People In Charge this Week

Presiding .................. Pam Raumer
Director .................. Lu Hughes
Team Captain ............... Mike Kilzer
Meeting Setup ............. Gordon Fischer
Greeter .................... Rod Uffindell
Ticket Sales ............... Lu Hughes

Thought/Pledge ............. Kim Brandt
Song Leader ............... Lu Hughes
Guest Intro & Mic .......... Kim Brandt
Birthdays .................. Bryan Yeh
Anniversaries ..............
Speaker Intro ............. Tom Rockwell
Meeting Take-Down ....... Gordon Fischer

Today’s Program:

Joey Bozik

Notices:

Crab Feed Fundraiser Saturday, Feb 2, 2008

Buy your tickets
Bring in your wine
Get Donations
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 one, of the purposes of Rotary…

Crab Feed Fundraiser Saturday, Feb 2, 2008

Our 10th annual crab feed is Saturday, February 2, 2008. Buy your tickets now from Bob Romero, $40 per person with checks payable to WCRCFF (Walnut Creek Rotary Club Community Foundation). Be sure to ask for a “chicken sticker” for your ticket if you want chicken instead of crab. And please line up auction items; Valerie Ridgers is the contact for the silent auction and Mitch Ambro is the contact for the live auction. For corporate sponsorships, contact Milt Smith. Contact Layton Hansen Layton@rotarywc.org or 925-686-5148 for other information or questions.

Every member is asked to bring in 2 bottles of premium wine for the wine barrel auction and wine barrel raffle. See Gordon Fischer with your donations (or bring a check for $50 and Gordon will shop for you).

Paul Harris #4 for Clint Collier

Thanks to Clint Collier for completing his fourth “Paul Harris Fellow” contribution to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and earning another jewel for his Paul Harris pin.

Rotary Ambassadorsial Scholarships

Rotary District 5160 is seeking qualified applicants within our community for Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships for the Rotary year 2009 - 2010. The scholarships are designed to further international understanding and goodwill. They provide for study abroad in more than 150 countries where Rotary Clubs are located. Some 800 scholarships of various types are available worldwide. Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships are for one academic year abroad and provide a flat grant of US$23,000 or equivalent. There are also multi-year scholarships available. Rotary offers study abroad programs for Language, 3 and 6 months with a stipend of $10,000 and $15,000 respectively. Academic 1 year and 2 years is $23,000. University teaching grants are $12,500 for 3 - 5 months and $22,500 for 6 - 10 months.

Rotary Jackets are Here!

Karen Horigan reports that the Rotary Jackets have arrived, and are available for pick up. Please give Karen your check for the $40 (or $42 for the larger sizes) purchase price, plus any extra donation you may have noted at the time of your order.

Membership Activity

Be sure to welcome our new members, Lonnie Finkel, of the Finkel Law Group, classification “Law”, Sandy Garry, transferring back to our club from the Pinnacle Peak—Scottsdale Rotary Club in Phoenix, Lauren M. Kraus, Coldwell Banker, classification “Real Estate, Jane Diritto, Diritto Bros VW-Saab-Nissan, classification “Auto Retail—Retired”, Brenda Goodrich, Goodrich Ad Valorem Property Tax Services, Classification “Property Tax Consulting”, and Dess Benedetto, an estate planning attorney with the Family Trust Law Center.

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. See page 38 of this month’s Rotary Magazine for a great introduction to Rotary projects to introduce prospective members to the Rotary world.

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

January 15 Sheila Hurst -- China Wheel Chair Report January 22 Robert Miller -- National Fragile X Foundation Fragment X is a family of genetic conditions, which can impact individuals and families in various ways. January 29 David Schmit -- Indian Gaming Impact on California

February 12 Neil Reeder – Challenge Day Organization February 19 Terry A Khonsari – Raising a Superstar

Reno Train Trip, January 13-14

Money is due now. See Randy Walker or Fletcher Tyler for possible additional registrations for the Annual East Bay Rotary Reno Inter-City Train Trip. Lodging will be in the East Wing at Harrah’s, $265 per person single occupancy. We already have 18 members going, and we have room for more.

Annual District Conference Thursday April 24 to Saturday April 26, 2008

On April 24-26, 2008, the annual District Conference will be held at the Sacramento Radisson Hotel. There’s something for everyone: Rotary Conference, Golf Event, Poker Tournament, a Rotary Club Hospitality Party in the theme of the Prospectors (think Gold Rush era, Paint Your Wagon). The pricing is reasonable, the lodging is inexpensive. And a 25% discount for registering before December 31, 2007. Go to www.rotary5160.org and get all the details. Important Note: Lodging is limi-