

# Rotations

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President John Sherry opened the meeting after a two week vacation salmon fishing in Alaska. Mike Kearney gave the Thought for the Day. Visiting Rotarians: Past Dist. Gov. Beri Kasper, Concord Diablo; Ron Light, Concord; Chris Basman, Concord; Debbie Cooper, Lamorinda Sunrise.

John Sherry thanked Sandi Mitchell and Ron Wake for their service as Acting Presidents while he was away. He thanked and gave Sergeants-at-Arms pins to Joe Capozzi and Steve Snyder.

Alan Mac said he will soon have an organizational meeting for the Group Study Exchange program. A.C. Webb told us about the golf tournament scheduled for October 6. It will have a wine theme and he will be looking for wine donations. Mike Henn announced that he will be looking for poll workers for the upcoming election. Mike Heller let us know about the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Rock the Plaza concerts scheduled for the first four Fridays of August. Our club will cook some sausages, burgers and hot dogs for the event. Please come to the Lafayette Park Plaza at 5:30 pm.

Anna Stevenson gave membership documents to Steve Snyder and Lee Deily received her blue badge.

John Sherry recommended attendance at the District Conference in Oct. See Special Events on our website, [www.rotarylafayette.org](http://www.rotarylafayette.org), for applications. John said the Reno train trip is scheduled for Jan 25-26, 2009.

Steve Snyder collected fines and happy dollars from Jay Lifson, Don Anderson, Larry Duson, and Mike Heller.

**SPEAKER:** Beri Kasper, past District Governor, is chair of the Camp Venture program.



Their mission: Camp Venture is dedicated to providing a meaningful experience to high school students who have indicated interest in entrepreneurship. The camp presents an opportunity for participants to develop the skills necessary to organize and direct a business enterprise. The five-day, four-night program will be held June 26-30, 2009 at the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo. The cost is \$525 for a student and scholarships are available, paid by local Rotary Club sponsors. For more information, contact Beri Kasper, CPA, [beri@kasperaccountancy.com](mailto:beri@kasperaccountancy.com).





Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The beginning of the Rotary year is always an exciting time, with new club and district officers, a new theme to work with, and a renewed sense of purpose for our service projects. The beginning of this particular Rotary year is, of course, especially exciting for me as I look forward to meeting Rotarians throughout the world and seeing firsthand the many remarkable projects you are carrying out.

In planning how your club, and each one of you, can Make Dreams Real this year, I ask you to consider the millions of children who never even have the chance to dream. Every day, more than 26,000 children under the age of five die from preventable causes. As appalling as that number is, it is a decrease from the figure of 30,000 that first caught my attention and spurred me to bring this matter of grave concern to Rotarians.

UNICEF's State of the World's Children 2008 report states that 'by 2006, the most recent year for which firm estimates are available, the annual number of child deaths globally fell below 10 million, to 9.7 million, for the first time since records began.'

I would guess that some of the improvement in child survival rates can be directly attributed to Rotary projects that have been successfully addressing problems related to health, hunger, water, and literacy for a number of years now. So I asked myself: 'What would happen if 1.2 million Rotarians focused their service efforts on keeping even more children alive?'

I think we already know some of the answers. If Rotarians provided insecticide-treated bed nets, fewer children will succumb to malaria. If we dig wells and address sanitation problems, more children will have clean water to drink and more hygienic surroundings. And if Rotary clubs carry out effective nutrition projects, we can save some of the almost five million children who die each year from undernourishment.

UNICEF estimates that fully two-thirds of the 9.7 million deaths in 2006 were preventable. With Rotarians working to provide vaccines, oral rehydration therapies, accessible health care for mothers and newborns, and other relatively simple interventions, I'm confident that many more babies will not only survive but go on to live healthy, productive lives. Let's *Make Dreams Real* by giving these children the chance to grow up and have dreams of their own

D.K. Lee  
President, Rotary International

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## MAKE UP MEETINGS NEARBY

### MON

12:00 Danville, Brass Door, San Ramon

### TUES

07:00 Walnut Creek Sunrise, Scott's Seafood  
07:00 Danville-Sycamore, Crow Canyon  
Country Club, San Ramon  
12:15 Moraga, Soda Center  
12:00 Walnut Creek, Heather Farms Garden  
Center Bldg  
05:30 Diablo View, 1515 Restaurant, WC

### WED

12:00 Rossmoor, Hillside Clubhouse  
12:15 Alamo, Round Hill Golf  
12:15 Orinda, Community Center  
12:15 Concord-Diablo, Marie Callendars

### FRI

07:00 Lamorinda, Postino  
12:15 Concord, Concord Hilton

## THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER  
FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all  
concerned?



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

08/07 Jim Campbell, RI Dist. Gov., &  
Pate Thomson, Asst. Dist. Gov.  
08/14 Mike Grenby, Public Speaking  
and Life Down Under  
08/21 Patrick Schwerdtfeger  
Touching a Younger Audience  
08/28 Rhonda Chaikin, Simple Ways  
to Green Your Business  
09/04 TBD  
09/11 TBD

## LOCAL ROTARY EVENTS

08/01 Rock the Plaza Barbecue  
08/08 Rock the Plaza Barbecue  
08/15 Rock the Plaza Barbecue  
08/22 Rock the Plaza Barbecue  
08/23 Rotary Foundation Seminar,  
Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield  
09/20-21 Lafayette Art & Wine Festival  
10/06 Golf Classic, Rossmoor Golf  
Links  
10/23-25 Rotary District Conference,  
Concord Hilton, save our Club  
15% if you commit before 08/31  
10/26 Reservoir Run/Pancake Feed

## ROTARY INT'L EVENTS

06/21-24 2009 RI Convention,  
Birmingham, England  
06/20-23 2010 RI Convention,  
Montreal, Canada

## BIRTHDAYS

08/12 Mary Claire Searby  
08/24 A.J. Nisen  
08/26 Mike Henn

## ANNIVERSARIES

08/01 Larry Blodgett  
08/08 Barry Toomajian  
08/14 Alan Mac  
08/14 Ed Stokes  
08/17 Troy Winkles  
08/19 Jay Lifson  
08/20 Bob Shusta  
08/23 Daniel Baker

## GREETERS

08/07 Tom Courtright  
08/14 Lee Deily  
08/21 Larry Duson  
08/28 Bill Eames  
09/04 Bob Ewen

