

Rotations

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President John Sherry opened the meeting. Guests: Troy Feddersen, J. Rockcliff, whose 7-day letter has been sent out; Tracy Robinson, City of Lafayette.

John Sherry said there is room for one more on the Reno Train Trip -- see Tom Henry. He also suggested that you give membership applications to your guests who attended Yau-Man's talk -- see Chuck Vogel for applications. The Interclub meeting on Feb 4 will take the place of our regular meeting that week. See Dale Turner for tickets for the Soroptimist Crab Feed on Feb 7. John also recognized Steve Falk for a great write up in the *Lamorinda Weekly* as City Manager, and other members whose pictures were in papers and the Chamber newsletter.

Jay Lifson announced that Tom Courtright will be honored as the 2009 Business Person of the Year on Jan 30 -- call the Chamber for tickets. There will be a Rossmoor Big Band Dance at the Rheem Theater in Moraga, 7 pm, Jan 23.

Michael Heller reported on the Wrapping Party/Breakfast and delivery of gifts to Shelter Inc.

Chuck Vogel distributed questionnaires about the Holiday luncheon, breakfast, and gin fizz. He gave AC Webb a Certificate of Excellence for his efforts organizing our Golf Tournament. He roasted John Sherry for losing a bet that there are aluminum beer bottles.

Terry Camp reported that he will be meeting with faculty and potential members for a new Interact Club at Bentley School.

Geoff Zimmerman recognized Jack Clarkson's birthday. Jack made a generous contribution despite his immunity, noting that he's younger than Jack Hansen.

SPEAKER: Daniel Deitrick, Smith Barney Citibank, Chairman for Lafayette's Revenue Study Committee, reported on the state of the Lafayette Budget and the committee's recommendations.



Facts: There are \$18 million in current unfunded road repair backlogs. \$250k unfunded city costs. Lafayette has the fewest police per capita in the area. There have been four failed ballot measures in the last decade. Recommendations included:

- Consider less expensive alternatives to the Sheriff's contract for police services, where a sworn officer costs nearly \$200k annually.
- Reclassify the youth diversion officer to a non-sworn position, (saving 100k)
- Transfer balance of parking funds to road repair deficit. Deferred road maintenance costs are rising geometrically over time.
- Move City offices to the old library; savings could be added to the roads shortfall.
- Fund downtown maintenance and parking with an assessment district.

To fund the shortfall, other ideas were floated: 1/2 cent sales tax increase, a Business License Tax, and a Property Transfer Tax. In order to enact these changes Lafayette would need to vote to be a Charter City. The City Council will hold a Community Workshop on these issues on Jan 13, 7pm, in the Manzanita Room at the Community Center. Go to www.lovelafayette.org to see the committee's city report.



NEW ACTION GROUP TACKLES GROWING DIABETES PROBLEM

Ryan Hyland, Rotary Intl News -- excerpt

The RI Board of Directors has approved a new Rotarian Action Group to help fight the growing epidemic of diabetes. According to the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), there are currently 246 million cases of the disease worldwide, with a projected 380 million cases by 2025. The greatest increases will likely occur in the developing world.

"It's clear there is an opportunity for Rotarians to help," says Larry Deeb, a physician and director of the Rotarian Action Group for Diabetes. "Rotary has a unique way of engineering awareness, funds, and ground support to growing problems in the world. Our action group will bring visibility to the fight against diabetes."

... The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that diabetes-related deaths will increase by more than 50 percent in the next 10 years without some kind of intervention. With 44 members, the action group's initial service goals include addressing type 1 diabetes.

The group has its roots in the efforts of Deeb, ... of the Rotary Club of Tallahassee, FL, and fellow club member Wayne Edwards, president of the new action group. Since 1995, the pair have collaborated on several Rotary Foundation Matching Grants aimed at raising money for diabetes education. In 2000, they donated funds to Life for a Child, an IDF program that helps children with diabetes in developing countries by providing existing health clinics with insulin and syringes, glucose monitoring machines, and transportation and clinical care for patients. Deeb and Edwards traveled to Bolivia in 2003 and established clinics in seven cities across the country as part of the first Rotary club-sponsored Life for a Child program. More than 100 children were given free insulin and testing supplies. Projects in Cameroun, Nepal, and Nigeria soon followed.

Edwards ... says the group's existing relationship with the IDF will allow it to be more effective in addressing the disease's increasing incidence among children. ... "There is a real need for Rotary International to participate," he says, adding that the new group "gives interested Rotarians worldwide a chance to get involved with improving the lives of those suffering from diabetes." Deeb is chair of an IDF committee dedicated to improving insulin availability worldwide. He also has been involved with the American Diabetes Association for two decades. ... "This action group can be the catalyst for any projects Rotarians dream up."



Photo courtesy of Deeb

Rotarian Larry Deeb, director of the Rotarians Creating Awareness of Diabetes Action Group, takes part in activities on World Diabetes Day.

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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 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
 07:30 Martinez, Grace Episcopal Church
 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

01/15 TBD
 01/22 Michael McAllister, Author, Comic, Instructor
 01/29 Primo Facchini, Director, Alamo - Lafayette Cemetery Dist
 02/04 Interclub Meeting, location TBD
 02/05 No meeting
 02/12 Dale Turner, Genealogy, Get Them While They're Hot

LOCAL ROTARY EVENTS

01/13 Board meeting, 5, Laf Chamber
 01/25-26 Reno Train Trip
 01/31 District Leader Team Training
 02/10 Board meeting, 5, Laf Chamber
 04/18 Wine Tour
 05/16 Concert at the Res
 10/01-04 Dist. Conference, Lake Tahoe

ROTARY INT'L EVENTS

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

BIRTHDAYS

01/01 Jack Clarkson
 01/03 Tom Henry
 01/20 Bud Moulthrop

GREETERS

01/15 Alan Nisen
 01/22 Andy Scheck
 01/29 Mary Claire Searby
 02/12 Bud Moulthrop

