



Rotary Club Of Walnut Creek
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Upcoming Events

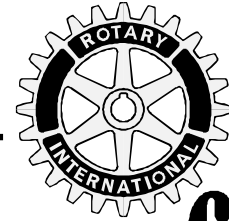
January 21st and 22nd, 2001 Reno train trip—fun and fellowship. See Randy Walker to sign up. Cost is \$195 for private room, \$185 for a double room.

February 3, 2001 Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser. This year supporting the Club's Community Foundation and the DARE program. Buy/sell 4 tickets and sign up to help. Solicit silent auction and raffle items, and turn them in to Linda Morris.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

December 19 Northgate Choir

December 26 No Meeting. See you in 2001!



The Walnut Leaf

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This Week's Worker Bees

Presiding Barry Slavin
Team Captain Valerie Ridgers
Speaker Intro..... Bruce Cockerham
Thought/Pledge..... John Gardner
Visitors Intro..... John McClintic
Bulletin Editor..... John McClintic
Next Bulletin Editor.... John McClintic

Roving Microphone..... Any Volunteer
Set-Up/Take-Down..... Any Volunteer
Song Leader..... Larry Palmieri
Ticket Sales..... Earl Wightman
Birthdays.....
Anniversaries.....

THIS PROGRAM

Caroline Patrick, Fung Shui

**Next Week: Northgate High School Choir
Anniversaries Celebrated
with Randy Walker**

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**CLUB NO. 4191
ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160**

Chartered April 7, 1937

Frank Devlyn
International President

*Create Awareness,
Take Action*

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District Governor

Susan Wait
District
Governor Nominee

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Linda Morris
Ursula Behiel

Jack Fischer
2000-2002

Bill Larmer
Al Sevilla

Valerie Ridgers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Week: Bruce Cockerham, chairman of the board of trustees, presented the annual report of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Community Foundation. Highlights include an increase in the Endowment Fund from \$4,762 in June 1999 to \$29,752 in November 2000. This Fund is the key to the long-term growth and success of the Foundation, as its principal remains intact with only the earnings used to fund community service projects. The General Fund of the Community Foundation also has been used to fund ongoing projects in our community. The local Community Foundation focuses on programs benefiting education, health, and families in our local communities. Control and management of the fund remains with a board of trustees selected from the Club. Over \$83,000 of donations have been made from the Community Foundation in the past five years, benefiting a wide range of local charities and service organizations.

Baby Face: Yes, Prez Barry did shave off that mustache after 24 years; and we honored this important occasion by serenading him with "Baby Face."

Recognitions: Thanks to the following Rotarians for donating time and effort on the Club's community service project which is to build an amphitheater at Sugar Loaf Open Space park. Recent workers included: **Allen Wesdorf, Doug Goodrich, Earl Wightman, Quent Alexander, Rod Uffindell, Jesse Smyers, Adrian Mendes, Rick Mathews, and project leader Jack Fischer.**

Thanks to **Donna Montana, Valerie Ridgers**, and the many Club members and spouses who organized our annual Holiday party potluck brunch at Palmer School. It was a terrific event enjoyed by all. Thanks to **the Mendes family** for again offering Palmer School for our use.

We passed the hat in honor of **Mark Sanford's** new daughter, Natalie, born on September 21st.

Prez Barry resumed drilling (without anesthetic) dentist **Andy Marshall** for both arriving and leaving early the week before.

Thanks to **Al Sevilla's Team** for a great month of

meetings and programs in October.

Thanks were received by the Club (and to organizer **Dick Mortensen**) for the donation to the Bancroft Gardens of a succulent plant in honor of the recent visit by District Governor Ron Piret.

Paul Fisher passed along **congratulations to the Club** for its sponsorship of two significant international service projects in the past few years which are yielding amazing results. The "microbank" project in Cartejena Colombia has funded 43 families, with 3 having completely repaid their initial loans. It is hoped that this program will grow and have benefited over 200 families by 2001. The sanitation, orchard seedling, and "revolving banks" of goats and chickens project in Chiappas Mexico already has helped dozens of families get started on developing their own individual farming operations and has improved health standards.

