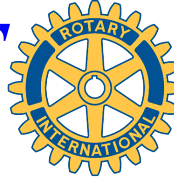


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Thought for the Day: Barry Slavin

Roving Mic: John Gardner

Today's Speaker: Gretchen Bartzen and Billie Hooper, Ruth Bancroft Gardens



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

Attendees must make their own room reservations now. [Click this link](#) for the special \$239 per night rate at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa. This rate also is available if you want to come 3 days earlier and/or leave 3 days later. If you are staying somewhere else, please tell **Clint Collier** so that we know how many are coming along.

Fishing in the City is this Sat April 16th. 8:30am to 11:30am. See John Gardner to volunteer. This is our fourth graders' fishing event we put on in partnership with the Buena Vista School, the Department of Fish and Game, the City of Walnut Creek and our Rotary Club. Buena Vista incorporates a curriculum around fishing, watershed issues and conservation in the classroom. A few of us will be going out to Buena Vista Elementary School on Wednesday to teach the kids how to tie knots, bait hooks and cast, as well as telling fishing stories and teaching ethics.

The Department of Fish and Game plants fish at Heather Farms, and on Saturday the kids and many of their parents come out for a morning from 8:30 am to 11:30 am to fish and generally have fun. It's a great day on the pond, and a relaxing and enjoyable morning event for us Rotarians.

If you might be able to help out with the kids on the day of the event contact **John Gardner**. He would much appreciate a heads-up, as early as convenient. Again, you don't need to know anything about fishing in particular, and it should be a beautiful morning for it!

The **Bocce Fellowship Event** sponsored by **Carl Manna** is **rescheduled to May 1st** from noon to 2pm. See Carl to sign up.

Benecia Rotary Club Casino Night and Texas Hold'em Tournament, Fri May 6 6:30pm to 1pm, Benecia Clocktower. \$40. Register at www.BrownPaperTickets.com.

Vocational Service—"Coffee Draw"— To help us share our vocational backgrounds with one another, **Trudy Triner** is organizing a "Coffee Draw" each meeting. She will collect business cards from those interested in participating and will draw two business cards at random. The matched individuals then can arrange to meet for

coffee and share information about what they do.

Sunshine Committee—Meals for

Rotarians: Now and then, one of our fellow Rotarians or their families go through a difficult time in life. One way for our Club to assist them in such times is to provide meals. **Jean Edwards** is organizing a new Member meal assistance program for our Club. Your commitment will be for one night during the time of need. This could be for someone during time of bereavement, recuperating from surgery or illness or just needing assistance during a particularly difficult time. When a need arises, a broadcast e-mail will be sent with a calendar and sign-up sheet. When you get that email, please reply to Jean by email jedwards1007@comcast.net to let her know when you might be able to assist. She will contact you to coordinate the name, date, address, etc. of the Rotarian and family that will love to see you and greatly appreciate your help.

Rotary District 5160's Spring Training Assemblies: North Assembly, Saturday, April 30, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm, Red Bluff High School, Red Bluff; South Assembly, Saturday May 14, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm Benicia High School, Benicia. Come to break-out sessions designed for Club Secretary, Treasurer, service project planners, grants managers, youth program leaders, everyone!

Upcoming Club Meetings and Events:

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

Apr 19 Wolf Heinritz, “El Capitan or Bust”

Apr 26 Jesse Smyers, “Swimming Saves Lives”

June 28th, Demotion Party Dinner for Pres Dess. Details to follow.

Volunteer Opportunities: Check out the many volunteer opportunities displayed on the back table at our meetings. Pres Dess updates these regularly as information comes in.

Rotarians of the Month: Milt Smith and Layton Hansen. Pres Dess honored Milt Smith and Layton Hansen for their dedicated service to our Club (29 yrs and 31 yrs respectively) and to District 5160, as they served as sergeants at arms for the District Conference.

Sunshine Committee Report: Bryan Yeh took a hard fall playing racquetball but is on the mend.

In Memoriam: Past President 1973-74 Jack Cochran recently passed away at age 97.

Recognitions: Fletcher Tyler received a special “sponsorship” recognition pin for sponsoring new member **Don Willoughby.** **Jesse Smyers** and Pat enjoyed a trip to Scottsdale. Our Club members have contributed over \$20,000 to the Rotary International Foundation so far this Rotary year. **Jonathan Bishop** and his family enjoyed 4 days at Disneyland and Jonathan also finally got his 2005 Chevy Corvette “black on black” with manual transmission. Vroom Vroom!