

# Rotations

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President John Sherry opened the meeting. Visiting Rotarians: Dist. Gov. Elect Earl Kilmer; Asst Dist. Gov. Elect, Colin Bernard; Don Dierkus, Orinda; John Moulthrop, Clayton. Guests: Troy Feddersen, J. Rockcliff Realtors.

Larry Blodgett announced that Tom Courtright, Orchard Nursery, will be the 2009 Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year. Knoxville Restaurant will hold a benefit dinner on Dec 9 for the Lafayette Community Center. The Chamber is sponsoring, Try Lafayette First, a downtown Lafayette art walk on Dec 6.

Tom Courtright announced that Dr. John Moore (aka Dick) passed away at his home in Hawaii. He joined our club in 1955, and was our 1960 president and 1969 District Governor.

Mike Henn presented an appreciation certificate and \$410 from the Contra-Costa Elections Dept. for our participation in the Adopt-A-Poll Program at the Nov 4 election.

Michael Heller said we will collect coats for Shelter Inc. at our Christmas luncheon. He will hold a breakfast and wrapping party for our gifts to the children at his home on Dec 21.

John Sherry mentioned that Dick Holt will present checks to the bands on Dec 11. Dec 13 is Red Kettle Day for the Salvation Army -- see John if you can participate. Registration for the 2009 District Conference in Lake Tahoe is free if you register early.

**CLUB ASSEMBLY:** Bob Shusta proposed changes to Article 1 of the bylaws that allows us to take a voice vote at the December Assembly if there is only one candidate for each board position. Mike Heller moved and Don Anderson 2nd the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Tom Courtright, member of the Nominating Committee, read the names of those proposed for 2009-10 board positions. By unanimous approval, the following were voted in: Sandi Mitchell, Pres.; Mike Kearney, Pres. Elect; Lee Deily, Sec.;

Greg Vaisnor, Treas; Club Service Director, Chuck Vogel; Vocational Director, Terry Camp; International Director, Jess Wellen; and Community Service Director, Troy Winkles.

Greg Vaisnor, Treasurer, reported \$27,890 in our checking account and \$51,587 in a CD for a total of \$79,476. He said he just moved \$12,000 into another CD.

Chuck Vogel, Club Service, showed the positions and duties of those who served as chairpersons under Club Service. Chuck asked for applause for Dale Turner for *Rotations* and Tom Henry for our Website. Bob Shusta asked us to bring potential members to hear Yau-Man, *Survivor* contestant, speak at our Dec 11 meeting. Notify him so we have a head-count for the caterer.

Terry Camp, Vocational Service, provided us information about Interact – a Rotary International service club for young people ages 14-18. He said that our club is going to contact Bentley High School to see if there is interest in starting an Interact Club. Bob Shusta reported that in 1996, our club, under the administration of Barry Toomajian, started an Interact Club at Acalanes, which had 300 members. Upon the unexpected death of Tom Cogburn, one of our young members who administered the Acalanes program, and being unable to find a replacement for him, the Lamorinda Rotary Club assumed responsibility for it.

Community Service - Don Anderson said that Shelter Inc. sent their thanks for donating cleaning supplies and diapers.

Mike Kearney, International Service, reported that we will join several clubs, lead by the Danville Club, on two proposed matching grants in Santa Catarina, Mexico for equipment for a youth center and for a medical clinic.

Geoff Zimmerman recognized Mike Heller for his anniversary; Ed Stokes for Steve Faulk's birthday; John Sherry for an error on the calendar; Bob Shusta for missing the error "Service before Self." Tom Courtright for being named 2009 Business Person of the Year.



## SHELTERBOX ISSUES EMERGENCY APPEAL

Ryan Hyland – Rotary Intl News, 26 Nov 08

ShelterBox has issued an urgent appeal for funds to help provide aid to tens of thousands of displaced people in four countries following a succession of humanitarian crises.

Response teams from ShelterBox reacted quickly to distribute emergency aid to victims of the 29 October earthquake in Pakistan. And worsening humanitarian situations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Honduras, and Swaziland have stretched operations to the limit, ShelterBox representatives say.

"This is a life-or-death situation. Families who have lost their homes are in desperate need of shelter and warmth," says Sally Grint, ShelterBox communications and fundraising manager. ...

In southwestern Pakistan, a ShelterBox response team provided 1,000 containers to families left homeless after a powerful earthquake rocked impoverished regions there, killing at least 215 people and causing widespread destruction.

Each container provides a tent, a stove, a water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months.

Mark Pearson, response team leader on the ground in Pakistan, says winterized tents are desperately needed to shelter an estimated 15,000 displaced villagers trying to withstand frigid nighttime temperatures.

Pearson praises the logistical support provided by local Rotary clubs. "The clubs in Quetta and Karachi are invaluable in the operations here, providing flights, security, accommodations, interpreters, and local knowledge," he says.

In Congo, an estimated quarter-million people are seeking refuge from fierce fighting between rebels and government forces. ShelterBox has provided 200 containers and has committed to deliver 200 more.

A response team also distributed 200 containers to residents of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, after heavy rains and flooding forced 22,000 people from their homes on 22 October.

And a ShelterBox team in Swaziland is distributing aid to children orphaned by AIDS in an ongoing program with the National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS.

The ShelterBox program was launched in 2000 by Tom Henderson, a British Rotarian and former Royal Navy search-and-rescue diver, who is the charity's CEO.

To make a donation, visit ShelterBox online. For donations in the United States: <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/ShelterBoxUS/Alnc/OnlineGiving.html>



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Sherry	President
Sandi Mitchell	Vice President
Bob Shusta	Secretary
Greg Vaisnor	Treasurer
Chuck Vogel	Club Service
Don Anderson	Community Service
Mike Kearney	International Service
Terry Camp	Vocational Service
Ron Wake	Past President
Andy Scheck	Sergeant of Arms
Geoff Zimmerman	Sergeant of Arms

## GIVE HOPE - GIVE A HAND



The Rotary Club of Lafayette donates an LN-4 Prosthetic Hand in the name of our speaker 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, Pyramid Alehouse

### 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

12/11	Yau-Man, <i>Survivor</i> contestant
12/18	Christmas Luncheon, Lafayette Park Hotel, 11:30 am – donate coats
12/25	Christmas, no meeting
12/26	8 am Breakfast, Chow's
01/01	New Years, no meeting
01/02	Gin Fizz, Camp & Camp Assoc., 2540 Camino Diablo, WC

## LOCAL ROTARY EVENTS

12/09	Board meeting, 5, Laf Chamber
12/13	Salvation Army Red Kettle Day
12/21	Breakfast & wrapping party for Shelter Inc at Hellers, 8:00 am
01/13	Board meeting, 5, Laf Chamber
01/25-26	Reno Train Trip
02/04	Interclub Meeting, location TBD
04/18	Wine Tour
05/16	Concert at the Res
10/01-04	District Conference, Lake Tahoe, free early registration

## ROTARY INT'L EVENTS

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

## BIRTHDAYS

12/19	Mike Heller
12/22	Bill Whitten

## ANNIVERSARIES

12/01	Mike Heller
12/09	Lisa Cohen
12/18	Polly Bernson
12/29	Jesse Wellen

## GREETERS

12/11	Sandi Mitchell
01/08	Bud Moulthrop
01/15	Alan Nisen
01/22	Andy Scheck

*"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

