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Today’s Speaker: John Bettencourt “Deepwater Horizon - A Rescue Pilot’s Leadership Lessons Learned During the Overnight Response to the World’s Largest Oil Spill.”

Wolfgang Heinritz “Gathering of Friends”
Friday, May 3rd, 3pm to 5pm at the Contra Costa Country Club at 801 Golf Club Road in Pleasant Hill. Please RSVP directly to Trudy Cumming, trudycumming@att.net or 1.925.914.0895 so she can get a head count for Waltraud. This is meant to be a Beer, Wine and Cheese affair and the sharing of fond memories of Wolf. There will be two friends of Wolf that will speaking and things to share about Wolf and Waltraud's time together.

Fishing in the City, This Saturday May 4, 8:30am to 11:30am, Heather Farms Park, our Annual Joint Project with California Fish and Game and the City of Walnut Creek, benefiting the Buena Vista Elementary School. A few Club members go into the classrooms to teach fishing techniques and fish conservation, then CA Fish and Game stocks Heather Farms Park with fish and the kids go fishing. We need volunteers to help the kids on Saturday morning. Prior fishing experience is not necessary. Contact John Gardner JGardner@Donahue.com.

Rotary Bocce Tournament. Saturday May 11, Registration 9:35, Matches from 10:30am to 1:30pm, Martinez Waterfront. See Gordon Fischer to join a team.

Ability Now “Free Lunch Fundraiser”
Wednesday May 15, at the Ability Now facility 4500 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602. See Peter Kohn.

On May 17-19, join Northern California and Nevada Rotarians from Districts 5130, 5150, 5160, and 5190 at the Peppermill resort in Reno for a combined annual conference. This event is expected to sell out soon, so register now at https://rotary4wayfest.com/. Get your hotel room at the Peppermill before our block is released to the public on April 25.

2nd Annual Rotary Golf Tournament and Fellowship Event - Friday, May 24th. For the golfers (or wanna-be golfers), we tee off for 9 holes in the afternoon at Boundary Oak Golf Course in a scramble format, each 4-some competing against the other 4-somes. The golfers will be joined by non-golfers in the evening at the home of Jerry and Chris Benoit for dinner, a celebration of the earlier event, and fellowship. (You don’t have to be a golfer or related to a golfer to join in the dinner.) Sign-up sheet will be distributed at upcoming meetings. See Jerry Benoit, Milt Smith or Peter Kohn.

Ukrainian Business Visitors Program:
Volunteer drivers are needed May 31 to June 6 to provide rides to a group of Ukrainian business men and women hosted by members of our Club and other neighboring Clubs as they visit local businesses to observe how they operate.

Walnut Creek Art and Wine Festival June 1st.
We will be volunteering in the ticket booth. See Marcia Gerg to sign up.
**Demotion Party.** Time flies and it’s time for Rich Fleming to leave office as our President. We will be recognizing his year at a dinner on June 25th. Details to follow.

**April Birthdays:** Many happy returns of the day to Rotarians celebrating birthdays this month: **Jason Callan, Darren Kelly, and Peter Kohn.**

**Upcoming Meetings and Events:**
- Sat May 4 Fishing in the City. See **John Gardner.**
- Tues May 7- Chris Carpenter. Contra Costa Sanitary District (thanks Tom Rockwell for securing this speaker).
- Tues May 14- Lorna Van Ackerman with Hillendale Home Care. “Aging in Place”
- Tues May 21- Catherine Baker. Retired CA State Assemblywoman
- Fri May 24 Rotary Golf Tournament (9-Hole Scramble), Dinner at the Benoit Home, Either or Both.
- Tues May 28- Hari Boukis. Burning Man Part 2
- Sat June 1 Volunteers needed for the ticket booth at the Art & Wine Festival. Contact **Marcia Gerg.**
- Thur June 25 Demotion Party. Details TBA.