

is good only for the month of May. Let's build a stronger Club together! See Clint for a packet of Club information for your guests.

Proposed Member

Ellen Osmondson, Prudential California Realty in Walnut Creek, 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.

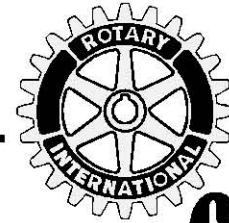
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Code: ALL-ANGRY Expires: 2008-05-31
Code: MAY-MADNESS Expires: 2008-06-30

Upcoming Meetings:

2008-06-03 Mark Sanford -- Hearing Technology Today
2008-06-10 -- Pam
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



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.....	Marty Larsen	Guest Intro & Mic.....	Jack Fischer
Team Captain	Bert Payne	Birthdays.....	
Meeting Setup.....	John McClintic	Anniversaries.....	
Greeter.....	Bob Schroeder	Speaker Intro.....	Bert Payne
Ticket Sales.....	Alex Lommel	Meeting Take-Down.....	John McClintic
Thought/Pledge.....	John McClintic	AV/Lights/Sound.....	Bert Payne

Today's Program:

Marilyn Ellis, CTAC,
“Are You Stuck on the Rocks, Lost in the Fog, Surrounded by Sharks?”

Notices:

Today's Song—Love Me Tender

Love me tender,
Love me sweet,
Never let me go.
You have made my life complete,
And I love you so.

Love me tender,
Love me true,
All my dreams fulfilled.
For my darlin I love you,
And I always will.

Love me tender,
Love me long,
Take me to your heart.
For its there that I belong,
And well never part.

Love me tender,
Love me dear,
Tell me you are mine.
Ill be yours through all the years,
Till the end of time.

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Announcements:

From the Rotary.org website May 23, 2008

ShelterBox containers reach devastated areas in Myanmar

[The following is an update on the report printed last week about Shelterbox relief supplies actually reaching Cyclone Nargis victims. Once again, dedicated Rotary volunteers cut through governmental red tape and overcome political barriers to get help to victims of a natural disaster.]

Almost two weeks after Cyclone Nargis devastated the delta region of Myanmar, an aid flight carrying 1,050 containers of relief supplies arrived from the United Kingdom on 16 May at the Yangon airport. The plane was chartered by Cornwall-based charity ShelterBox, a grassroots disaster relief organization supported by Rotary clubs around the world. ShelterBox was one of the first outside relief organizations to be allowed into the country, where the powerful 3 May cyclone left more than 134,000 people dead or missing.

Onboard the DC-10 were two American volunteers to support the four ShelterBox response team members from the UK who have been in Yangon since 8 May distributing the initial shipment of 644 boxes containing tents, mosquito nets, tools, water-purifying tablets, and other essential aid items. The Americans are Patrick Olson, a college textbook publisher and member of the Rotary Club of Plymouth, Michigan, and David Eby, a property appraiser from Brentwood, Tennessee. Working with local authorities, the team unloaded the containers onto trucks for transport to the outlying Irrawaddy Delta region, where the need is the greatest. "Five hundred boxes, plus 50 blue (water purification kit) boxes are planned to be distributed to Ngaputaw, Haigy Island, in the southwest delta region, 250 boxes to Labutta Delta, and 250 to Bogale," team leader Ian Neal said from Yangon.

Neal, a Cornish firefighter, said that over the last week his team worked closely with local authorities in Yangon to get the supplies into the affected area. The ShelterBox crew also held "train the trainer" sessions to teach Burmese fire and emergency officers how to use the ShelterBox contents and set up the tents.

[And in a related story, 400 Shelterboxes were distributed in China's Sichuan province, to provide emergency shelter to victims of the recent massive earthquake which has displaced millions.]

ShelterBox and Rotarians reaching out to aid Chinese earthquake victims

Gong Jianzhong, the Chinese Consul General in Manchester, England, visited the LifeBox warehouse to accept 100 LifeBoxes and 1,200 LifeStraws for earthquake relief in the Sichuan province. Photo courtesy of Rotary Club of Denton and Audenshaw.

Four hundred ShelterBox containers will reach China's Sichuan Province this weekend to help alleviate the acute housing shortage after a 12 May earthquake there left 50,000 people dead and more than five million homeless. Another 400 containers are en route to the area.

Each container provides a tent, stove, water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months. ShelterBox is a UK-based disaster relief organization supported by Rotary clubs around the world.

At the request of the Chinese government, ShelterBox will also provide an additional 1,700 tents. Chinese officials have made urgent appeals to the international community for tents. News agencies are reporting that refugees flocking to the cities are sleeping in any spot they can find, many in sports stadiums and in makeshift tents. Three ShelterBox response team members are in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan, to help distribute the aid. "The enormity of it is far bigger than anything I have seen before," Tom Lay, ShelterBox team member, told BBC News.

LifeBox, a charitable project of the Rotary Club of Denton and Audenshaw in Manchester, England, is also contributing to disaster relief in Sichuan. One hundred LifeBox containers, which include tools, clothes, blankets, and baby items as well as a water purification tool called LifeStraw, have been sent to the province, along with 1,200 additional LifeStraws.

At the receiving end, Rotary clubs in China are helping pave the way for organizations like ShelterBox and LifeBox to enter the disaster area, securing permits for the boxes.

The Rotary Club of Beijing, located more than 900 miles away from the disaster area, is discussing earthquake relief projects. They plan to purchase US\$4,000

of baby formula to distribute in the affected area. They are also fundraising. Beijing club members contributed more than \$1,000 to earthquake relief at their meeting the day after the earthquake hit. Club president Mike Ma also said some funds from an annual charity ball next week, which will be attended by RI President-elect Dong Kurn Lee, will be redirected for earthquake relief. "There are already discussions about an after-earthquake mental health consultation project working with China Red Cross and disaster area reconstruction projects," said Ma. "We are also studying the more long-term, significant reconstruction project possibilities to take on."

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.

Hi ho, hi ho, its out the door we go...

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 3 Mark Sanford, "Hearing Technology Today"
June 24 "Hasta La Vista, Baby"—We say a fond farewell to Queen Pam.

Sept 9. Mark your calendars for our annual meeting at John Muir Medical Center, Tues Sept 9.

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.

May is Membership Month

May is Membership Month! Bring a guest to a meeting in May who has never been to a Rotary meeting before and the Club will pick up your guest's lunch! Bring them back a second time, and the Club will pick up your guest's lunch and your lunch - remember - this