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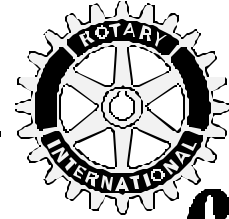
### Upcoming Events

- April 22-29, Russian Entrepreneur Program. See Russ Anderson to help host our visitors.
- May 8 Sunrise Rotary Club "Cinco de Mayo" Fundraiser, Civic Park Auditorium.
- Sunday, May 16, Jazz Festival/Picnic Fundraiser, Borges Ranch, Noon to 4pm
- May 29-31, Rotary District Conference, Redding.
- Saturday, February 5, 2005, our next Crab Feed Fundraiser. Mark your calendars now.

### Upcoming Meeting Programs

- March 2 Bruce Cockerham, The Art of Brewing Fine Beer
- March 9 Carolyn Wu, Assistant to the White House Chief of Staff During Clinton's Presidency
- March 16 Past Presidents, Past WC Rotary Club Presidents Day

For the latest "scoop" on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page:  
[www.rotarywc.org](http://www.rotarywc.org)



# The Walnut Leaf

## ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK

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### This Week's Worker Bees

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|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Presiding .....        | Jack Fischer  | Birthdays.....           |                  |
| Team Captain .....     | Carl Manna    | Anniversaries.....       | Sharon Camandona |
| Thought/Pledge.....    | Richard Ma    | Song Leader.....         | Doug Goodrich    |
| Guest Intro & Mic..... | Mel Bacher    | Bulletin Editor.....     | John McClintic   |
| Speaker Intro.....     | Mel Bacher    | Next Bulletin Editor.... | John McClintic   |
| Set-Up/Take-Down.....  | Richard Ma    |                          |                  |
| Ticket Sales.....      | Layton Hansen |                          |                  |

THIS PROGRAM

## Northgate High School Jazz Band

### Rotary Club 2003-2004

### Roster Now Available

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**CLUB NO. 465  
 ROTARY  
 INTERNATIONAL  
 DISTRICT 5160**

Chartered April 7, 1937

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*Lend A Hand*

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Brian D. Thiessen  
 District Governor Nominee

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Sharon Camandona  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Recognitions

**Ursula Behiel, Andy Marshall, Bob Schroder, and Ken Anderson** have each completed Paul Harris Fellow recognitions.

**Mark Hull**, in the guise of “Pastor Prime”, feted our February birthday boys and girls including **Susan Castillo, Clint Collier, Stan Hill, Bruce Johnson, Peter Kadisan, Jack Matkin, Bob Morgan, and Mark Sanford**. Amen, brother Mark.

### Russian Entrepreneurs Program—Hosts Needed

Please contact Russ Anderson if you can help host Russian visitors from April 22-29. This our eighth year of participation in this program which gives enthusiastic Russian entrepreneurs an intensive week-long close-up look at how US businesses work. We would like to find two more host families who each can host two visitors. Hosts provide breakfast and dinner, and transport to and from a central location each day. A farewell party also will be held at the Mendes home at the end of the week. We also need a driver for each day for our donated 15 passenger van.

### Why a Leap Year?

Thanks to **Tom Rockwell** for passing along the following info on “Leap Year.” Because astronomers have determined that it takes more than a perfect 365 days for the earth to circle the sun. It takes 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds. That’s a difference of almost 6 hours. So every 4 years we have to add a day to our year just to catch up. But obviously, that’s a little bit of overkill. So every so often, the extra day must be eliminated. Starting with the year 1700, each century year is not a leap year, except for every fourth century. Thus the years 1700, 1800, and 1900 were not leap years, whereas the years 1600 and 2000

were left intact as leap years. The next cancellation of a leap year will be the year 2100. If there are any questions, please contact Pope Gregory. Of course you may have to wait a while. He died in 1572.

### 2003-2004 Community Service Grants and Projects

Our Club and our affiliated Community Foundation have been involved with the following Grants and Projects during 2003-2004.

#### Grants:

Dictionaries for Walnut Creek Schools’ fourth graders		
	\$2649.50	
Camp Royal and Venture Scholarships	\$3,150.00	
Special Olympics		
	\$865.00	
WCPD DARE / Every 15 minutes (High school DUI program)	\$2,500.00	
Garden Center at Heather Farms (out door shaded classroom)		
	\$2,500.00	
Ruth Bancroft Garden (high school curriculum for garden science)		
	\$1,000.00	
Family Stress Center (Walnut Creek) (Child safety program)	\$2,000.00	
Las Lomas High School Scholarship		
	\$1,000.00	
Dist. 5160 matching grant for medical instruments for a hospital in Valdivia, Chile	\$1,000.00	
Dist. 5160/5190 Rotaplast trip to Santa Cruz, Bolivia		
	\$650.00	
Food banks of Contra Costa and Solano	\$2,000.00	

#### Hands on Projects performed by Club members:

Amphitheater at Borges Ranch,	no expense
Kiosk at Heather Farm Park	no expense
Centennial Project ( bridge )	up to \$2,000.00

(part of the Heather Farms restoration) Assistance League of Diablo Valley up to \$1,000.00 ( dressing rooms – hands on project) International House Tour ( UC ) \$175.00

#### Total estimated grants/expenditures

\$22,489.50

In addition to the above Grants and Projects, the Club also has pledged \$17,000.00 to the Polio Plus program for the three years 2002-2005. As of the end of December 2003 we only had \$3,501.00 to go to fully fund our pledge.

### Membership Promotions

**Bob Morgan and Ali Aljani** have graduated from red badge to blue badge status.

### Prospective Member

Michael DeMeo, of the Michael DeMeo Insurance Agency (State Farm), has been proposed for membership. Please provide any comments to Club Secretary, Clint Collier.

### Membership Tip: Fellowship—A Popular Benefit of Rotary

**Pam Raumer**, our membership Chair, reminds us about one of the important benefits of Rotary membership—fellowship by visiting other Clubs. Rotary’s minimum attendance requirement is actually very easy to satisfy in our area given that we have many, many local Clubs to visit for “make-ups” morning, noon, and night, and we now have 2 weeks before and after a missed meeting to make-up. Visiting members are welcome at Rotary Clubs around the world, and most members find it to be a very enjoyable way to extend your Rotary perspective.

We also have the “E-Club One” available for on-line makeups using your web browser. Even if you don’t need a meeting make-up, you should visit “E-Club One” from time to time for interesting articles and stories about Rotary projects and activities around the world. You can find it at [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org).

### Sunshine Committee

Help the Club send good will wishes and support for Rotarians and spouses recovering from surgery or experiencing prolonged illness. Contact **Milt Smith**.

### Has your personal information changed?

If your mailing address, telephone or fax numbers, email address, or other personal information changes, please tell the Club Secretary, **Clint Collier**, so that he can keep our records up to date. Contact Clint at the meetings or by email to [clintc@rotarywc.org](mailto:clintc@rotarywc.org).

### 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](mailto:johnm@rotarywc.org).