



Rotary Club Of Walnut Creek  
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### Upcoming Events

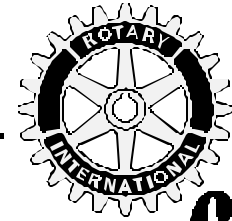
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> I-House Agriculture Tour, Picnic Dinner follows from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.
- Oct 21-22, District 5160 "Cave Man and Rain Man" conference, at the Concord Hilton Hotel

Who am I? #1 Sabine Webb, #2 Wolfgang Heinritz

### Upcoming Meeting Programs

- 2005-09-27 Dave Casper -- Financial Planning and Pro Football. Dave is incharge of the Northwestern Financial Services office in WC. He is also in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
- 2005-10-04 Diane and John Kopchik -- "The Walnut Creek Library, It's Our Turn"
- 2005-10-11 Carl Manna -- Update on Camp Royal and Camp Venture with visitors
- 2005-10-18 George Counelis, MD -- Blacked out due to District Conference
- 2005-10-25 Donna Barpal, DDS -- New horizons in implant dentistry

*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

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### This Week's Worker Bees

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| Presiding .....Oscar Wu           | Ticket Sales.....Bruce Cockerham        |
| Director.....Gordon Fischer       | Birthdays.....                          |
| Team Captain .....Charlotte Quinn | Anniversaries.....                      |
| Thought/Pledge.....Phil Eyring    | Song Leader..... Doug Goodrich          |
| Guest Intro & Mic.....Dick Lam    | Bulletin Editor..... John McClintic     |
| Speaker Intro.....Dick Mortensen  | Next Bulletin Editor.... John McClintic |
| Set-Up/Take-Down..Bruce Cockerham |   |

THIS PROGRAM

## California Symphony

Big Thank-You to:  
Marv Epstein and Ken Anderson  
For John Muir Med. Center Day!

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INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 5160**

Chartered April 7, 1937  
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**John Milsap**  
**Zach Sahar**

**Charlotte Nelson Quinn**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Recognitions

**Claudine Fletcher**, the Club's first female member, has been awarded "honorary member" status by the Club in recognition for her year's of dedicated service to Rotary. Claudine has appeared as a motivational speaker at Rotary events throughout the country, and has inspired many persons with her ability to overcome hearing loss, and now to valiantly battle cancer, while living a full and active business and personal life. One of Claudine's first contributions to Rotary was to suggest and help implement the local "dictionaries for fourth graders" service project which has continued in our District 5160 for many years. We are pleased to have Claudine still with us, now as an honorary member.

Thanks to Team 2 led by **Bryan Yeh** for a great month of programs in August.

**Tom Rockwell** is now serving as "Office Manager", among his many other duties, at Blanding, Boyer and Rockwell.

### Birthdays

Many happy returns of the day to the following Rotarians celebrating birthdays in September: **Dick Mortensen, Bob Johnston, Mark Hull, John McClintic, Jesse Smyers, Andy Marshall, Claudine Fletcher, Doug Goodrich, and Russ Anderson.**

### I-House Agricultural Tour and Picnic Dinner, Saturday October 8th

We are adding a picnic dinner for all Club members/families after this year's agricultural tour for international graduate students at Cal. This is one of the oldest community programs sponsored by our club, dating back to the days when our county was covered with farms and other agricultural attractions. There are a few working farms, and several vineyards, still operating and this gives international students a chance to see America's farmland. The dinner will be from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at a location to be announced. Signup with **Phil Eyring or Gill Bordenave.**

### GSE Team (Mexico) Hosts Needed—October 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>

Our District is looking for Rotarians to help host members of the GSE Team from Mexico during the week of Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the week prior to the District Conference. We have been asked to host one of the team members. Hosting involves provision of some but not all

meals, lodging, some transportation and perhaps some sight-seeing. It will be helpful if the host speaks some Spanish. Please see **Paul Fisher** if you can help.

### District 5160 Conference "Cave Man and Rain Man" Oct 21-22, Concord

Get ready for the District 5160 "Cave Man and Rain Man" conference, to be held the weekend of October 21 and 22 at the Concord Hilton Hotel. The early registration date has been extended through the end of July. The cost to register before August is \$75. **The Club has agreed to cover the reduced \$60 fee** for all new Rotarians in the Club (those with less than 6 months in Rotary). Cost of the meal package for the conference is \$100 per person...and includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, and Saturday dinner.

So who should go? Well, really all Rotarians should but we would especially like to see:

- All new Rotarians in our club. Remember attending a District Conference is one of the red to blue badge requirements and this one is close to home... just over in Concord at the Hilton hotel!
- All members of the board should be going.
- All team leaders. Lead your team by example.

Remember attending a conference: counts as two meetings for make up purposes, satisfies a requirement on the road from red badge to blue, is close and convenient this year, and is just plain fun so we really encourage all new members to sign up!

