

# Rotations

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President John Sherry opened the meeting. Visiting Rotarians: Javier Cortez, Moraga, Southern Region GSE Chair.

John Sherry thanked Mike Heller, Greg Vaisnor, Mike Kearney, Terry Camp, Jesse Wellen, AJ Nisen, Tom Henry, Ron Wake, Troy Winkles, Bob Ewen, Larry Duson, Ed Stokes, Bill Eames, Alan Mac, Jay Lifson, and Polly Berson for providing money, products and services for our recent Golf & Wine Classic. AC Webb reported that the Golf & Wine Classic netted \$18,500.

In honor of past president Larry Duson's recent promotion, John Sherry gave him a balloon and some donut holes.

Saturday, Dec 13, is Red Kettle Day for the Salvation Army, and we will man a red kettle in Lafayette.

John Sherry had a great time with the Danville Club at Rotary Day at the Races last Sat. at Golden Gate Fields.

Jay Lifson enjoyed Japan, but didn't find time to plant our Rotary flag on top of Mount Fuji.

Don Anderson asked for donations for Shelter Inc.

**SPEAKER:** Four visiting Group Study Exchange members from Africa spoke about themselves and their countries.

The team leader, Stephen Muchau Githiaka, graduated from the University of Nairobi, has been an economist in the

Ministry of Planning and an Auditorat Deloitte and Touché. He owns Izon Future Systems, that delivers ERP Software solutions. He is a past president of the Rotary club of Nairobi Langata. He has been up Mt Kenya 3 times and plans to climb Mount Kilimanjaro next year.

Luladay Aragaw has a BA in Political Science and International Relations. She has held positions from Program Assistant to Daily News Analysis with the U.N., Ethiopia, the Center for Research and Training for Women in Development, the Sub-Saharan Informer Newspaper, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the Economic Commission for Africa. She volunteers with HIV/AIDS orphans, low-income children, and is Ethiopia Bureau Chief for the "TheEthiopianAmerican," an online magazine.

Sarah Namugga Kasule has a BA in Economics and History, a diploma in Information and Communications Technology, and is currently pursuing a MS in ICT Management. She has had a number of positions from Lecturer to Program Officer in ICT management. She is president of the Rotaract club of Kampala City and Chairperson of all the Rotaract Presidents in Uganda.

Sylvia Nakajjugo has a MA in Gender Studies and a BA in Development Studies from Makerere University. She is an administrator for an ICT consultancy firm in Kampala. She has worked for Rotary International Dist. 9200 Office in Uganda, The Uganda Network on Law, Ethics and HIV/AIDS (UGANET), and Makerere University.





Photo courtesy of John Capps

Capps hands out a meal from a Salvation Army mobile canteen in Galveston, Texas, USA.

## SERVING MEALS IN GALVESTON, TEXAS, USA

Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary Int'l News, 22 October 2008 – excerpt

When a fire claimed the life of John Capps' mother and destroyed his home 50 years ago, a sergeant in the Salvation Army was the first person to offer comfort, bringing clean clothes and spending money. All these years later, Capps, a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Morehead City-Noon, NC, is eager to give back. He and his wife, chair of the local advisory board of the Salvation Army, are part of a team of volunteers from all over the country serving meals from mobile canteens to residents of Galveston, Texas, which was ravaged by Hurricane Ike in mid-September.

"We are here for the same reason we are in Rotary: to serve other people," says Capps, a past district governor. "This was a great opportunity to Make Dreams Real."

John and his wife, Jane, have met more than a dozen other Rotarians among the Salvation Army disaster response teams. Capps has been wearing his "Rotary at Work" shirt, making him easy for other Rotarians to spot.

One of those is Ginger Virkler, a member of the Rotary Club of Greater Flint Sunrise, Michigan. When she arrived on 5 October, "the area was devastated," Virkler says. "I talked to a lady yesterday from Michigan whose entire 250-unit apartment building is condemned." Virkler, who has served on disaster teams in Flint, adds that helping on the national response effort has been "rewarding" and "something I've always wanted to do."

During their two-week stint, the volunteers stay in a makeshift camp on the outskirts of Galveston's airport that is part of a larger complex housing all emergency response personnel. The volunteers sleep in bunk beds in dormitories fashioned from shipping crates, 24 volunteers to a crate, Capps says.

The Salvation Army teams' primary focus of late has been to provide two hot meals a day, lunch and dinner, at 30 locations in the Galveston area.

Other teams have set up in store parking lots or delivered mops and cleaning kits door-to-door.

Capps says Galveston residents are returning and starting the hard work of cleaning up. Contractors have set up a six-block-long dump for debris, with separate areas for electronic appliances, hazardous materials, and other waste.

Power had just returned to the airport shortly after the volunteers arrived, and a few areas of town are still without electricity.

"A major thing the Salvation Army is doing is providing spiritual care," Capps says. "We're giving people a hug, hearing their stories, letting them know people care. That's as important as the food."

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## GIVE HOPE - GIVE A HAND



The Rotary Club of Lafayette donates an LN-4 Prosthetic Hand in the name of our speakers each week. The LN-4 Prosthetic Hand transforms lives and empowers those who have lost hands

and limbs due to land mines, birth defects, and other catastrophes.

## 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, 866-842-1420 for location

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

**THU**  
 07:00 Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise, Oakhurst Country Club

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

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

10/30 Alexander Zwissler, CEO, Chabot Space & Science Center  
 11/06 Gail Uilkema, Supervisor, Dist 2, Contra Costa County  
 11/13 Fred Brill, Superintendent, Lafayette School District  
 11/20 Robert Kochly, District Attorney, Contra Costa County  
 11/27 Thanksgiving, no meeting  
 12/04 Club Assembly  
 12/11 Yau-Man, *Survivor*  
 12/18 Christmas Luncheon, Lafayette Park Hotel, 11:30 am  
 12/25 Christmas, no meeting  
 01/01 New Years, no meeting

## LOCAL ROTARY EVENTS

10/23-25 Rotary District Conference, Concord Hilton  
 10/26 Pancake Breakfast at the Lafayette Reservoir Run  
 11/11 Board meeting, 5, Laf Chamber  
 12/13 Salvation Army Red Kettle Day  
 01/25-26 Reno Train Trip

## ROTARY INT'L EVENTS

06/21-24 2009 RI Convention, Birmingham, England

## BIRTHDAYS

10/15 Milt Bruzzone  
 10/18 Troy Winkles  
 10/30 Bob Underwood

## ANNIVERSARIES

10/05 Mike Kearney

## GREETERS

10/16 Mike Henn  
 10/23 Dick Holt  
 10/30 Mike Kearney  
 11/06 Mo Levich  
 11/13 Mo Levich  
 11/20 Jay Lifson  
 11/27 No meeting

*"In 2008-09, I will ask you all to Make Dreams Real for the world's children. This will be our theme, and my challenge to all of you."*

-- RI President D K Lee