Birthdays: Many happy returns of the day to the following Rotarians celebrating birthdays in December: **Quentin Alexander, Frenchy Arrell, Hari Boukis, Jim Campana, Paul Fisher, Tom Grimm, Ira Hillyer, Ivan Kerr, Bob Nootbaar, Tom Rockwell.**

Announcements: Rotary International Presidents Dinner—January 3, 2001 in San Jose. Honor RI President Frank Devlyn and his wife Gloria. Tickets are \$42. Rooms at the Doubletree are \$59. Order tickets from PDG Peter Faye, Eldorado Ranch, Knights Landing CA 95645, 530-735-6421. For hotel reservations call the Doubletree at 408-453-4000.

Rotary District 5160 Conference—May 3-5 2001 in Woodland. Register now to receive the pre-12/31/00 advance registration discount. Information and registration forms are available from **Roger Dolan** or online at "www.rotary5160.org"

Rotary International Conference—June 24-27, 2001 in San Antonio, Texas. See Prez Barry Slavin for info on attending this year's international conference.

Yosemite Weekend 2001. \$150 deposits are due now. See Fletcher Tyler.

Community Foundation Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser, February 3rd.

Our major fundraiser for the year is less than 60 days away. This year's major beneficiaries include the DARE program, and the Club's Community Foundation.

See **Ursula Behiel or Roger Dolan now to buy your tickets** with checks payable to the WC Rotary Community Foundation (not the "Endowment Fund"); \$40 each includes all you can eat crab, pasta, salad, bread, dessert; no-host bar. To ensure the event is well-attended, each Club member is asked to commit to purchase/sell four tickets.

See **Marty Larsen** for **Table Sponsorships** at \$50.

See **Mike Frost** for **Corporate Sponsorships** at \$150. Sponsors receive prominent recognition in the Program Book and at the event. Fax your business info to Mike at 925-551-6051.

See **Ken Wirfel** to purchase squares for the **Reverse Raffle Drawing**, \$20 each with cash prizes of \$100, \$200, and \$300.

Drop off your silent auction and raffle prize donations with Linda Morris or her staff at Union Bank, 1555 Mt Diablo Boulevard, Walnut Creek.

Call **Russ Anderson or Gil Bordenave** with live auction donations. Each team is asked to provide two live auction prizes valued at \$200 or more, and one item valued at \$500 or more. Russ and Gil also can help make suggestions or talk over your ideas for soliciting donations.

Each member also is asked to **bring one bottle of premium wine for the auction raffle**; please bring your donation now so it can be sorted and included in the program book. Bring them to meetings or drop them off at Union Bank.

We also need wine donations (especially white wine) to restock our bar for the Crab Feed. See **Jesse Smyers** with your donations or call him at 947-1140 to arrange for a pick-up. Please consider donating a few bottles of Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc to this effort.

Call **Doug Goodrich** if you can be a "spotter" during the auction portion of the event.

We need help from all Club members to make this event a success. Contact the following committee chairs to volunteer: Administrative/Letters/Acknowledgements—Bruce Cockerham; Advertising/Printing—Rick Matthews; Auction Checkout—Tom Rockwell; Auctioneer/Spotters—Doug Goodrich; Live Auction—Russ Anderson and Gil Bordenave; Silent Auction—Sharon Camandona and Linda Morris; Bar—Jesse Smyers; Cleanup—Inner Wheel; Check in/Greeters—Bruce Johnson; Corporate Sponsors—Mike Frost; Decorations—Inner Wheel; Kitchen—Les & Cathy Howard; Master of Ceremonies—Mark Hull; Music/Sound—Ivan Kerr; Raffle—Lance Mendes; Reverse Draw—Ken Wirfel; Servers—Inner Wheel; Table Sponsors—Marty Larsen; Ticket Sales—Ursula Behiel and Roger Dolan.

Ambassadorial Scholarships—Applications Available Now

All Rotarians are invited to nominate candidates for the Rotary Foundation one-year academic scholarship (\$25,000) the six-month cultural scholarship (\$19,000), or three-month cultural scholarships. College teachers who wish to spend a year teaching abroad also can receive a \$12,500 stipend if selected. This is the largest, privately funded, international scholarships program in the world. Applicants must have completed two years of college or university course work, or have completed high school and two years in a recognized vocation. They must be citizens of a country in which there is a Rotary club. Initial application is made through the local Rotary club in the applicant's legal or permanent residence or place of full-time study or employment. Rotarians, employees of Clubs, Districts or RI, lineal descendants (children or grandchildren) or spouses of lineal descendants, or ancestors (parent or grandparent) are **not eligible**. See Prez Barry for applications or for further information.

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.