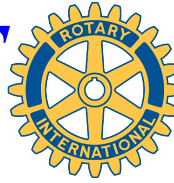


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2015 2016 Theme:

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Thought for the Day: Trudy Cumming

Today's Special Guests: Committee Chairman James Vendel and Scouts from Boy Scouts of America Troop 832, which our Club sponsors as its Chartered Organization

Today's E-Edition features a photo of 99 year old Bernice Dreyfus, and several of her Rotarian "Meals on Wheels" drivers. Bernice was invited to attend our meeting and she amazed us with stories of the destruction of her home and many others during the 1994 Northridge earthquake.



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.

Scheduled events currently include Saturday arrival/check in, Sunday night welcome reception, Monday tour organized by the Kohoku Club, Tuesday breakfast reception and free time, Wednesday joint meeting and dinner, Thursday free time, Friday departure (or stay over!). Details of events will follow, and costs of the events will depend upon attendance.

This Weekend: District 5160 Conference April 1-3, 2016, YOLO County Fairgrounds in Woodland. President Dess will be presenting the Thought for the Day at the Saturday lunch session! Bring your whole family. There are breakout sessions, wonderful speakers, a multi-club social on Friday night, and a Saturday night BBQ. To register for the conference go to <http://goo.gl/WXbekK> to get a personal registration link sent to your email. Or contact **Doug Switzer** and he will help sign you up. \$99 pp and includes 5 meals. There is an optional golf tournament on Thurs 3/31 for an additional \$99.



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.

Fishing in the City will be held Sat April 9th. More information is forthcoming. See **John Gardner**.

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.

Recognitions: **Adrian Mendes** reported that he enjoyed a recent trip to Las Vegas with **Jack Fischer, Allen Wesdorf, and Rod Uffindell**. No one would reveal any secrets other than that they had a good time. **John McClintic** enjoyed a couple of weeks golfing in Kauai. **Bob Romero** thanked **Mike Lommel** for bringing Scouts from Mike's troop to teach outdoor skills the Scouts in the troop sponsored by Monument Crisis Center.

March Birthdays: Many happy returns of the day to the following Rotarians celebrating birthdays in March: **Ken Anderson, Marcia Gerg, Karen Lile, Adrian Mendes, Donna Montana, and Mark Olson.**

March Anniversaries: Congratulations to the following Rotarians celebrating wedding anniversaries in March: **Christy Devoe, Darren Kelly, Tom Noble, and Jesse Smyers.**

Upcoming Club Meetings and Events:

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

Apr 5 Hannah Richardson, "Teaching swimming to the non-swimming inhabitants of the Corn Islands, Nicaragua

Apr 12 Ruth Bancroft Gardens

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.