

# Rotations

PO Box 943  
Lafayette, CA 94549  
info@rotarylafayette.org

Meetings:  
Thursdays 12:15 pm  
Oakwood Athletic Club  
4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd  
Lafayette, CA

Official Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Lafayette  
12 MARCH 2009 VOL 63 ISSUE 35



President John Sherry opened the meeting. Debbie Cooper gave the thought for the day and led the pledge.

Guests: Lisa Cohen's daughter visiting from Penn State University.

Chuck Vogel and Mike Kearney awarded Debbie Cooper with her Blue Badge, Rotary shirt and

rain slicker.

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

John Sherry said that 22 have signed up for Rotary Town Hall Theater on Apr 9 to see Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*, with a modern-day twist. Bob Shusta invited attendees to his house beforehand.

Bob Shusta gave an update from the Concert at the Res committee meeting today.

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.

Troy Feddersen met with Interact club members at Bentley School on Mar 11. Twelve students have signed up.

Terry Camp announced the winners of the 4 Way Test Speech Contest from Acalanes High School. He also reported on Camp Royal.

Sandi Mitchell talked about her weekend at the PETS training. She is pumped up for her upcoming term as President.

John Sherry passed around sign-up sheets for the District Assembly on Apr 11 at Cal State East Bay on Ygnacio Road right

here in Concord from 8:00am to 2:00pm. You get a light breakfast and lunch.

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.

The Wine Valley Cycle for Sight & Rotary Ride for Veterans is Apr 18, sponsored by Rotary Club of Napa. See John for more information.

Andy Scheck recognized members: John Sherry for forgetting to have Andy recognize our members; Jay Lifson and Mo Levich for the Jazz Concert being a great success; Lisa Cohen for her daughter joining us.

Mo Levich won \$5 in the raffle.



**SPEAKER:** Lisa Cohen, owner of Needleworks Embroidery, gave us an inside look at her embroidery business. We get our club shirts and rain slickers from Needleworks Embroidery.

**NEW BLUE BADGE MEMBER:**

Troy Feddersen is originally from Williamsport, Pennsylvania. His family moved to Napa when he was a teenager. He has been married to Denisa, a CPA, for 16 years, and they have three boys – one at Acalanes H.S. and two at Happy Valley Elementary. Troy received his real estate broker's license in 2006, and works at J. Rockcliff, Realtors in Orinda. Previously, he was a vice-president at World Savings Bank where he had worked in a variety of positions since 1992. Troy enjoys making beer and playing his grand piano.





Photo by Holly Sasnett

Clockwise from bottom left: Rotary Foundation Trustee John Germ, Dist. Gov. Ted J. Propes, Dolly Parton, dist. literacy chair Shauna von Hanstein, Dist. Gov. Kenan J. Kern, and Dist. Gov. Gary C. Moore.

### DOLLY PARTON AND ROTARY PARTNER TO PROMOTE READING

Ryan Hyland, Rotary International News  
9 Mar 2009 -- excerpt

On 6 March, country music legend Dolly Parton and Rotary International announced a collaborative relationship to begin a new chapter in promoting early childhood reading.

Under the agreement, Rotary clubs in Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States are encouraged to support the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library, which provides a book each month to children from birth until age five. Local Rotary club participation could include promoting the program within the community, helping to identify and register the children, and paying for the books and mailings.

Citing its impressive role in the polio eradication effort, Parton is proud to have Rotary on her foundation's side, she says.

"This partnership is a marriage made in heaven," says Parton. "Rotary does such good work around the world. This is a big deal for us. We feel proud and honored to be working with such a prestigious organization."

In a public ceremony in Atlanta, GA, Rotary Foundation Trustee John Germ joined Parton onstage to make the announcement in front of more than 500 people.

"Our partnership with Parton's foundation will bring tremendous improvement in children's literacy," says Germ, a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, TN. "Dolly is the perfect spokeswoman for promoting early childhood reading." ...

According to the Dollywood Foundation, research shows that preschoolers exposed to reading are more likely to look forward to starting school, do well in class, read at or above grade level, finish high school, and go on to college. ... The program also

helps strengthen families by encouraging positive interaction between parents and children through shared reading. ... The Imagination Library is especially valuable for children in underprivileged families, who may find books to be an unaffordable luxury in today's economic slowdown.

For an annual cost of \$28 per child, the Dollywood Foundation sends children registered for the program one book a month, beginning with *The Little Engine That Could*. The books are age appropriate and range from life lessons to bedtime stories. ...

"For decades, Rotary clubs worldwide have supported literacy programs for children and adults," says Germ. "This collaborative relationship with the Dollywood Foundation will help lift our literacy effort to the next level by promoting early childhood reading." Parton says she's excited to be working with an organization with so much international reach. "Rotary has always been willing to do their part in about everything," she says. "Like I always say, you can never do enough, but you can always do something. ..."

### 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?

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 03/19 Tapan Munroe, former Sr. Economist at PG&E
- 03/26 Cliff Dochterman, Past RI President, 1992/93

### LOCAL & DISTRICT EVENTS

- 04/04 Orinda Rotary 60<sup>th</sup> 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

### MAKE UP MEETINGS

See 'Where Clubs Meet' for meeting times and locations of nearby clubs:

[www.rotary5160.org/clubs/meetings.php](http://www.rotary5160.org/clubs/meetings.php)

### BIRTHDAYS

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

### GREETERS

- 03/19 Debbie Cooper
- 03/26 Andy Scheck
- 04/02 Mary Claire Searby
- 04/09 Bob Shusta
- 04/16 Steve Snyder

ROTARY MOTTO:  
SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Editor: Dale Turner • Notes: Troy Winkles • Photos: Ron Wake • [www.rotarylafayette.org](http://www.rotarylafayette.org)

