



Rotary Club Of Walnut Creek
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Upcoming Events

District 5160 Conference 2000, This Thur. to Sat. May 4-6, Berkeley Marina Radisson. Gala Benefit Dinner on the USS Hornet Saturday Night.

This Friday May 5, Boy Scouts of America annual Sports Awards Breakfast fundraiser with keynote speaker Judge Mills Lane. Concord Hilton 7am to 9am. \$150 combined adult and youth ticket; \$100 single adult ticket. Call **Valerie Ridgers** at 925-674-6100.

June 11 "Service Above Self" Award Ceremony and Party at Civic Park. Mark your calendars for this annual event honoring outstanding community service. Nominations for this year's honorees are now being accepted.

Sunday June 25th Demotion Party. Turn the "King" back into an "Earl". BBQ at Civic Park Community Center Across Street from City Hall.

Yosemite Weekend, September 28, 29, 30. Sign up and pay your \$100 deposit now for the annual Club weekend in Yosemite. See **Paul Fisher**.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

Tues. May 9. Guest speaker Marion Cunningham, author of the 13th edition of The Fannie Farmer Cookbook. Bring your spouse or other guests for this special program. **RSVP to Fletcher Tyler**

Wednesday May 17 Joint Board Meeting. The outgoing and incoming Boards will meet **at the W.C Police Dept at 6pm.** All directors, cogmasters are encouraged to attend. Committee chairs who missed the first organizational meeting also should attend.



The Walnut Leaf

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This Week's Worker Bees

Presiding Earl Wightman
Team Captain Fred Scheffler
Speaker Intro.....
Thought/Pledge.....
Visitors Intro.....
Bulletin Editor..... John McClintic
Next Bulletin Editor.... John McClintic

Roving Microphone.....
Set-Up/Take-Down.....
Song Leader.....
Ticket Sales.....
Birthdays.....
Anniversaries.....

NEXT PROGRAM

Surprise

This Week:

2000-2001 Roster information gathering begins. We will pass out update sheets. If you do not get one, please contact Hari. You can help us with the process by updating online at:

www.rotarywc.org in the 'administration' section.

Visit Us On The Web at: www.rotarywc.org

**CLUB NO. 4191
ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5160**

Chartered April 7, 1937

Carlo Ravizza
International President

*Act with Consistency,
Credibility, Continuity*

William Spalding
District Governor

Ron R. Piret
District
Governor Nominee

Joseph Goralka
Area Representative

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Directors
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John Roberts

Ken Wirfel
Bruce Cockerham

1999-2001
Saul Dangott

Ursula Behiel
Alex Beloff III

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Week: Thanks to former Club President, and Structural Engineer, John Meyer for his informative program on “lessons learned from the 1999 Taiwan Earthquake.” This 7.7 Richter scale temblor, with numerous 6.5+ aftershocks, taught us valuable lessons about engineering buildings for survivability. Vertical ground movement exceeded 26 feet at one dam, and 10’ to 12’ in many urban streets and buildings. Despite being a relatively recently developed nation with very modern construction techniques and practices, Taiwan experienced major damage outside of the major downtown skyscrapers (which faired quite well). This quake left 2,400 dead, and over 10,000 injured, with 100,000 or more displaced. Most precarious were structures with so-called “soft” first floors—those that either toppled or pancaked due to their wide storefronts and open sides and little lateral bracing on the bottom level. We have buildings that pose similar problems in the US, so we have things to learn from how these structures did. Taiwan experiences many many earthquakes every year, and has developed an excellent emergency response system which saved many lives. We should take this lesson to heart by updating our earthquake preparedness kits at home and in the office.

Next Week: You Better Watch Out, You Better Not Cry, Prez-Elect Barry Slavin is Coming to Town. At the May 9th meeting, we’ll get a vision of the Rotary Year 2000-2001 yet to come, as Barry Slavin fills in for Prez Earl. Turn off those cell phones and pagers, as Barry demands our undivided attention during meetings.

Recognitions

Thanks to the following Rotarians who attended the District Leadership Conference in Vacaville: **Ursula Behiel, Saul Dangott, Milt Smith, Jack Fischer, Linda Morris, Valerie Ridgers, and Barry Slavin.**

Announcements

Kohoku Exchange Student Announced.

Jonathan Kirkham, son of our late Club member Fred Kirkham, will represent the Club as our exchange student with the Rotary Club of Kohoku Japan for this summer.

Yosemite Trip Money Due. If you have signed up for the annual Yosemite weekend trip, September 28, 29, 30, please pay Fletcher Tyler \$100 for your deposit. Make checks payable to Fletcher because he advanced the hotel deposit on his credit card. **Mail the checks to Paul Fisher’s office.**

Its post time...at Golden Gate Fields, for **Rotary Day at the Races, June 2nd.** Signups and ticket sales will begin soon. See **Ursula Behiel** (our jockey-in-residence).

The Sunshine Committee, headed by Saul Dangott, sends appropriate cards to hospitalized, or ill-at-home Rotarians. But they need our help. Please be sure to call Saul at 932-0895 when you know of a Club member who could benefit from a message of good cheer.

District 5160 Conference. This Thursday, Friday, and Saturday May 4th to 6th in Berkeley. Connect with the Big International World of Rotary.

Thursday Fun and Fellowship Day. Golf at the Richmond Country Club; Sail on the Bay; Tour UC Berkeley; Tour SF Chinatown; Tour the Wine Country. Finish the day with the sports banquet and award’s presentation at the Richmond Country Club, and guest speaker Lon Simmons, longtime Bay Area sportscaster for the Giants and A’s.

Friday Programs. Opening luncheon features Shirley Chater, former Commissioner of the United States Social Security Administration. Breakout sessions follow during the afternoon. Friday’s evening program includes a cocktail reception and dinner, featuring as guest speaker baseball Hall of Famer Joe Morgan, and music from the Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble.

Saturday Programs and Gala. Saturday breakfast features speaker Robert Berdahl, Chancellor of the University of California. Presentations about Youth and Exchange Programs follow. A Kite Flying Competition also will be held with prizes for the largest, funniest, most acrobatic, and best depiction of Rotary ideals. Saturday lunch follows with Kite awards, Club Recognitions, and presentations by the 4-Way Test Speech Competition winners.

Saturday Night Gala Dinner on the USS Hornet. The conference concludes Saturday night with a spectacular gala event on board

the refurbished aircraft carrier, the USS Hornet, veteran of WWII and recovery vessel for the return of the first two Apollo moon landing missions. Dinner, dancing, and special tours of the ship, make this an extraordinary event you should not miss.

Get Your Rotary Announcements in the Bulletin

By popular demand (or yielding to rampant procrastination), our regular publishing deadline is extended to Sunday night!! You can phone your bulletin announcements to **John McClintic** by 9:00pm on Sunday to be sure to be included. Call John at 930-7352 and leave your message on the answering machine, or ask for fax or e-mail instructions. **Sometimes even later last minute arrangements can be made, so call John anyway if you have something to put in the Bulletin.**