People In Charge this Week
Presiding...............................Clint Collier
Director................................Nestor Karas
Team Captain ..................Karen Horrigan
Meeting Setup........................Hari Boukis
Greeter...................................Hari Boukis
Ticket Sales..........................Sabine Webb
Thought/Pledge...................Nestor Karas
Song Leader..........................Lu Hughes
Guest Intro & Misc..................John Gardner
Birthdays................................
Anniversaries........................Pam Raumer
Speaker Intro..........................
Meeting Take-Down….…….Hari Boukis

Today’s Program:

Ranjit Chakravorti
WCS Grants Chair District 5160

Song for the Day “Red River Valley”
From this valley they say you are going; We will miss your bright eyes and sweet smile;
For they say you are taking the sunshine; That has brightened our path for a while.

Come and sit by my side if you love me; Do not hasten to bid me adieu.
But remember the Red River Valley; And the cowboy who loved you so true.
Won't you think of the valley you're leaving; Oh how lonely, how sad it will be?
Oh think of the fond heart you're breaking; And the grief you are causing to me.
As you go to your home by the ocean; May you never forget those sweet hours.
That we spent in the Red River Valley; And the love we exchanged mid the flowers

Upcoming Events:
May 5th. District 5160 Family Fun Day and BBQ at Western Railway Museum
May 19th Casino Royale Poker Tournament and Dinner, Grace Church, Martinez. See Mitch Ambro for info.
June 30th, District 5160 Sundial Bridge Dinner Dance, Redding
Feb 2, 2008. Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Crab Feed Fundraiser

For the latest “scoop” on upcoming meeting programs, visit our website and click on the link on the home page:
www.rotarywc.org
Announcements:

Walnut Creek Sister City Event, This Friday April 13th
We need volunteers to help set up and take down at the Bedford Galaxy on Friday night April 13th at a gathering in honor of visitors from our sister city in Nacita, Italy. We also are looking for some wine and cheese donations. See John, Mitch, or me. mklei@rotarywc.org 925-609-6525 if you can help.

Fishing in the City—This Saturday, April 14th 8:30am to 11:30am
Fellow Rotarians, here's a brief update from John Gardner on the fourth graders' fishing event. We'll be going out this Wednesday and Thursday, 12:00 - 1:30pm, to Buena Vista School to teach the kids how to tie knots, bait hooks and cast as well as fishing stories and ethics. The Department of Fish and Game has scheduled the fish plant, and next Saturday, April 14th, the kids will be at Heather Farms from 8:30 am to 11:00 am fishing. They are also looking for some wine and cheese donations. See Mike Kiser if you can help.

Rotary International Convention—Salt Lake City, Utah June 27-30, 2007
We need volunteers to help set up and take down at the Convention Center – listen to speakers (Bill Gates & Hyrum Smith), participating in workshops, visiting the Club and District Project Exhibition and talking to fellow Rotarians. Experience the energy of thousands of fellow Rotarians from around the world at daily plenary sessions at the Salt Palace Convention Center. Why not plan a vacation with your own family after the convention or before? Plan to attend the world famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir performance or enjoy a real live western rodeo with bull riding, barrel racing and bronco bucking. This year’s program promises sensational entertainment, stirring speeches, and inspirational opening and closing ceremonies, including a Wednesday evening performance by renowned New Zealand opera singer Dame Malvina Major. For reservation and registration information, go to http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2007/how-to-register.html

Rotary International Membership Conference August 17-18
Rotary International is holding a series of membership promotion conferences this summer. Our local conference will be August 17-18 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose. Additional details will be announced at a later date.

Yosemite Weekend Fri and Sat Sept 21-22
We are going to Yosemite again this September. See Bill Layton and Pam Raumer for room reservations at the Wawona Hotel. Friday night features pot-luck appetizers and wine tasting on the hotel grounds, Golf, tennis, swimming, hiking on Saturday, and Saturday night features a BBQ dinner at the cabin of Fletcher and Nancy Tyler. $190 per room, double occupancy. We have 15 rooms reserved, so act fast.

The Russians are Coming; Again this October
We will be hosting a delegation of Russian real estate brokers from Oct 3rd thru 10th during their fall visit to our District. See Andy Halperin if you can host one or more of this delegation that week.

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