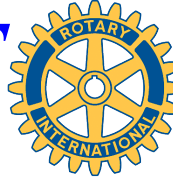


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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 5160 CLUB 465

2015 2016 Theme:

*"Be a Gift to the World"*

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Thought for the Day: John McClintic

Roving Mic: Christy Devoe

Today's Speaker: **Hannah Richardson, Saving Lives by Teaching Swimming  
to an Island of Non-Swimmers, Big Corn Island, Nicaragua**



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

Attendees must make their own room reservations now. [Click this link](#) for the special \$239 per night rate at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa. This rate also is available if you want to come 3 days earlier and/or leave 3 days later. If you are staying somewhere else, please tell **Clint Collier** so that we know how many are coming along.

**Fishing in the City is now Sat April 16<sup>th</sup>. 8:30am to 11:30am.** See **John Gardner to volunteer.** For those of you who are new to Fishing in the City, it's a fourth graders' fishing event we put on in partnership with the Buena Vista School, the Department of Fish and Game, the City of Walnut Creek and our Rotary Club. Buena Vista incorporates a curriculum around fishing, watershed issues and conservation in the classroom. Then the week prior to the event, a few of us will be going out to Buena Vista Elementary School on Wednesday to teach the kids how to tie knots, bait hooks

and cast, as well as telling fishing stories and teaching ethics.

The Department of Fish and Game plants fish at Heather Farms, and on Saturday the kids and many of their parents come out for a morning from 8:30 am to 11:30 am to fish and generally have fun. It's a great day on the pond, and a relaxing and enjoyable morning event for us Rotarians.

If you might be able to help out with the kids on the day of the event contact **John Gardner.** He would much appreciate a heads-up, as early as convenient. Again, you don't need to know anything about fishing in particular, and it should be a beautiful morning for it!

The **Bocce Fellowship Event** sponsored by **Carl Manna** is rescheduled to **May 1<sup>st</sup>** from noon to 2pm. See Carl to sign up.

**Benecia Rotary Club Casino Night and Texas Hold'em Tournament, Fri May 6** 6:30pm to 1pm, Benecia Clocktower. \$40. Register at [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com).

**Vocational Service—"Coffee Draw"**— To help us share our vocational backgrounds with one another, **Trudy Triner** is organizing a "Coffee Draw" each meeting. She will collect business cards from those interested in participating and will draw two

business cards at random. The matched individuals then can arrange to meet for coffee and share information about what they do.

### **Sunshine Committee—Meals for**

**Rotarians:** Now and then, one of our fellow Rotarians or their families go through a difficult time in life. One way for our Club to assist them in such times is to provide meals. **Jean Edwards** is organizing a new Member meal assistance program for our Club. Your commitment will be for one night during the time of need. This could be for someone during time of bereavement, recuperating from surgery or illness or just needing assistance during a particularly difficult time. When a need arises, a broadcast e-mail will be sent with a calendar and sign-up sheet. When you get that email, please reply to Jean by email [jedwards1007@comcast.net](mailto:jedwards1007@comcast.net) to let her know when you might be able to assist. She will contact you to coordinate the name, date, address, etc. of the Rotarian and family that will love to see you and greatly appreciate your help.

### **Milt Smith's Report from the District**

**5160 2016 Conference April 1-3:** You Only Live Once, (yes it was at the YOLO Co. Fairgrounds). In attendance from The Rotary Club of Walnut Creek were... Immediate PP **Milt Smith**, President **Dess Benedetto**, President Elect **Bruce Johnson** and President Nominee **Trudy Triner**, a presidential trifecta plus one! Also there... **Richard Hsu** and family, **Trudy Cumming** along with sister from Davis, new member **Gary Stein** and wife Jana and Sergeant-at-Arms **Layton Hansen**.

### **Upcoming Club Meetings and Events:**

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

Apr 12 Ruth Bancroft Gardens

Apr 19 Wolf Heinritz, "El Capitan or Bust"

Apr 26 Jesse Smyers, "Swimming Saves Lives"

June 28<sup>th</sup>, Demotion Party Dinner for Pres Dess. Details to follow.

At the risk of being bass-ackwards you should know that our very own, from Rotary of Moraga, Past Rotary International President Cliff Dochterman wound up the whole thing Sunday morning with a New speech very effectively using a Rotary / Stalactite analogy. He has given up on his "Last Speech" speech so if you get a chance to hear this new one you should do so. Other Keynoters were William Wesley speaking about Full Life Balance; Amani Matabaro Tom from Democratic Republic of Congo speaking about Rotary projects there, Linda Mong representing RI President K.R. Ravindran, and Steven Soloman from the Rotary Foundation at RI Chicago.

Numerous other breakouts, a big April Fools Party, with dancing, and a BBQ, with dancing, rounded out the weekend.

Dist. Gov. Courville and his minions put together a great conference, brought it to life, wound it up then he went fishing.

BTW, as a rookie Sergeant -at- Arms, helping seasoned vet **Layton Hanson**, **Milt Smith's** Fitbit exploded from all the running around required.

**Mark your calendars now for the 2017 District Conference Berkeley CA. March 24-26.**

**Rotary District 5160's Spring Training Assemblies: North Assembly, Saturday, April 30, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm, Red Bluff High School, Red Bluff; South Assembly, Saturday May 14, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm Benicia High School, Benicia.** Come to break-out sessions designed for Club Secretary, Treasurer, service project planners, grants managers, youth program leaders, everyone!