

Rotations

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Meetings:
Thursdays 12:15 pm
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President John Sherry opened the meeting.

Visiting Rotarians: Lad Lynch, Moraga. Guests: Diane Azaro-Barbera and Mark DeVincenzi from California Bank of Commerce.

Amy Goodheart, of Town Hall Theatre, thanked us for our past support and described the recent flood damage from a fire sprinkler that malfunctioned on Apr 1. She said that her insurance agent, club member Alan Mac, has been very helpful. The theatre is going to replace some of the electrical conduit on outside and route in the walls. Also, the building department wants the 95-year-old building brought up to current standards, thus incurring more expense. She hopes we will be able to provide support.

Sandi Mitchell spoke about the Vision Planning meeting scheduled on May 21 from 4:00 to 9:00 pm and that we need to have at least 15 attendees and preferably more.

Terry Camp said that a Junior Girl and Boy from Acalanes had been selected to attend Camp Royal and he was pleased that his 19 year old assistant Brianna Swanson could provide insight for the selections.

Mike Henn reminded Poll Workers about the May 19 elections

and said that more are needed if anyone is interested. Stipends received, \$420.00 last election, are donated to our club.

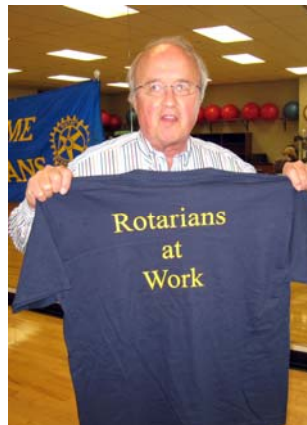
Andy Scheck said to be on the lookout for a new section in the *Lamorinda Weekly* for community service groups.

John Sherry said that Dale Turner suffered an ankle sprain so could not attend today's meeting.

Sandi Mitchell explained her recent absence due to celebrating her birthday with a trip to Florida, Carolina, and Tennessee. Debbie Cooper marked her 21st birthday. A second belated Happy Birthday was sung for Tom Courtright.

Amy Goodheart announced that she had two show tickets for our raffle. Tom Henry won on first ticket; Geoff Zimmerman had the \$2 number. John Sherry got the gold ball for the big win.

SPEAKER: John Ellis Rossell III, President and CEO, then electrified the group telling about start-up of the new California Bank of Commerce and his past experience with banks in Santa Cruz, etc., and how he was recruited by a group of local folks who wanted to establish a new bank in this area. He then provided examples of sundry bank start-up histories and the returns the original investors made when most of these banks were swallowed by big banks a few years ago.





Kathleen Mayhew, president of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol, California, developed the Adopt a Village model with her husband, Frank. Here, she meets with residents of Kiranga Village, Uganda, to ensure that needs are being met.

HUSBAND AND WIFE STRIVE TO END POVERTY ONE VILLAGE AT A TIME

Noting that "world peace can only come when there is no poverty," Frank and Kathleen Mayhew of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol, California, USA, urge Rotarians to take a new direction to end poverty.

To do that, the Mayhews propose their "Adopt a Village" model.

Here's how it works: A Rotary club in a developing country selects a village, assesses its needs, and designs a project with health, food production, and education components. (Clean water and malaria prevention elements are required under the health heading if they are problems in the village.) A partner club adopts the village, addressing all three issues at once. Projects usually cost about US\$30,000; some have been completed through Matching Grants from The Rotary Foundation.

Villages in Kenya, Nigeria, the Philippines, and Uganda have participated with support from partner clubs in Canada, England, and the United States. The Mayhews, who have given presentations at several North American clubs, currently act as matchmakers, but they encourage clubs with good working relationships to take the concept and run with it.

"While Rotary has had 3-H grants, which are huge grants, nobody has really looked at the multielement grant. It kind of comes as a surprise to people," says Frank Mayhew, who chairs the grants subcommittee for District 5130. "It does make sense."

Learn more at www.toadoptavillage.org.

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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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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

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

www.rotary5160.org/clubs/meetings.php



UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 04/30 Jenni Beeman, Junior Achievement
 05/07 Jamie Rowen, Cultural Ambassadorial Scholar
 05/14 Rosemary Cameron, East Bay Regional Park District
 05/21 Thomas Peterson, Owner, Rheem Theatre
 05/28 Jim Eaneman, Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury

LOCAL & DISTRICT EVENTS

- 04/25 Rotarians at Work Day, Lafayette Community Center
 04/26 RI Conflict Resolution workshop, UC Berkeley, 10am
 05/12 Board Meeting, Chamber, 5pm
 05/16 Concert at the Res
 05/19 Adopt-A-Poll, special election
 05/21 Club Visioning Project, 4:00 pm
 06/26 Diablo View Mixer
 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

- 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

- 04/30 Ed Stokes
 05/07 Barry Toomajian
 05/14 Dale Turner
 05/21 Charlie Vitale