The Russian Bakers Are Coming!

Mark your calendars for the following Club events for the visiting delegation of bakers from Russia:
- April 6th 3-6pm Welcome Party at Adrian Mendes’ home
- April 9th Program at our Regular Club Meeting
- April 20th Farewell Party

See Russ Anderson if you can host a member of the visiting delegation.

Paul Harris Fellowships—Special Matching Funds Grant for District 5160
Take advantage of a special $44,000 grant to District 5160 which will be used to provide matching funds to members completing their Paul Harris Fellow memberships.

Upcoming Events

65th Anniversary Celebration Western BBQ and Hoe-down, Tuesday April 30, 2002 5pm Cocktails, 6:15pm Dinner, Shadelands Art Center, 111 N. Wiget Lane. See Fletcher Tyler.

District 5160 Conference Golf Tournament, Friday, May 16. If you are going to the District Conference in Ashland Oregon, play in the golf tournament at Eagle Point Golf Course. Shotgun start at noon, followed by awards dinner. Cost is $80. Contact John Mathena mathenajo@aol.com or 503-223-1010.


Upcoming Meeting Programs

March 12: Joint Meeting at Heather Farms Garden Center with Rossmoor Club, featuring guest speaker Dr. Samuel Oommen on Colon Cancer.
In order to bring the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek in line with the RI membership changes and establish workable local rules, the following changes are proposed:

Proposed Policy Changes:

Establish local status categories as follows:

"Gold Member"—one who meets a "Rule of 100" (age plus years of Rotary service) would be exempt from meeting attendance but would have the regular dues' cost.

"Silver Member"—one who meets a "Rule of 85" (age plus years of Rotary service) would have a meeting attendance requirement of three meetings a quarter and regular dues' cost. (Regular meeting or approved make-up.)

"Exemplar Member"—one who is selected by the Board in recognition of years of service to the club and special circumstances. This category is eligible for reduced dues to be established by the Board and would be exempt from attendance requirements.

"Leave of Absence"—for extended illness or temporary residence away from the local club area or other short-term commitment making attendance impossible. Anyone in the "leave" category on 30 June 2002 would be continued in that category subject to the length of term approved by the Board.

Members currently in Senior Active Excused category as of 30 June 2002 would be "grand-fathered" in the Silver or Gold category depending on their years of service and age; except that any such member can be placed in the Gold category upon their request.

These changes, if approved by the Club, would become effective at the beginning of the new Rotary year, 1 July 2002.

Rotary District 5160 Annual District Conference Ashland, Oregon

This year’s District Conference offers a special setting for fine dining and fabulous theater, as well as the usual District programs and events. Send your registration form in now, and book your hotel so that you will be sure to be able to join in all of the fun and fellowship.

For information and registration, go to the District website www.rotary5160.org.

Thursday, May 16—Sports Day
Afternoon: Golf at Eagle Point Golf Course
Evening: Sports Banquet at Eagle Point Golf Course. Directions: Take I-5 Exit 30 (Rt62) East 8.5 Miles.

Friday, May 17—Foundation Day
9:30-10:30AM — PDG Breakfast Windmill Inn
10:30-11:30AM (Delegates) Legislative Session Windmill Inn
12:00-2:00PM Opening Lunch Speaker Sharon Tinnion, CCJ
2:00-4:00PM PEP, Russian Leadership Program; GSE Presentations; Matching Grants; Ambassadorial Scholars 5:00-6:30PM Club Fellowship-Buffet Dinner and Dance
7:30-10:30PM Ashland Armory Dessert with Paul Harris; Swing Dancing with Leslie Kendall and the Jump Daddies

Saturday, May 18—"New Generation" Day
8:00-9:30AM—Breakfast Windmill Inn
10:00-12:00PM—Theater Tour The New Theater
12:00-1:30PM—Lunch Windmill Inn; President’s Representative 1:30-2:00PM Entertainment 2:00-4:00PM Forum Global Quest Awards; Avenues of Service Awards; Interact; Rotaract; Speech Contest Finalists; Ambassadorial Scholars
5:00-8:00PM Dine Around in Ashland Restaurants 8:00PM Theater Night Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? Macbeth

Sunday, May 19—Wrap-Up Day
8:30-10:00AM Windmill Inn Brunch Entertainment; Outstanding Club Awards; Next Year’s Conference; Closing Remarks

Accommodations

The Windmill Inn can accommodate all Conference participants. A block of rooms has been set aside for us. Make reservations directly at:

Windmill Inn of Ashland
2525 Ashland Street
Ashland, OR 97520
1-800-547-4747

Thank You To:

Team 2 led by Jack Fischer for a terrific month of pro- grams in January.

Andy Halperin for service above and beyond in handling setup and takedown for three straight weeks.

Wilma Lott Catering for consistent high quality meals, and friendly and dedicated service.

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Shadelands Art Center, 111 N. Wietge Lane

Mark your calendars and bring your spouse to celebrate our Club’s 65th Anniversary.

We also need your help in locating and contacting all of the students who have participated in the Rotary Club of Kohoku Japan exchange program. We want to invite them (and their guests) to our events at the dinner. Please give any information you have to Fletcher Tyler.

Welcome New Member

Please welcome our newest new member, Pamela Raumer, classification banking. Her sponsor is Ira Hillyer

Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Rotarians and spouses celebrating wedding anniversaries in February: Bob and Terry Johnston, Doug and Alice Goodrich, Roy and Margaret Hjersman.

Recognitions

Oscar Wu attended the Olympics in Park City, and brought back a USA beret to auction for the Community Foundation (the hottest souvenir item at the Winter Games).

Past District Governor Paul Fisher for his leadership in the Chiappas Mexico economic development and relocation program. The project history has been circulating at the Club meetings for several weeks, and it shows the amazing work done to assist Chiappas natives in relocating back to their native land, develop orchards, goat and poultry farms, and install sanitation facilities.