

Rotations

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Meetings:
Thursdays 12:15 pm
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President John Sherry opened the meeting. Ed Stokes provided the thought for the day.

Bryce Bartolo, a Stanley Middle School student, shared highlights of his 8th grade trip to Washington. He thanked our club for being a sponsor and enabling him to go.

Bonnie MacNab gave an emotional account of her involvement with Team in Training to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Their fundraiser is on May 16th, from 4-8 pm at Oakwood Athletic Club. There will be a silent auction, food, and opportunities to sing with a live band for \$5. The event is free to Oakwood members, else \$10 adults, \$5 kids.

John Sherry recognized members: Mo Levich for a complimentary bit on his Rossmoor Big Band, and Jesse Wellen was for recycling water at the Lafayette Car Wash.

The final planning meeting for the Concert at the Res committee is Thurs, May 14. Mo Levich said a special Gershwin medley was written in honor of Dick Holt for the concert.

Sandi Mitchell talked about the Club Visioning meeting coming up on Thursday, May 21, 5-9pm at La Finestra. There will be no lunch meeting that day -- free for those with prepaid lunches.

Mike Heller announced that the Debunking of John Sherry event will be at Postino's, on Sunday, June 7. Jay Lifson said that there will be a Try Lafayette First party on June 5. A Taste of Lafayette is on May 19. Ron Wake thanked Mike Kearney, Bob Shusta, and Andy Scheck for their Foundation donations.

The Rotary Club of Rossmoor is inviting our club to their Evening of Art in the Rossmoor Fireside room on Wed, May 20, with a

6:30 p.m. auction (5:30 preview). In other announcements, John Sherry mentioned that the Moraga Rotary Club had a presentation by county staff on a program to employ young people for summer jobs, coming from federal stimulus money. There may be an opportunity for a Rotary vocational service project.

Tom Courtright and Andy Scheck were raffle winners this week.

SPEAKER: Jamie Rowen, Cultural Ambassadorial Scholar, talked about her Morocco trip last summer. Jamie is completing her Berkeley law degree this week, and will then be working to complete her PhD.



Morocco is a constitutional monarchy, with a king as head of state and a prime minister as head of the government. Rabat is the capital of Morocco, and is where Jamie stayed and spent a large part of her time in her studies, including French. Her big adventure was climbing Jebel Toubkal, the highest mountain in Morocco and in Northern Africa.

Morocco is an Arab country, and the people are primarily Arabs and Berbers, but there is considerable ethnic diversity, including Jewish and Christian populations, as well as Sub-Saharan Africans. As such, for an Islamic country, there was more tolerance and freedom than might be expected. Jamie noted that about half the women veiled their faces when out. However, there are big cultural influences. At meals, she said that women would prepare the food, and would eat the leftovers after both guests and the men finished. We learned about their slow preparation of Couscous, one of the main Moroccan dishes.





Photo: World Health Organization

A child in Sudan receives oral polio vaccine.

ROTARY, PARTNERS RESPOND TO POLIO OUTBREAK IN AFRICA

Dan Nixon, Rotary Int' News – 1 May 09 - excerpt

A recent wild poliovirus outbreak in southern Sudan has spread into parts of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda. In response, Rotary is providing a total of \$500,000 in emergency grants to UNICEF and the World Health Organization for immediate immunization efforts in the Horn of Africa. In January, The Rotary Foundation Trustees approved \$2.2 million in PolioPlus grants to support immunization activities there. ...

The emergency response is aimed at reducing the threat of the virus spreading to other polio-free countries, a process called importation. ... "Polio importations highlight our global vulnerability to infectious disease, particularly where routine immunization is low and vulnerable children are missed," said Carol Pandak, manager of PolioPlus.

The government of southern Sudan has launched a polio eradication action plan, including the formation of an Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee, which is placing full responsibility and accountability for the outbreak response on state and district governments. President Salva Kiir Mayardit has issued a directive to all 10 state governors, requesting that they secure the support of nongovernmental organizations and traditional and religious leaders for the effort. ...

The persistent outbreak in southern Sudan threatens the progress made by polio-free countries in eliminating the wild virus and preventing importations. Although outbreaks sometimes occur during eradication efforts, they do not lessen the feasibility of the eradication initiative. Outbreaks do ... highlight the critical need to stop polio transmission in the remaining polio-endemic countries, such as Nigeria and India, which have exported the poliovirus to other nations in recent years, health officials say. The only other endemic countries are Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Large-scale outbreak response is now underway across the Horn of Africa, including Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, and northern Sudan. ...

ROTARY MOTTO:
SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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



Rotarians at Work

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 05/14 Rosemary Cameron, East Bay Regional Park District
 05/21 No meeting, see Club Visioning
 05/28 Jim Eaneman, Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury
 06/04 Paul Menaker, Ph.D., Traffic Engineering
 06/11 No Meeting (Debunking)
 06/18 Gary Smith, StinkinThinkin
 06/25 Kirk Baily, The Ghana Rotarian Project

LOCAL & DISTRICT EVENTS

- 05/12 Board Meeting, Chamber, 5pm
 05/14 Concert at the Res meeting, 11am
 05/16 Concert at the Res
 05/19 Adopt-A-Poll, special election
 05/20 An Evening of Art, Fireside Rm, Gateway Clubhouse, Rossmoor, 5:30
 05/21 Club Visioning Project, La Finestra Ristorante, 100 Lafayette Circle, 5-9pm
 06/07 Sherry Debunking, Postino, 5pm
 06/09 Board Meeting, Chamber, 5pm
 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 RI Convention, Birmingham, England
 Aug Membership and Extension Month

BIRTHDAYS

- 05/01 Jay Lifson
 05/28 Peggy Harbarth
 05/31 Don Anderson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 05/04 Anna Stevenson
 05/16 Ron Wake

GREETERS

- 05/14 Barry Toomajian
 05/29 Charlie Vitale
 06/04 Chuck Vogel
 06/11 Ron Wake

