

Rotations

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President John Sherry opened the meeting.

Guests: Theresa Wellen, Lafayette Car Wash; Joan Heller, Soroptimist of 24-680; Judy Francis, State Farm.

John Sherry noted that our weekly raffle ticket sales have been down lately, possibly because some members feel peer pressure to donate the winnings back to the club. He said to feel free to take your winning home!

The District Meeting is in South Lake Tahoe on Oct 1-4.

Mark your calendars for Sat., Nov 7, for Rotary Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields.

Troy Feddersen recited the Four Way Test as a requirement towards earning a Blue Badge. Bob Shusta stood up and praised Troy for jumping right into the spirit of the club as an active member.

Bob Aguilar said that the Wine Tour on Apr 18 will be great. See him if you would like to go.

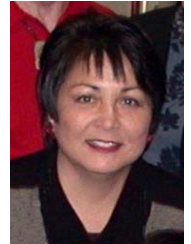
Geoff Zimmerman reported that the Board decided that Town Hall Theater night on Apr 9 will be in addition to, and not in lieu of, our regular lunch meeting, and so there will be a fee. The performance will be The Odd Couple.

Sandi Mitchell reported that she, John Sherry, and Lee Deily delivered supplies to the La Escuelita Elementary School in Oakland on Thursday morning.

Bob Shusta and Dick Holt invited all to attend the first committee meeting for our 16th Annual Concert. The meeting will be Feb 18 at Oakwood, 12:00 noon.

Geoff Zimmerman recognized members, including Larry Blodgett for winning a quarter in the Super Bowl Pool.

SPEAKER: Dale Turner gave a talk entitled, "Genealogy: Get 'em while they're Hot." Aside from being an award-winning architect, LEED AP, and Certified Green Building Professional, for the past twenty years, Dale's hobby has been genealogy.



She has completed genealogies of various family lines, most recently Part One of the Turner & Palmer Family History, a 627 page book. She is currently working on Parts Two through Ten – about 3,000 pages in various states of completion. Dale has taken one of her family lines back to 415 A.D. – to the Merovingian Kings.

She noted that while taking your family back as far as possible is fun and interesting, the focus of her talk was to inspire us to gather stories and photographs that may not be available tomorrow. She said to get your relatives involved, including distant relatives you might find on genealogical message boards, as they have parts of your family history that you don't even know exists. She suggested that you:

- ask for autobiographies, stories about someone else like a parent or grandparent, or to ask one story at a time.
- look for sources in your home that contain vital records or clues about a life that you can write into a biography.
- ask for scans of photos or borrow them to scan yourself.
- share photos of mementoes with relatives.
- label your photos, tag mementoes, and archive them properly.
- Tell your children about your things and photos.

She noted that your junk is a descendant's treasure. Get the stories. Share the Stories. Start now.





Rotary Images

The first four Rotarians: (left to right) Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul Harris.

HISTORIC MOMENTS - ROTARY'S 104TH ANNIVERSARY

Rotary Int'l News - 04 Feb 09, excerpt

During the first Rotary club meeting on 23 February 1905 in Chicago, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey, and Silvester Schiele met to talk about their personal experiences. Harris then unfolded his general plan for their club meetings.

This was the simple beginning of the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago. It was created because of Harris' wish to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotarians continue to take pride in their history. In honor of that first club, Rotarians have preserved its original meeting place, Room 711 in Chicago's Unity Building, by re-creating the office as it existed in 1905. For several years, the Paul Harris 711 Club maintained the room as a shrine for visiting Rotarians. In 1989, when the building was scheduled to be demolished, the club carefully dismantled the office and salvaged the interior, including doors and radiators. In 1993, the RI Board of Directors set aside a permanent home for the restored Room 711 at RI World Headquarters in the Chicago suburb of Evanston.

HAT AUCTION NETS US\$17,600

Antoinette Tuscano, Rotary Int'l News - 13 Feb 09

A winning bid of US\$17,600 was received for the hat that Bill Gates wore and autographed at Rotary's 2009 International Assembly. The signed baseball cap was sold on eBay through an auction that ended 12 February, with proceeds going to help support Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge for polio eradication. Gates also wore the hat in India while he was immunizing children against polio.

DONATIONS FOR LA ESCUELITA SCHOOL



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- John Sherry President
- Sandi Mitchell Vice President
- Bob Shusta Secretary
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- 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 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
- 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

- 02/19 John Coleman, EBMUD
- 02/26 Paul Fillingner, The Meaning of Rotary
- 03/05 Acalanes Students, 4-Way Test Speech Contest
- 03/12 Lisa Cohen, Needleworks Embroidery
- 03/19 Tapan Munroe, former Sr. Economist at PG&E
- 03/26 Cliff Dochterman, Past RI President, 1992/93

LOCAL ROTARY EVENTS

- 02/10 Board meeting, 5, Laf Chamber
- 02/18 Concert at the Res Committee Meeting, Oakwood, noon
- 02/27 Rotary Ski/Snowboard Races, Alpine Meadows
- 04/04 Orinda Rotary 60th Anniversary Dinner Dance
- 04/09 Rotary Town Hall Theatre night
- 04/11 Spring Egg Scramble
- 04/18 Wine Tour
- 05/16 Concert at the Res
- 10/01-04 Dist. Conference, Lake Tahoe
- 11/07 Rotary Day at the Races, Golden Gate Fields

ROTARY INT'L EVENTS

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 02/06 Anna Stevenson
- 02/06 AC Webb
- 02/12 Barry Toomajian
- 02/20 Steve Snyder

ANNIVERSARIES

- 02/10 Debbie Cooper
- 02/14 Mo Levich

GREETERS

- 02/19 Troy Feddersen
- 02/26 Troy Feddersen
- 03/05 Debbie Cooper
- 03/12 Debbie Cooper

