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Thought for the Day: Carl Manna

Roving Mic: Gary Stein

Today's Speaker: President Bruce Johnson—Rotary Year 2016-2017

Club Board Meeting Tuesday, July 12th, 5:30pm, at Bruce Johnson's home 2161 Carrol Rd. Walnut Creek, CA 94596. All members, especially new members, are invited to attend.

Back to School Backpacks for the Monument Crisis Center. Donate by July 26. We again are collecting funds to supply backpacks with school supplies for children served by the MCC. \$60 will cover the costs for one filled backpack, but any amount will help. Please make checks payable to "Monument Crisis Center" and give them to **Eric Baba** ericr.baba@gmail.com 925-378-5255 **by July 26.** If you prefer to buy backpacks or supplies yourself, please be sure to pick up an instruction sheet with a checklist from Eric or from the information table at our weekly Club meeting. There are limitations on colors (to avoid gang affiliation) and special needs for younger and older students. Thanks for your generous support which gets the kids off to an excellent start each school year. And see the special thank you letter from MMC student Cristian on the back page.



“Relive the Memories”, as we Bring Back the Yosemite Weekend, September 16-18. See our host and organizer **Fletcher Tyler** for information. Make your own reservations for lodging at the “Big Trees Lodge”

(formerly the Wawona Inn) or get together with other Rotarians and rent a house or cabin. We

will enjoy wine tasting, swimming, rafting, hiking, and group dinners.

New Member Inducted: Eric Baba was inducted as a new Member at the June 21st meeting. Eric is an Associate with ReMax CC Connection, Inc. He is single and lives in Walnut Creek. Welcome Eric!



50th Anniversary Rotary Exchange Student Celebration with the Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kohoku Japan, Honolulu, Hawaii. Oct. 8-14, 2016.

Registration deadline is September 9th. Let **Clint Collier**

know if you are coming. See the last page of the E-Edition of today's bulletin for more details!

Nicaragua LN-4 Artificial Hand Project, Oct. 21, 22 and 23, Managua, Nicaragua. We are going to do an LN-4 project with our hosts, the Rotary Managua-Tiscapa Club that also helped us with our "Agua Nicaragua" water project. **Bob Romero** will be leading the travel there, departing on Oct 19 or 20. We can stay an additional 3 or 4 more days Oct 24-26 and visit the country. Please contact **Bob Romero** romero425@aol.com 925-256-8470.

Rotary Dues 2016-2017: Doug Switzer reports that, for the first time, we are sending the annual dues invoice via email. This should make it easier to forward to your accounting department or other payment person.

Two important items.

1. Three separate checks are required as specified on the form. This is to ensure compliance with tax regulations.
 2. Please return a copy of the form with a breakdown so a proper accounting can be made.
- Doug will have additional copies of the invoice at Club meetings.

Our Northgate Scholarship Honoree, Jasmine Gregory, visited with us June 21st to thank our Community Foundation for providing her a college scholarship. Jasmine is starting at the University of California this fall. Go Bears! Jasmine volunteers at the Monument Crisis Center, and worked on a hygiene project in Paraguay. She is a cheerleader and coach. She learned about Rotary through her grandfather who was a member of the Rotary Club of Emeryville for many years.

Recognitions: Thanks to the Inner Wheel for their help during 2015-2016, especially the Crab Feed Fundraiser. Thanks to **Gordon Fischer** who organized our Bocce teams, and all the Rotarians and family members who participated in the District 5160 June Joust Bocce tournament. One of our teams had a top 8 finish! Our May membership drive winning team members were **Adrian Mendes, John McClintic, Fletcher Tyler, and Bridget Waller**.

Rotary Year 2015-2016 Year-End Awards: Past Pres Dess Benedetto named **Jean Edwards** the Rotarian “Rookie of the Year Award” honoree, **Milt Smith, Jesse Smyers, Doug Switzer, and Clint Collier** as “President Award” honorees. **Bob Romero** was named the “Adrian Mendes Award” honoree, our Club’s highest award. **Gordon Fischer, Carl Manna, Milt Smith, Bob Romero, and Lance Mendes** also were recognized as being nominees for that award.

Upcoming Club Meetings and Events:

Club and District Calendars are now “always in view” at <http://www.rotarywc.org/>

July 12 John Wetzel, Alexander Valley Vineyards Wine Tasting

July 19 Catherine Baker, California State Assembly

July 26 Dan Ashley, ABC News

Our Rotary Community Foundation Funds and Volunteer Efforts Make a Difference at Monument Crisis Center. Bob Romero

shared the following letter from 10 year old student “Cristian”: *“MMC means so much to me. It and all of its programs have changed my life. For instance, After School Café [our Rotary Club-sponsored learning center] helps me and everyone else with their homework. Sometimes when I really like places, I call it a 2nd home. I’ve been able to call MMC my home. They treat you like a family. In After School Café, besides homework help, there are so many fun things to do. You can play games, read books, and so many other things. Another program that I go to that they have here is Scouts [Troop 1990 is sponsored by our Rotary Club]. It is really fun. One of the most special things about Monument Crisis Center is that this is where many friendships begin. I’ve made so many friends here. The Monument Crisis Center is its own wonderful community. Anyone who comes here will immediately fall in love with this place. When I came to Monument Crisis Center they ignited something in me that sent a spark of hope to my heart. People don’t come here because they have to; they come because they want to. Because they know they will like it and think it is the best place to be. The people here are trustworthy, respectful, kind, and helpful, and you will be able to call them a family. They have taught me so much about teamwork. I wouldn’t be in a good place in school if it weren’t for the Monument Crisis Center. I didn’t write this from my head....I wrote this from my heart.”*



Aloha Hawaii calls...

The Walnut Creek Rotary Club and the Kohoku Rotary Club of Tokyo celebration marking the 50th anniversary of our joint student exchange program is coming! The dates are October 8th through the 14th at the **Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa** in Honolulu Hawaii! Some highlights... more details to follow...

- Saturday October 8th: Arrival and check in.
- Sunday October 9th: Welcome reception
- Monday October 10th: Tour organized by the Kohoku Club
- Tuesday October 11th: Breakfast reception followed by free time
- Wednesday October 12th: Joint meeting and dinner
- Thursday October 13th: Free time right now... stay tuned
- Friday October 14th: departure unless you want to linger on... see below!

We have a special rate at the resort of \$239 per night. Some points to know...

- They are waving the resort fee for us (\$35/day). If you want to use the spa or the amenities normally covered by this fee you will need to make arrangements to activate it for your individual reservation... Hint: if you want free Internet access join the Marriott rewards program (at no cost) and you get it free as a perk.
- Cost of the activities has yet to be determined.
- Each member needs to make their own resort reservation. Do this by clicking here to **visit the event registration web site** and reserving your room.
- Want to come early or stay late? This special room rate is available when you register for 3 days before and 3 days after the event!

[Click Here for Link to Registration Website](#)