This week’s Who am I? is Barry Slavin

Upcoming Events

Walnut Creek Mayor Kathy Hicks
"State of the City"

Upcoming Meeting Programs

2006-03-21 Michael Ginsberg -- "Why Pay off Your Home in Half the Time?"
2006-03-28 Saul B Drevitch, Head of School -- "How to Choose the Right School for Your Child"
2006-04-04 Ms. Kris Hunt -- Financial update for Contra Costa County
2006-04-11 David Pastor, Esq. -- Stories from the trenches as told by a criminal defense attorney
2006-04-18 Dan Ashley, ABC News Anchor -- Television News, Ratings and Responsibility
2006-05-02 Anne Cain -- Why the State Library Bond Measure is Critical for Walnut Creek
2006-05-09 Steve Cutright -- Gravity Powered Fun
2006-05-16 Carrie Lederer -- Experience Art at the Bedford
2006-05-23 Valerie Baroni -- How Smart is Smart Growth?
2006-05-30 Gene Farley ? -- What Do the Friends of Civic Arts Education Do?

For the latest “scoop” on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page: www.rotarywc.org
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Although it seems like only yesterday that the Rotary Peace Fellows Program was established at U.C. Berkeley, the third group of Fellows is now beginning their final semester of studies in peace and conflict resolution. In May these mid-career professionals will leave Berkeley with their new-found knowledge and skills to take on positions of responsibility and influence around the world.

Under the able direction of Professor Edwin Epstein, Director of the Peace Center, these scholars from Pakistan, Brazil, Iceland, Australia, Northern Ireland, Malaysia, and the Philippines have been well prepared to tackle difficult political issues in the world. Needless to say, we will all follow their future careers with a great deal of interest. The Berkeley Peace Fellows Program has been strongly supported by the five Rotary districts in the San Francisco Bay Area. Rotary Host Area Coordinator Susan Waddell, PDG (D-5160) and District Peace Fellows Chair Del Ruby, PDG (D-5130), Roger Steiner (D-5150), Susan Cohen Grossman (D-5160), Linda Ricketts (D-5170) and Rick Davis (D-5180) have appointed Rotary Counselors for each of the scholars, brought the scholars to district events, publicized Peace Fellows seminars and spearheaded efforts to find qualified candidates for this prestigious scholarship.

On Sunday, April 9 you will have an opportunity to learn more about the Peace Fellows Program and hear the scholars talk about their areas of study and plans for the future at the Annual Spring Seminar. This year the event is being held at the University YWCA (directly across from the campus at the corner of Bancroft and Bowditch), from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to all Rotarians and their guests. The Rotary Club of Berkeley will host this event.

You have been asked for more interaction with the Peace Fellows, and this year’s Annual Spring Seminar will give you an opportunity for that. The scholars will be divided into panels focused on specific topics. After they give brief presentations on their topic, you will be able to ask questions and engage in a dialogue with them.

At noon we will break for lunch and hear Orville Schell, Dean of the Graduate School of Journalism and distinguished author, speak on human rights and Iraq. The annual delegation of Russian Bakers are coming to our area during the week of May 6 through May 13, 2006. Please see Cathy Durfee or Marty Larsen if you can help as a host family, or with the farewell party on 5/13.

Who am I?

This regular bulletin feature provides 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. This week’s featured Rotarian says “I graduated from the finest institution in Arizona, the University of Arizona. While I love to play basketball and golf, I am a better baseball player (at least in my own mind) than I am at either of those sports. I love to travel, and every trip I take is a business trip whether it is a vacation trip or not (a big hint as to his profession). I am a past president of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek. I am currently affiliated with the City of Walnut Creek in a volunteer appointed capacity. I miss the old days of Rotary team meetings, Yosemite, Beach Boys concerts at the Pavilion, parties at the Mendes Bed & Breakfast. I love to read, do jigsaw puzzles, listen to music, and watch and participate in sporting events. Who am I?

Meeting Attendance Requirements

Our attendance secretary, Quent Alexander, provides the following information about attendance requirements:

Rotary International encourages perfect attendance by club members. Missed meetings may be made up by several methods. The easiest method is to attend another Rotary Club meeting. A meeting can be made up as early as two weeks before or up to two weeks after a missed meeting. Rotarians are welcomed at any Rotary Club around the world. A list of all Rotary Clubs can be found on the RI website. The second method is to attend a Rotary District or International function. The third method is to participate in a Team meeting or a club activity. The fourth method is by going to the Rotary E-one Club website and following the “make up” process.

The Rotary Club of Walnut Creek believes that a Rotarian gains most by maintaining “Perfect Attendance” status. To encourage this, the Club has a policy of a ten ($10) dollar fine for each meeting not made up.

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New Members