



# 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.....	Ivan Kerr
Team Captain .....	Bob Morgan	Birthdays.....	
Meeting Setup.....	Andy Marshall	Anniversaries.....	
Greeter.....	Lonnie Finkel	Speaker Intro.....	
Ticket Sales.....	Adrian Mendes	Meeting Take-Down.....	Andy Marshall
Thought/Pledge.....	Bob Travale	AV/Lights/Sound.....	

## Today's Program:

**We say Thanks and Goodbye to Queen Pamela Raumer**

## Notices:

**PAM...**

**Thank you for one of the best Rotary years EVER!**

**-the Club.**

## Email:

**Code: MAY-MADNESS Expires: 2008-06-30**  
**Code: JUNE-JUNKET Expires: 2008-07-31**

## Upcoming Meetings:

**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](http://www.rotarywc.org)

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## Announcements:

### Today's Song

"Goodbye to Pam the Queen"

[Sung to the tune of "My Country 'tis of Thee"  
aka "God Save the Queen"]

Goodbye to Pam the Queen, Her reign is done, you see,  
Of she we sing.  
She taxed us all to death, But led our Club with zest,  
Now she takes a well-earned rest,  
Bye Pam the Queen.

She's off the throne, yippee, But now uncertain are we,  
Who's coming next?

The new King's a postal man, No more of our smiling Pam,  
We will be missing her, oh man,  
Bye Pam the Queen.

### Recognations

Thanks to **Jack Fischer, Jerry Benoit, and Gordon Fischer** who helped with the Borges Ranch Heritage Day event, and Marty Larsen who attended with his grandchildren.

**Hari's** daughter, Adrienne was featured in the CCTimes recently for her reusable lunch bag project which cut down lunch bag waste at her school and also raised funds for hurricane victims.

**Fletcher Tyler** took a trip to Alaska and caught a 76lb halibut.

**Gordon Fischer's** daughter's softball team won an exciting championship game.

**Andy Marshall** had a nice trip to Aruba, and bought a new BMW (which was rear-ended just a week after delivery).

**Dess Benedetto** bought a new Pontiac G8 from Russ Anderson

**Alex Lommel** is happy to have his grandson and his wife back living in the Bay Area after several years running their engineering and electronics business in China. His grandson spoke to our Club a few years ago about his book on "Failure Analysis."

### Kohoku Exchange Student Will Visit us from Aug 8<sup>th</sup> to Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

This year' exchange student is Kuniyasu Suzuki, nickname 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 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.

### We're late; we're late; for a very important date...

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!  
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."

January 25-27 2009 The annual Reno train trip. More info coming.

### Midyear Dues Cycle

If you are in the mid-year dues cycle, please be sure to pick up your dues packet from the Club Secretary and turn in your payments.

### 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](mailto:prau-mer@rina.com) Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

### Sunshine Report—Gill Bordenave

Randy Walker reports that **Gill Bordenave** has now returned home after a hospital and short-term care facility treatment for pneumonia.

### 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.