



The Walnut Leaf

ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK

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People In Charge this Week

Presiding	Pam Raumer	Song Leader.....	Lu Hughes
Director.....	Mitch Ambro	Guest Intro & Mic.....	Bob Travale
Team Captain	Bob Morgan	Birthdays.....	
Meeting Setup.....	Tom Noble	Anniversaries.....	Ira Hillyer
Greeter.....	Lonnie Finkel	Speaker Intro.....	Layton Hansen
Ticket Sales.....	Tom Rockwell	Meeting Take-Down.....	Tom Noble
Thought/Pledge.....	Stan Hill	AV/Lights/Sound.....	

Today's Program:

Presentations from Recipients of Grants from our Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Community Foundation

Notices:

Today's Song: You're a Grand Old Flag

You're a grand old flag, You're a high flying flag,
 And forever in peace may you wave.
 You're the emblem of the land I love, The home of the free and the brave.
 Ev'ry heart beats true, 'Neath the Red, White and Blue.
 Where there's never a boast or a brag.
 But should auld acquaintance be forgot, Keep your eyes on the grand old flag!

Email:

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Code: JUNE-JUNKET Expires: 2008-07-31

Upcoming Meetings:

2008-06-17 Rick Hanson -- Black Widow-2
2008-06-24 -- Pam's Demotion Party

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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Announcements:

Recognitions

Beh Shahmardaan enjoyed his recent trip to India.

Marv Epstein traveled to Dearborn, Michigan, and the Ford Motor Museum, for the wedding of his granddaughter, and then went to a family reunion in Rhode Island.

Valerie Ridgers had a great two weeks “back home” in England, then went to a BSA national meeting in San Diego. **Clint Collier** saw Valerie there while he was attending an International Fellowship of Scouting (or was that Yachting?) Rotarians.

Marty Larsen had a nice trip to Escondido.

Bert Payne also was down south, attending a graduation at the University of San Diego.

Stan Hill went to Amherst outside of Boston for his granddaughter’s graduation.

Andy Halperin reports that his wife is now the Clinical Manager for the John Muir Medical Center, Concord Campus, Pharmacy.

And **Mark Sanford** belatedly reported that he had a great time while attending the Super Bowl in February

Volunteers Needed for Heritage Day at Borges Ranch, June 14th

Volunteers are needed to help with Heritage Day at Borges Ranch on June 14th. This is an annual celebration at the Ranch for families, especially children.

Activities include crafts and games for children, 4-H farm animals, square dancing and many exhibits. Our Rotary Club has been asked for 6-8 volunteers to work 4 hour shifts between 10 and 5. Contact **Jack Fischer** for more details 933-6725.

Volunteers Needed for Walnut Creek Aquanauts Event June 21st

The Walnut Creek Aquanauts are looking for volunteers to serve as ushers, ticket takers, and setup and takedown for their fundraising event from 2pm to 7:30pm at Heather Farms Aquatic Center on Saturday June 21st. See Pres Pam if you can help.

Kohoku Exchange Student Will Visit us from Aug 8th to Sept 9th

This year’ exchange student is Kuniyasu Suzuki, nick-

name Kuni. He is 19 years of age, a sophomore at Hosei University majoring in Environmental Issues and plays on the university golf team. He would like to learn as much about our culture as possible while staying in Walnut Creek. He is the brother of Toshi from 2 years ago. He arrives on August 8th and will be with us until September 9th. Please start thinking about when you would like to host Kuni and what you would like to do with him. Contact **Rick Mathews 838-0527** with questions

New Paul Harris Fellow

Bob Morgan completed his first Paul Harris Fellow level contributions to Rotary International Foundation.

New Rotary Club of Diablo View-- Meets Tuesday nights 5:30pm 1515 Restaurant, 1515 No Main Street, Walnut Creek

We are sponsoring a new Rotary Club. It meets Tuesday nights from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. **Mitch Ambro** is serving as the Charter President for the new Club. Contact **Mitch at 866-842-1420** for more information. Our Club members are asked to help get the new Club started out by attending as guests at meetings and by helping recruit new members to Rotary. The nighttime meeting and setting may be of interest to potential Rotarians who cannot attend meetings during the breakfast or lunch hour.

\$100: Every Rotarian, Every Year
Gordon Fischer reminds us to make our Paul Harris Sustaining contributions to the Rotary International Foundation of \$100 (or \$200 for “double sustainers”) by June 30 so we can achieve our goal of \$100 from Every Rotary, Every Year.

What’s Your Hurry? Here’s Your Hat

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Each week, we need to clear the room by 2pm as another group needs the facility at 3pm. Help the cleanup crew get everything put away by 2pm.

No Parking in the Greenery Restaurant and Golf Course Lot
Please note that we cannot park in the parking lot across the street from the Heather Farms Garden Club lot. That lot is reserved for patrons of the Diablo Hills Golf Course and the Greenery Restaurant.

We have lots to do at our meetings, so let’s be seated by 12:25pm...

President Pam again asks that we allow sufficient time to get to the meeting, check in, go through the buffet line, and be seated so that we are ready to start by 12:25pm. This also will allow us more time for conversation and socializing before-hand, one of the purposes of Rotary...

Upcoming Club Meetings/Events: Plan to attend these Club meetings and invite at guest!

June 17 Rick Hanson “Black Widow 2”
This is a photo-packed presentation by fellow Rotarian, Rick Hanson, who will bring his \$50,000 trophy-winning hot rod show truck, a 1928 Ford for all to see. Hot Rodding is Rick's hobby. Rick runs a local handyman service in Contra Costa County called www.HandymanRick.com in support of his passions.

June 24 “Hasta La Vista, Baby”—We say a fond farewell to Queen Pam.

Sept 9. Our annual visit to the John Muir Medical Center, Ball Auditorium, Walnut Creek Campus, at noon. The speaker will be Michael deBoisblanc, M.D., and the title of his talk is "A Surgeon in Iraq."

Please Pay Your Recognitions, Fines, & Donations:

Please make sure to pay your recognitions (including birthday and anniversary fines) as promptly as you

can. **Neeru Bhutani** will accept all recognition and fine payments, **Cathy Durfee** will take the sponsor meeting payments and **Gordon Fischer** collects the Rotary International Foundation payments. If you have any questions, you can contact your Club President, Pam Raumer at 925-274-5740 or prau-mer@rina.com Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

Prospective Member

Raj Singh, of Professional Interpreters of America, is proposed for membership. Please provide any comments to the Club secretary.

New Members

Welcome our newest members. **Doug Switzer** has transferred from the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek—Sunrise. Doug is retired, and was an active Rotarian in Seattle before relocating here. Besides his involvement in Rotary, Doug also has been an active leader in the Boy Scouts, recently serving as Scoutmaster for Troop 216 in Alamo. **Eugene McGrane**, of MCC Realty Group in Walnut Creek, has joined in the classification of Commercial Real Estate.

Invite a Prospective Member to Join Us for Lunch

Here’s how it works. You invite your prospect to a Club lunch meeting. You pay the prospect’s lunch tab for the first visit. The prospect can visit two more times, and the Club will pay the cost. If the prospect joins, the Club also will reimburse you for the first lunch.