

Rotations

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Meetings:
Thursdays 12:15 pm
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President John Sherry opened the meeting. Tom Courtright gave the thought of the day and lead the pledge since the greeter did not show up today. Note: If the greeter can't make the meeting, they should find a replacement.

Visiting Rotarians: Jenni Beeman, President elect, Diablo View; Don Dierkes, Orinda; Pate Thomson, Berkeley; Ron Light, Concord.

Guests: Gary Smith; Larry Freeman, Acalanes H.S.

Chuck Vogel and Bob Shusta awarded Troy Fedderson with his Blue Badge and John gave him his Rotary shirt and rain slicker to be worn at club projects and events.

John Sherry mentioned that Stanford White, 91, passed away recently. He had 58 years of perfect Rotary attendance. Memorial at St Mary's College, Soda Center, Mar 21 at 3:30PM.

Bob Shusta gave an update of the Concert at the Res committee meeting. Raffle tickets will be handed out prior to the Egg Scramble. Each member is to sell 10 tickets at \$5.00 each and is responsible to turn in \$50.00, not the tickets, to the club. The concert is May 16th and this will mark our 16th year.

Don Anderson reminded us of the Spring Egg Scramble on Apr 11 and of Rotarians at Work Day Apr 25 to clean-up the Lafayette Community Center. Bring gloves, rakes and gardening tools.

Bob Aguilar has three spaces left for the Rotary Wine Tour on Apr 18. Contact Bob Aguilar to sign up. \$130.00 per person. Meet at Bank of the West at 10:30am and leave at 11:00am sharp.

Geoff Zimmerman: Mar 9 is deadline to sign up for Rotary Town Hall Theatre Night on Apr 9 to see Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*, with a modern-day twist. \$25. Contact Geoff. Bob Shusta invited attendees to his house beforehand.

Geoff is also working on ambassador scholarship program. He and others will interview candidates.

Steve Snyder announced the Lafayette Jazz Festival, Mar 5-9. Mo Levich thanked the major sponsors Diablo Foods and

Oakwood Athletic Club. Buy tickets from Mo Levich or at the Lafayette Chamber.

Jay Lifson announced the Citizen of the Year dinner for Judy Carney on Friday, Mar 20 at the Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa.

Troy Fedderson invited us to meet with the Interact club members at Bentley School on Mar 11, 12:45-1:30pm.

Mike Henn announced that the special election is May 19. Contact Mike to volunteer at the polls.

John Sherry announced the District Assembly on Apr 11 and the St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Mar 6 by the Rossmoor Rotary Club. Join District Governor Jim Campbell and his wife Linda on the East Africa Trip May 2 to do project work in Ethiopia and Uganda – see John for details. Bud McKenzie will speak about Afghanistan schools on Mar 6 at Lafayette Presbyterian, 1:30, in the Fellowship Hall. The Wine Valley Cycle for Sight & Rotary Ride for Veterans is Apr 18, sponsored by Rotary Club of Napa. Trivia – Author of 4-Way Test was Herb Taylor of Chicago in 1937.

Ron Wake reported on the Rotary Ski Races. Our team of three was too small to qualify again for the Turtle Award.

Geoff Zimmerman recognized members: Mo Levich, Birthday; Lee Deily, Birthday; Don Anderson for Larry Duson's bank proposed as a park; Steve Falk and Steve Snyder, for Mo Levich and the Lafayette Jazz Festival; Mike Kearney, Hawaii trip; Mike Heller, out-sold everyone at the shop; Andy Scheck, *Lamorinda Weekly's* 2nd anniversary; Tom Courtright, Japan trip; John Sherry, 116 days until Sandy Mitchell takes over as president.

SPEAKERS: Acalanes High School student participated in our annual 4-Way Test Speech Contest. Larry Freeman introduced the students, David McDiarmid, Person Lyverse, Helen Wang and Anna Eames. All speeches were very well prepared and well received. Terry Camp will tally the votes and deliver checks to the four students.





Photo courtesy of The Rotary Club of Amsterdam-Arena

Andro Bottse (standing, at center) with members of the Rotary Club of Amsterdam-Arena

DIVERSE CLUBS HOLD KEY TO THE FUTURE

Marcel Harlaar and Joseph Derr, Rotary International News -- 6 Mar 2009, excerpt

On the outskirts of Amsterdam, 21 people gather at De Houten Vier restaurant each week.

The group includes members of Dutch, Moroccan, Surinamese, and Turkish descent. The 14 men and seven women range in age from 28 to 69. They come from various professional backgrounds; there are designers, hotel managers, and academics as well as lawyers and accountants.

Despite their differences, everyone has at least one thing in common: Rotary.

The newly chartered Rotary Club of Amsterdam-Arena exemplifies the diverse membership that Rotary International leadership has stated is necessary to keep the organization strong.

In November, the Board updated the RI [statement on diversity](#) to say, in part, "A club that reflects its community with regard to professional and business classification, gender, age, religion, and ethnicity is a club with the key to its future."

The Amsterdam-Arena club is based in the borough of Amsterdam Zuidoost, a community of about 80,000 situated in the city's southeast corner. Andro Bottse, the club's president, says the area is "multicultural and multiethnic by definition."

Club charter. A group of past district governors in Amsterdam determined ... that few residents of the borough had joined a Rotary club. With support from Jan Koster, past governor of District 1580 and a member of the Rotary Club of Amsterdam West, the new club was chartered in November.

Bottse, of Surinamese descent, says the club's diversity helps it reach out to the community.

"It helps that our networks extend to all levels of the community we serve, including grassroots organizations, businesses, and municipalities," he explains. ...

**RI PRESIDENT Dong Kurn Lee
DIST 5160 GOVERNOR Jim Campbell
CLUB OFFICERS & 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 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.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

MAKE UP MEETINGS

See 'Where Clubs Meet' for meeting times and locations of nearby clubs:
www.rotary5160.org/clubs/meetings.php



UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 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 & DISTRICT EVENTS

- 03/10 Board Meeting, Laf Chamber, 5
- 04/04 Orinda Rotary 60th Anniversary Dinner Dance
- 04/09 Rotary Town Hall Theatre night
- 04/11 Spring Egg Scramble, Lafayette Community Center, 9am
- 04/11 District Assembly, Cal State East Bay, Concord
- 04/18 Wine Tour, 10:30am, Bank of the West
- 04/18 Cycle for Sight & Rotary Ride for Veterans
- 04/25 Rotarians at Work Day, Lafayette Community Center
- 05/16 Concert at the Res
- 05/19 Adopt-A-Poll, special election
- 07/11 District Installation Dinner & Awards Banquet, Corning, CA
- 10/01-04 Dist. Conference, Lake Tahoe
- 11/07 Rotary Day at the Races, Golden Gate Fields

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 03/03 Mo Levich
- 03/08 Lee Deily
- 03/15 Alan Mac
- 03/28 Troy Feddersen

GREETERS

- 03/12 Debbie Cooper
- 03/19 Debbie Cooper
- 03/26 Alan Nisen
- 04/02 Andy Scheck
- 04/09 Mary Claire Searby

