

# Rotations

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President John Sherry opened the meeting. Visiting Rotarians: Ron Light, Concord. Guests: Margot Camp.

John Sherry gave a Rotary Trivia Quiz and recognized AJ Nisen, Troy Winkles and Ron Wake for helping with the Golf & Wine Classic. He asked for volunteers for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Day on Dec 13, and presented Sergeant of Arms pins to Geoff Zimmerman and Andy Scheck.

Sandi Mitchell reported on the District Conference that she, Tom Henry, Bob Shusta, and John Sherry attended. She said the speeches and seminars were informative and inspiring -- "It makes you want to do something!" She encouraged higher participation next year where it will be held at Lake Tahoe.

Sandi also said a nomination committee has been formed and she asked members say YES! When asked to serve on next year's Board.

Bob Shusta announced that Yau-Man, former contestant on the reality show Survivor, will be our speaker on Dec 11. It will be a great opportunity to invite potential new members to the meeting.

Don Anderson asked for donations for Shelter Inc.

Mike Heller thanked all who worked the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. The club made \$450.

The club is sending well wishes to two of our older members – get well to John Hansen who fell recently, and a birthday card to Bob Underwood. Tom Courtright delivered flowers to Anna Stevenson who delivered a baby girl, Taryn, on Oct 22. We're looking forward to Anna's return.

Geoff Zimmerman recognized members: Larry Duson for a recent promotion; Bill Eames; Troy Winkles for his Birthday; Jay Lifson for Yankee Pier's award with *Diablo Magazine*; Bob Shusta for great trip to Europe; Larry Blodgett for winning the

quiz by guessing; Ron Wake for being top in his racing class; Jess Wellen for his son swimming through the Golden Gate; Jay Lifson suggested al to give a dollar for *no more Rotary Trivia Quizzes* – everybody did.

**SPEAKER:** Alexander Zwissler, CEO of the Chabot Space & Science Center in Oakland, a non-profit celebrating 125 years of providing inspirational science education to the community. Today annually over 50,000 students and over 2,000 teachers are served and trained at the Center.



Alex reported that only about 46% of 5th graders are proficient in Science in the Bay Area. Statewide, about 24.2% drop out of Science. California is the second lowest state in science scores for 4th graders. Reasons include: • Lack of focus on Science priority • No Child left behind • Limited resources, and • Efforts to improve have not worked. He sees an impact to the following: • Untrained workforce, • Global competition, and • Future challenges will need scientific solutions.

The Chabot Space & Science Center offers many programs, including:

- Techbridge: Encouraging Girls in Science & Technology
- Galaxy Explorers Program for 200 High School students
- Micronauts Program for over 1,500 K-3 students
- Challenger Learning Center

Upcoming programs:

- Bill Ney's Climate Lab Innovation and Opportunity
- Maya Skies, a new full-dome digital planetarium show
- A major exhibit on climate change
- Solar Telescope, Daylight astronomy

Alex asks for your support! [www.chabotspace.org](http://www.chabotspace.org)



## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH



RI President  
Dong Kurn Lee

November 2008

Dear fellow Rotarians,

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

It sounds so simple, yet it means so much.

It means so much to every one of the people touched by Foundation-supported programs every year – the children too poor to go to school, the families who have lost everything in a disaster, the communities that lack sanitation, clean water, and medical care.

It means so much to the two billion children now living lives free from polio. Because of the work that the Foundation has helped support, five million cases of paralysis and more than 250,000 deaths from polio have been prevented.

Today, we are in what we hope will be the last stages of the fight against polio. All of you have helped through your support of our Foundation. Through the Foundation, we are able to be part of the day-to-day work of polio eradication by helping supply the transportation, the fliers, the advertisements, and even the lollipops to ensure we reach all children with the essential oral polio vaccine and make each round of immunization a success.

Those of you who have participated in a National Immunization Day know exactly what I'm talking about when I say there's nothing like it – nothing like knowing you're being a part of saving lives and making history. And if you can't be there yourself, then being part of the work through our Foundation is the next best thing.

Why do we have a Foundation? We have a Foundation because our Foundation lifts Rotary up. It lets every club and every district do the most it possibly can. It allows every one of us to be part of all of Rotary's work, and it brings that work to greater and greater heights.

As we celebrate **Rotary Foundation Month**, we should all remember that The Rotary Foundation is our Foundation. It's here for us and because of us; it allows us to do more, to be more, and to bring more hope to the world. The responsibility for keeping our Foundation strong lies with each of us.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee  
President, Rotary International

## BABY TARYN STEVENSON!



photo courtesy of Anna Stevenson

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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 11/06

**TUES**  
11/13  
07:00 Walnut Creek Sunrise, Scott's Settlement 11/06  
07:00 Danville-Sycamore, Crow Canyon 11/27  
Country Club, San Ramon 12/04  
12:15 Moraga, Soda Center 12/11  
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

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

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  
06/20-23 2010 RI Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

## BIRTHDAYS

11/16 Greg Vaisnor  
11/20 Ed Stokes  
11/21 Steve Falk  
11/23 Charlie Vitale

## ANNIVERSARIES

11/03 Dick Holt  
11/12 Steve Falk  
11/20 Daniel Barnes  
11/26 Mike Henn

## GREETERS

11/06 Mo Levich  
11/13 Mo Levich  
11/20 Jay Lifson  
11/27 No meeting  
12/04 Alan Mac  
12/11 Sandi Mitchell

*"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

