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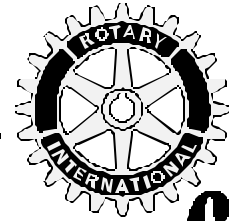
**Upcoming Events**

April 24-26 District 5160 Annual Conference, "Festival at Fairfield." Information and registration forms at <http://www.rotary5160.org/conference.htm>.

**Upcoming Meeting Programs**

Tues April 22 Robert Strand, World Champion Masters Swimmer on "Reconnecting with Your Inner Passion"  
Tues April 29 Paul Fisher, with a presentation on Rotoplast

For the latest "scoop" on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page:  
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# The Walnut Leaf

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**This Week's Worker Bees**

Presiding .....	Bruce Cockerham	Birthdays.....	
Team Captain .....	Bruce Johnson	Anniversaries.....	
Thought/Pledge.....	Frank Suess	Song Leader.....	Doug Goodrich
Guest Intro & Mic.....	Erik Leuteneker	Bulletin Editor.....	John McClintic
Speaker Intro.....	Sharon Camandona	Next Bulletin Editor....	John McClintic
Set-Up/Take-Down.....	Ken Roberts		
Ticket Sales.....	Ken Roberts		

THIS PROGRAM

**"Women at Ground Zero:  
Stories of Courage and Compassion"  
with guest speakers  
Susan Hagen and Mary Carouba**

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**PAY YOUR TAXES !!!!**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Some Comforting Humor to Ease the Pain of Tax Day

*From Luke Davis at <http://sickjokes.about.com/library/bltax.htm>*

Q: What is the difference between death and taxes?  
A: Congress does not meet every year to make death worse.

*From [www.anton.com/humor/speakerhumor/taxes.htm](http://www.anton.com/humor/speakerhumor/taxes.htm):*

America is the land of opportunity. Everybody can become a taxpayer.

It's hard to believe America was founded to avoid high taxation.

There was a time when \$200.00 was the down-payment on a car; now it's the sales tax.

If my business gets much worse, I won't have to lie on my next tax return.

Children may be deductible, but they are still taxing.

There is no child so bad that he/she can't be used as an income tax deduction.

If Congress can pay farmers not to raise crops, why can't we pay Congress not to raise taxes?

Congress thinks it's a lot easier to trim the taxpayers than expenses.

The attitude of Congress toward hidden taxes is not to do away with them, but to hide them better.

Congress has the unsolved problem of how to get the people to pay taxes they can't afford for services they don't need.

Every year around April 15 Americans have a ren-

devous with debt.

One of the great blessings about living in a democracy is that we have complete control over how we pay our taxes . . . cash, check or money order, and now VISA or Mastercharge.

A fool and his money are soon parted. The rest of us wait until income tax time.

This country is as free today as it ever was. . . unless, of course, you happen to be a taxpayer.

Golf is a lot like taxes. You drive hard to get to the green and then wind up in the hole.

President Herbert Hoover was the first President to give his salary back to the government. Now the government would like everybody to do it.

Everybody works for the government, either on the payroll or the tax roll.

A man's home is his castle. At least that's how he feels when he pays taxes on it.

Don't you long for the good old days when Uncle Sam lived within his income and without most of yours?

Nothing makes a person more modest about their income than to fill out a tax form.

The income tax forms have been simplified beyond all understanding.

It's too bad for the middle income person. They earn too much to avoid paying taxes and make too little to afford paying them.

It's strange how a person with no sense of humor can come up with such funny answers on his/her tax return.

When making out your tax return, it's better to give than to deceive.

An income tax return is like a girdle. If you put the wrong figure in it you are likely to get pinched.

The new three line item tax return: (1) How much did you make last year? (2) How much have you got left? (3) Send it in.

Nothing has done more to stimulate the writing of fiction than the itemized deduction section of the income-tax forms.

The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf.

People who squawk about their income tax can be divided into two classes: men and women.

George Washington never told a lie, but then he never had to file a Form 1040.

What the present income-tax form needs is a section which would explain the explanations.

Some of us can recall the day when a person who had to pay income tax was considered to be wealthy.

Income tax is the fine we pay for thriving so fast.

Income-tax forms should be printed on Kleenex because so many of us have to pay through the nose.

The guy who said that truth never hurts never had to fill out a Form 1040.

Preparing your own income tax return is something like a do-it-yourself mugging.

If you think you can keep everything to yourself, . . . the IRS doesn't.

A lot of people still have the first dollar they ever made - Uncle Sam has all the others.

A harp is a piano after taxes.

No respectable person is in favor of nudity, but after paying taxes, some of us may not have any other choice.

A dyed~in-the-wool patriot is one who says he's sorry he has only one income to give to his country.

The best tax law is the one that gets the most feath-

ers with the least squawking.

### District 5160 Annual Conference 2003— “Festival in Fairfield”— Fairfield Hilton Hotel, Next Thursday through Sunday, April 24-27

Join Rotarians from throughout our District at this year's annual District Conference. Share information about interesting programs and projects and celebrate another year of Service to Community, Vocation, and the World. The “KRAZY KAHUNA KLASSIC” Golf Tournament, will be held Thursday, April 24, 2003, at the Chardonnay Golf Club, Napa. For golf info, contact Susan Castillo at our Club, or the Tournament Director, Gary Daniel at 925-735-1557, [garydaniel@msn.com](mailto:garydaniel@msn.com). For registration forms and information, to online to <http://www.rotary5160.org/conference.htm>.

Conference registration is \$80 per person. Meal package, Friday thru Sunday is \$110 per person (including Saturday night “Casino Royale” event). Optional events include Wine Country Limo Tours, Napa Valley, San Francisco Limo Tours, Jelly Belly/Thompson Candy VIP Tours, Spa & Pamper Packages, Amtrak & Antique Shopping in Martinez, Factory Stores/Vacaville, Wine Tasting, Suisun Valley & Green Valley with lunch at Vintage Café, Budweiser Brewery VIP plant tour.

For hotel reservations and information, contact the Hilton Garden Inn, 200 Gateway Court, Fairfield, California 94533, Attn: Mohammed Nazeem / Assistant General Manager.

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