

# Rotations

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Meetings:  
Thursdays 12:15 pm  
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Sandi Mitchell presided as John Sherry was in San Diego letting the sand run through his toes as his son was to be married on Saturday on the beach. Mary Claire Searby greeted all giving us a thought for the day and leading the Pledge of Salience.

Guests: Diane Flec of the Learning Café was the guest of Tom Henry. Mo Levich's guest was Tom Carver, President of Generations in Jazz and 1st trumpeter of the Rossmoor Big Band. Troy Feddersen introduced Mehrnaz Ahrar who helped with the Bentley Interact project.

The Bentley Interact Club is holding an E-waste recycling event on Saturday, Apr 4, 9:00-4:00.

Bob Aguilar said that space remains for the Wine Trip on Apr 18.

Geoff Zimmerman reminded those going to the Apr 9 "Odd Couple" production at Town Hall Theatre that the Shusta's are hosting a cocktail party at 6:30 prior to the event.

Jay Lifson said there would be a Chamber of Commerce Mixer at Doughlah Designs on Tuesday evening rather than Wednesday, due to Passover.

Mehnaz Ahrar was invited to speak about Interact. She made an extraordinary, extemporaneous talk about Interact. She mentioned that she had come to understand why our Rotary Group always appears happy and linked this to Service Above Self. For a high school sophomore, she was most inspirational!

Jesse Wellen won the \$2 raffle and for the second week Bill Eames won "the big pot" but, fortunately for the rest of us, there was only \$5 this time.



**SPEAKER:** Tom Courtright, owner of Orchard Nursery in Lafayette, spoke about Efficient Watering for Drought Conditions. He provided a six page "Watering 101" pamphlet for further guidance. His primary message was make the plants reach for it. That is, people tend to over-water and to water too often. After plants are established, it is better to water for a longer time and less often, say once a week. Tom said the blueberry plants were the big seller this Spring, and surprisingly the "upside-down" hanging tomato plants were another big seller. A question about mulch was raised and we were told that as in other situations that horse s--- makes the worst.





Photo courtesy of USAID Frontlines

USAID's Ellyn Ogden holds a premature baby in Afghanistan.

### UNITED STATES LEADS NATIONS IN SUPPORT FOR ENDING POLIO

Dan Nixon, Rotary Int'l News - 3 Apr 09, excerpt

For more than 20 years, the United States has been the leading public-sector supporter of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, contributing more than \$1.6 billion -- about a quarter of all funding.

A major component of the country's support is the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)(CDC), including more than \$1.01 million in funding for the agency in 2009. Along with the [World Health Organization](#), Rotary International, and [UNICEF](#), the CDC is one of the spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, providing support such as

- More than 350 epidemiologists, virologists, and technical officers to assist WHO and polio-endemic countries
- Funds to help UNICEF pay for oral polio vaccine and the operational costs of National Immunization Days (NIDs)
- Assistance to WHO with surveillance, technical staff, and NID operational costs
- Use of its Atlanta, Georgia, laboratories as a global reference and training center and strong support for the worldwide network of 145 polio laboratories

The highly developed lab network, established as part of the end-polio initiative, is also being used to track measles, rubella, yellow fever, meningitis, and other deadly infectious diseases. Most recently, polio health workers have been trained to recognize symptoms of avian influenza to support surveillance and potential outbreak response activities to this public health threat.

Another key element of U.S. support for polio eradication is USAID. On 18 March,

Past RI President James Lacy encouraged continued funding for USAID's end-polio efforts in a written testimony on behalf of RI before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs.

"Prospects for polio eradication are bright, but significant challenges remain," stated Lacy, who chairs RI's Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States. He pointed to operational challenges in reaching every child in the four polio-endemic countries of Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. "In addition, the need to deal with outbreak response activities in countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, and Sudan are tragic and costly reminders that no child is safe until polio has been eradicated everywhere." ...

Ellyn Ogden, worldwide polio eradication coordinator for USAID, reflects the agency's commitment to ending the disease. She has negotiated cease-fires with armed groups in Afghanistan, Angola, Congo, and other countries so millions of children can be immunized. In January, she received the USAID Award for Heroism.

"Polio doesn't wait for peace," she says. "You have to vaccinate even in conflict. Reaching children in times of conflict is a challenge." ...

### 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?

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### 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)

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 04/09 Bob Shusta, Arizona Project  
 04/16 Linda Lubitz Boone, Financial Planning and Climbing Mt Kilimanjaro  
 04/23 John Rossell III, Starting a new bank in these economic times  
 04/30 Jenni Beeman, Junior Achievement  
 05/07 TBD  
 05/14 Rosemary Cameron, East Bay Regional Park District

### LOCAL & DISTRICT EVENTS

- 04/09 Rotary Town Hall Theatre night  
 04/11 Spring Egg Scramble, meet at Bank of the West, 9:30am  
 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  
 04/26 RI Conflict Resolution workshop, UC Berkeley  
 05/16 Concert at the Res  
 05/19 Adopt-A-Poll, special election  
 10/01-04 Dist. Conference, Lake Tahoe

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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

### BIRTHDAYS

- 04/01 Lisa Cohen  
 04/01 Ron Wake  
 04/07 Daniel Barnes  
 04/10 Warren Rupf  
 04/12 Sandi Mitchell  
 04/13 Mike Kearney  
 04/16 Tom Courtright  
 04/17 Dale Turner  
 04/18 Debbie Cooper  
 04/18 Larry Duson  
 04/26 Geoff Zimmerman

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 04/19 Geoff Zimmerman

### GREETERS

- 04/09 Steve Snyder  
 04/16 Bob Shusta  
 04/23 Anna Stevenson  
 04/30 Ed Stokes

