



# The Walnut Leaf

**ROTARY CLUB OF WALNUT CREEK**

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## People In Charge this Week

Presiding .....Pam Raumer  
Director.....Sabine Webb  
Team Captain .....Jerry Benoit  
Meeting Setup.....Randy Walker  
Greeter.....Jane Drito  
Ticket Sales.....Layton Hansen

Thought/Pledge.....Jim Campana  
Song Leader.....Lu Hughes  
Guest Intro & Mic.....Donna Montana  
Birthdays.....Rem Barnard  
Anniversaries.....  
Speaker Intro.....Sabine Webb  
Meeting Take-Down.....Randy Walker

## Today's Program:

**Beh Shahmardaan – Five Systems of Medicine**

## Notices:

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Greenery Restaurant and Golf Course Lot**

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## Upcoming Meetings:

**2008-03-04** PATRICK SCHWERDTFEGER -- BUILD A HIGH TRAFFIC WEBSITE

**2008-03-11** MICHAEL MONALDO -- UPDATE ON JOHN MUIR HOSPITALS, WC & CONCORD, CONSTRUCTION

**2008-03-18** MARILYN LANGBEHN -- CALIFORNIA SHAKESPEARE THEATER

**2008-03-25** BILL KILLIPS -- MEDICARE OPTIONS, ENROLLMENT, PART "D", PLANS AND OTHER DETAILS.

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:

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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...

### February Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Rotarians who celebrated wedding anniversaries in February:  
**Bob Johnston, Sabine Webb, Gordon Fischer.**

### February Birthdays

Many happy returns of the day to the following Rotarians celebrating birthdays in February:  
**Mark Sanford, Bruce Johnson, Cathy Durfee, Bob Morgan, Jack Matkin, Stan Hill, Clint Collier, and Joe Stein.**

### Recognitions

**Bob Romero** recently enjoyed a nice warm weather winter vacation.

**Frank Suess** has joined us for a few months "winter" vacation away from Switzerland.

**Jack Matkin and Lu Hughes** both have gone "off the grid" for their electric power, after installing rooftop solar panels on their houses. They enjoy watching their electric meters run backwards.

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

**March 4** Patrick Schwerdtfeger, Build a High Traffic Website

**Sunday March 9 and Tuesday night March 11** Rotary at Cal Symphony

**March 11** Michael Monaldo, Update on John Muir Hospitals, Walnut Creek and Concord

**March 18** Marilyn Langbehn, California Shakespeare Theater

**March 25** Bill Killips, Medicare Options, Enrollment, Part D, Plans and Details

**April 8** Special tour to Seguin Moreau Cooperage in American Canyon. See details in this bulletin, or contact Rick Mathews [rickm@rotarywc.org](mailto:rickm@rotarywc.org) or 838-0527 to sign up.

### Rotary at Cal Symphony, Sunday March 9 and Tuesday March 11

Local Rotarians and their families are invited to attend special "Rotary Goes to the Symphony" performances on Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm or Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. The California Symphony's performances will feature Guiliani Guitar Concerto Op30 in A, with soloist Travis Johnson, Falla Three Cornered Hat Suite No. 2 with Yaelisa, Flamenco Dancing, Harrison Elegy to the Memory of Calvin Simmons, and Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5. 25% of each ticket price will be donated to the Music in Schools program. Special Rotary tickets are available from the California Symphony at 925-280-2490, and \$20 student discount tickets are available.

### Our Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be a tour of the Seguin Moreau Wine Barrel Cooperage in American Canyon

Our meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> is a special tour of the Seguin Moreau wine barrel cooperage in American Canyon. We will meet there at 11am for the tour which will conclude by noon. See how wine barrels are made. The tour is free, and there will be an optional lunch for \$12 catered through a local deli following the tour. Signup with Rick Mathews

[rickm@rotarywc.org](mailto:rickm@rotarywc.org) or 838-0527. This event is open to Rotarians and guests—the more the merrier! A great Spring trip!

### 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](http://www.rotary5160.org) and get all the details. Important Note: Lodging is limited. Call now for room reservations: Radisson Hotel Reservations [500 Leisure Lane](http://500.Leisure.Lane), Sacramento, CA 95815 Thursday, April 24 through Saturday, April 26, 2008. Or check rates and availability at [www.radisson.com](http://www.radisson.com). Enter "D5160" into the promotional code box for special member rates: Single or double: \$93 Triple: \$103 Quad: \$113 Waterfront rooms are available for an additional \$30 per room.

### District Golf Tournament Thursday April 24, Noon

District 5160 also will hold a Golf Tournament the first day of the District Conference, Thursday, April 24, at noon at Teal Bend Golf Club, in Sacramento. \$100 registration includes 1 dinner ticket. Dinner tickets alone are available at \$37.50. Get a registration form at [www.rotary5160.org](http://www.rotary5160.org).

### District Poker Championship Thursday April 24, 5pm

District 5160 also will hold a Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament the first night of the District Conference, Thursday, April 24, at 5pm. \$199 registration includes 2 dinner tickets, 2 - \$20 rebuys, and 1- \$40 Add-on. Additional Club players can register for \$100 each, including 1 dinner ticket. Dinner tickets alone are available at \$37.50. Get a registration form at [www.rotary5160.org](http://www.rotary5160.org).

### Rotary Poker Tournament and Casino Night

### May 17<sup>th</sup> Pleasant Hill Community Center—Open to Rotarians and Family Members

Register now for this annual fun and fundraising event. \$100 entry for poker players, \$20 for casino players. The event is Sat May 17<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 10pm at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive in Pleasant Hill. See **Mitch Ambro** for details and to register.

### Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Golf Tournament Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> Boundary Oak Golf Course

We are organizing a golf tournament for Monday, May 19, at Boundary Oak Golf Course. Proceeds will benefit the Fresh Start program in Walnut Creek which provides respite service and care for working poor, homeless, and at risk persons in our area. \$250 individual and \$1000 per foursome, includes green fee and cart, and dinner. See **Luis Ramirez-Agudelo** to sign up.

### 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.

### Membership Activity

**Mike Kilzer** is relocating to San Francisco, and will be transferring to the San Francisco Club. Best wishes, Mike!