

THE WALNUT LEAF



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DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465

2013 2014 Theme:

"Engage Rotary; Change Lives"

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Thought for the Day: Darren Kelly

Introductions: Russ Anderson

Today: Gayle Vasser, "Walnut Creek Challenges and Choices"

Thanks to Clint Collier, Today's E-Edition features photos from the January 7th meeting, including Quent Alexander joining the meeting by Facebook (thanks to Darren Kelly),



Donna Montana and Doug Switzer working the Reverse Draw Board,



Bob Morgan selling crab feed tickets,



Wine donations "pouring in" to Gordon Fischer,



and Speaker Mary Burdick from CCTA who talked to us about County Connection bus service.



Crab Feed Fundraiser February 1, 2014.
We need help with the Wine Barrel raffle and auction: Each Member is to donate two \$25 value bottles. Bev Mo's 5cent sale is again underway and is a great way to purchase your donation. Please give your two bottles (or a check for \$50) to **Gordon Fischer**.

Chicken Feed? If you or your guests want chicken instead of Crab, please tell **Bob Morgan** and get a "chicken chit" so we know how much to make.

The Silent Auction Program Deadline is next Tuesday, January 21, 2014. The Crab Feed Booklet goes to print January 22, 2014. We will not be issuing additional pages to the booklet once it has gone to print because each additional page print run costs \$300. **If your item is to be included in the booklet and the Silent Auction, it must be submitted by the end of our meeting on next Tuesday, January 21st. See Trudy Cumming.**

Volunteers are still needed for the night of the event See **John Fenoglio** to sign up for the remaining tasks.

Challenge Days Feb 24 and 25 2014—
Northgate High School: NHS is currently organizing full-day volunteers for Monday, February 24 and Tuesday, February 25; the time commitment is from 7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and registration volunteers for 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. each day. NHS also is soliciting food donations, including granola or snack bars, bananas, individually packaged chips, individually packaged cookies, and "Sponsor a Northgate Teacher" donations (which costs \$150 to provide a substitute teacher). (You can donate towards a substitute by writing a check to "Northgate PFC" with "Challenge Day" written within in the memo. Please place your check into the Challenge Day box in the office). **If you want to help, contact Jerry Benoit at our Club,** or Bertha Yorke or Chandra Collins at NHS to volunteer or for donations at: bxa8@pge.com and chandracolins@gmail.com

Proposed Returning Member Al Sevilla. Al has applied to return to membership in the Club, sponsored by Adrian Mendes.. After being a very active member of our Club for many years, Al joined the Lamorinda Sunrise Club for several more, and then took the last three years off. He now wants to return to Rotary in our Club. Al is President of his Walnut Creek engineering and construction business. He lives with his wife Cindy in Lafayette and they raise Guide Dogs for the Blind. Two of their three (now adult) children were Kohoku youth exchange students. Please provide any comments to the Club secretary.

Reno Train Trip Fri Feb 28-Sun Mar 2. The reservation deadline is January 27, 2014. To register, see the email from Doug Switzer. The organizers from the Rotary Club of Orinda expect a large turnout from the Reno-Sparks area Rotary Clubs at the inter district dinner meeting on Saturday, March 1. District 5160 Rotarians can board the train on Friday, 2/28 in Emeryville 10:00am, Richmond 10:15am, Martinez 11:00am, Suisun 11:25am, and Sacramento 12:15pm. Our train should arrive in Reno around 5:00pm. Buses will transport us to the Nugget Hotel, which will also be the location of the inter-district dinner meeting. The all inclusive fee of \$375 per person Double and

\$445 per person single occupancy includes: Round Trip Train Tickets, 2 nights lodging at John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel; transport to and from the train; a meal served at your seat going over and a deli lunch for your return; the dinner meeting on Saturday Night, a "Winner Book of Coupons" which includes some free buffets at Reno area hotel-casinos (\$100 value), a-Rotary Commemorative Pin, B.Y.O.B. fully allowed and-2 Complimentary Drink Tickets each way; hosted hospitality suite on Saturday prior to the Dinner Meeting! For an additional \$120 you can upgrade to the Vistadome sightseeing and dining car, the only train in the world offering a Dancing Car with a DJ, and a Piano Bar Lounge Car and gift shop.

Polio Plus Trip to Delhi, India, Feb 14 to 25. See **Doug Switzer's email** with details about the US Rotary delegation's trip to Delhi, India, where we will participate in the polio eradication activities and attend the Polio Conclave. This trip also includes travel to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal, and Jaipur to visit the famous Rotary Jaipur Limb factory, and enjoy this extraordinary city. Per person land-only cost, based on double occupancy: \$2,299 does NOT include international, roundtrip airfare or Indian visa fees. Space is limited, so please act immediately if you are interested. See the email sent by Doug Switzer for contact information.

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

Jan 21, Jim Carley, "Retirement Planning"

Jan 28, Steve Leshner, "Walnut Creek Centennial"

Sat Feb 1 Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser, Centre Concord.

2013/2014 Club Projects and Contacts: See the following Rotarians for further information about our Club Projects. **New Projects:** Rotary Learning Center and Monument Crisis Center—Bob Romero; The Creek Youth Center (6 computers); Walnut Creek Fire Station No. 7 (alarm system)—Jerry Benoit; Boy Scouts of America Hispanic Initiative—Bob Romero. **Continuing Annual Projects:** Fishing in the City—John Gardner; Meals on Wheels—Bob Romero; Camp Royal and Camp Venture—Carl Manna and Joe Doherty; Creek Cleanup—Quent Alexander; Challenge Day @ Northgate H.S.—Jerry Benoit; Crab Feed Fundraiser—Milt Smith; Scholarships at Las Lomas H.S. and Northgate H.S.—Ken Anderson and Rem Barnard; DVC Career Connections—Karen Lile; Family BBQ—Mike Lommel; Poker Tournament Fundraiser—Carl Manna; UC Berkeley International House Agriculture Tour—Sabine Webb and Darren Kelly; Rotary Club of Tokyo Kohoku Youth Exchange—Bay Shamardaan; DV8 International Projects—Ken Anderson; the Garden at Heather Farms; Assistance League of Diablo Valley; Concord Rotocare Mobile Clinic—Lu Hughes; Toys for Tots—Clint Collier; Borges Ranch Heritage Day—Jack Fischer.