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DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465

2014 2015 Theme:
"Light Up Rotary"

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Thought for the Day: Jerry Benoit

Roving Mic/Introductions: Jim Hester

Today's Speaker: Pedro Bernardy, Health/Wellness

Paul Harris Matching Points Available: To encourage Club members to donate to the Rotary Foundation, **Tom Noble** has made some of his Paul Harris matching points available to match incoming donations. Our goal is "\$100 Every Rotarian, Every Year." See **Gordon Fischer**.

Volunteers are needed to help Interact Club at Northgate High School. They are attempting to organize a Country Western Music Concert in the Spring as a fun and fundraising project. See **Pres Milt**.

Recognitions: **Layton Hansen** won his flight at his club's annual tournament for the 3rd year in a row, and enjoyed his granddaughter's wedding. **Trudy Triner** visited Arkansas, and drove home with a friend in 34 hours (she didn't have to drive at all...). **Mary Azevedo** enjoyed a Caribbean cruise, and is putting together the annual gift baskets for our Meals on Wheels program (thanks Mary!).

Sunshine Report: Mark Cranmer, Mary Azevedo, and Trudi Cumming all are recovering from recent surgeries.

Welcome New Member Peter Kohn: Peter was inducted on December 2nd. He is owner of Peter Kohn Insurance in Walnut Creek, and he and his wife Marissa have lived in Walnut Creek for 29 year. He formerly was a member of the Dougherty Valley San Ramon Rotary Club.

December Birthdays: Many happy returns of the day to the following Rotarians celebrating birthdays: **Quent Alexander, Hari Boukis, Eileen Cheng, Christos Couteller, Gordon**

Fischer, Rich Fleming, Ivan Kerr, Tom Rockwell, and Doug Switzer.

December Anniversaries: Congratulations to the following Rotarians celebrating wedding anniversaries: **Jerry Benoit, Fran Gallati, Ivan Kerr, John McClintic, and Mark Sanford.**

17th Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser January 31, 2015, Centre Concord. "An Evening of Fun, Fellowship and Fundraising!" This year's theme is "Mardi Gras."



Entertainment features a four-piece band!

There still are volunteer jobs to fill, so please contact **Pres-Elect Dess Benedetto** and take on an assignment (or two or three...).

Buy your tickets now for \$50; price increases to \$60 after December 31. See **Bob Morgan**. Please consider adding a sponsorship to your ticket purchase (see below).

Wine Barrel Raffle and Auction. Each Member should please bring your two bottles of \$25 or greater premium wine to donate to our raffle and auction barrels. See **Gordon Fischer**.

Auction Items: Please start contacting businesses (including your own) for donated items for our live auction and silent auction. See **Cathy Durfee and Gary Pokorny** for the live auction and **Trudy Triner, Eileen Cheng, Jim Hester, and David Levien** for the silent auction.

Sponsorships are an important source of support for our event and a great opportunity to promote your business, group, or family. This year there are four levels. **Bronze (\$250) and all other Sponsorship levels** include an ad in the event program, and logo/name recognition in the video slide show during the event and on the event website. **Silver (\$500)** also includes 2 tickets to the event OR 1 Special Live Auction Raffle Ticket (\$100), 1 bottle of premium wine, and 5 raffle tickets. **Gold (\$1,000)** also includes 4 tickets to the event OR 2 Special Live Auction Raffle Tickets (\$200), 2 bottles of premium wine, 10 raffle tickets, a table sponsor sign, and a full color custom poster (20" X 30") or banner (2' X 5') displayed at the event. **Platinum (\$1,500)** also includes a Premium Seating Reserved table for 10 people (a great way to reward special employees or customers!); 1 Special Live Auction Raffle Ticket (\$100); a table sponsorship sign; logo and name recognition in press releases; full color custom poster (20" X 30") or banner (2' X 5') displayed at the event; 2 bottles of premium wine; and 20 wine barrel raffle tickets. See **John McClintic**, or order online at www.eventbrite.com.



Pres Milt's Greetings to Rotarians and guests: The holiday season is upon us and another year comes to a close...and we have RAIN! Each year we look forward to the spirit of the holidays, having time with our families and friends and reflecting on the past while we think about our future. Let us be mindful of those less fortunate than ourselves so that we can continue enjoying the magic of the holidays and continue to "Light Up Rotary", during this special season and remembering what it is to live Service Above Self. What a great job you did for Toys for Tots last week! Thank you again. I look forward to seeing most of you tomorrow at Boundary Oak for our holiday party. Seems we have an excellent turn out. Have a safe and happy Holiday season, and look forward to 2015 with great expectation and continued commitment to Light Up Rotary.

Upcoming Club Meetings/Events: Plan to attend these Club meetings and invite a guest!
Dec 23 and Dec 30 No meetings.

P.S. Please consider a gift to our Community Foundation or to Rotary International!

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