Sign up with **Clint Collier** so we know who is going and he will give you an application form to fill out and send in. He can also provide further details on the event if you have questions.

### Paul Harris Society Inaugural Gala Dinner, Sat November 11th

Mark your calendars to attend the inaugural gala dinner celebrating the formation of the new "Paul Harris Society". Members of the society will commit to donating \$1,000 per year to the Rotary International foundation. This significant increase from the "Sustaining Membership" target of \$100 per Rotarian per year recognizes that the tremendous increase in the cost of living that has occurred since the Sustaining Member program was introduced over 20 years ago. Members who are fortunate enough to have the financial resources to do so are encouraged to give serious consid-

eration to making this increased level of commitment, to support the fabulous programs and activities funded through RI worldwide.

### Wheelchair Foundation Trip to Costa Rica, November 9-13

The Wheelchair Foundation, in partnership with Howard Tours, offers a group-travel experience to deliver wheelchairs to those who lack mobility in coordination with the Rotary Clubs in the San Jose, Costa Rica area. Cost for 5 Days with airfare from Houston, \$1,725. Contact Howard Tours, Tel: 800-475-2260, Fax: 510-834-1019, [www.HowardTours.net](http://www.HowardTours.net).

### Who Am I?

Each week, this feature will provide some clues about the background of one of our Rotarians. The Members and guests are challenged to guess the name of the featured Rotarian. Answers will be provided in tiny print on the back page.

"Rotarian #1's favorite Rotary activities have included working on the dictionary project, "Fishing in the City", and hosting international visitors including the Russian bakers, and the Kohoku exchange students. She enjoys building relationships with other Rotarians in the community, getting family involved in helping others through Rotary projects, and getting to know Rotarians and other community leaders through fun and fellowship. She is from Austria, and she travels there and throughout Europe with her husband and her 20 month old son, and for recreation she likes skiing, swimming, and cycling. She is a family law attorney (divorce, custody matters, restraining orders), and also handles civil litigation including breach of contract, and construction defect cases, with the Law Offices of B. Palmer Riedel.

"Rotarian #2 is a past president of the Club, who lists polio eradication highest among the Rotary projects he has worked on. He enjoys fun and fellowship at weekly meetings and outings with fellow Club members, and particularly enjoys making-up meetings in foreign countries during business and personal travel. He and his wife have vacationed in Maui every year for the past 21 years with their children and grandchildren. He is a passionate golfer, and has served as a board member of the Contra Costa Country Club. He is an artist by profession, who has painted murals around the world, and has been fortunate enough to have enjoyed sufficient success that now provides a fairly comfortable retirement. Forty years ago, he was heavily involved with rock

climbing mostly in Yosemite, and his crowning achievement was to have made the first ascent of El Capitan's west face. He is a cancer-survivor, and has favored us with his inspirational poetry on that topic on several occasions. He admonishes us all to "Be well."

### Set Your E-Mail Settings to Allow Email from rotarywc.org

We have noticed that many corporate email systems, and some private systems, have increased their restrictions on in-bound email messages. While this helps cut down on SPAM, it also can block "friendly" messages. Please tell your email administrator to allow email coming from our rotarywc.org domain, or at least from "wcclub@rotarywc.org". Please note that the wcclub@rotarywc.org address is a new "Club-wide" email address, and replaces the "allmembers" address which was taken over by evil spammers.

### New and Proposed Members

Please welcome our recently inducted new members, **Cleve Masten**, of Accountants Plus, membership classification "Staffing – Employment" **Cathy Durfee**, Greater Bay Bank, Classification "Banking – Commercial, **Evelyn Ponce**, Mechanics Bank, "Banking—Management", **Re-nee Hamilton**, Classification "Assisted Living", **Cristy DeVoe**, Sierra Surgery Center, classification "Medical – Nurse", **Richard Lam**, classification "Attorney-Tax", **Bert Payne** of Starcare International, Inc., healthcare consultant, and **Mitch Ambro**, The Mortgage Practice, mortgage broker.

**PROPOSED: Bob Romero**, from *Great Clips* in Walnut Creek, Classification: Haircut Salons. Comments, questions to Secretary, Hari Boukis

### Invite a Friend or Associate to Try Rotary

Members are urged to invite their friends and associates to a Rotary luncheon or Rotary event. If your guest has an interest in joining our Club or receiving more information, have them either contact Pamela Raumer at 925-274-5740 or [praumer@rina.com](mailto:praumer@rina.com) or better yet, introduce them to Pamela and she will make sure that they receive the Rotary information packet. There is an inventory of Rotary information and applications at our registration desk at our Tuesday meetings - see Hari or Quentin.

### Sunshine Committee—Chairman Now Lee Schneider

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