

Rotations

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Meetings:
Thursdays 12:15 pm
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John Sherry opened the meeting. Charlie Vitale provided the thought for the day. John announced a short meeting to allow time to attend a memorial service for Mike Kearney.

Visiting Rotarians, Hays Englehart and Walt Nelson, both from Lamorinda Sunrise. Guests: Shirley Vitale.

John Sherry said the "Try Lafayette First" party on June 5 was well attended. Rotarians served food to over 400 people. John also reported that his debunking party was a great event, and thanked the committee, Bob Shusta, Mike Heller and Ron Wake. Mike Heller thanked the many club members who helped make John Sherry's debunking party a success.

Mike Henn reported that \$195 was raised for our club by polling-place workers for the recent special election. Volunteers included Bob Shusta, Chuck Vogel, John Sherry, and Mike Kearney.

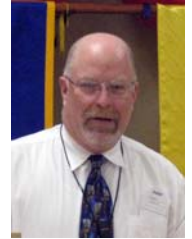
Troy Feddersen picked the gold marble to win \$65 in the raffle.

SPEAKER: Michael Liepman, Executive Director of Temple Isaiah in Lafayette. As the oldest synagogue in Contra Costa County, Temple Isaiah serves some 900 member families in Lafayette and the broader surrounding communities. Their website with additional information is www.temple-isaiah.org.

"Temple Isaiah's mission is to embody, enhance and perpetuate the Jewish tradition by providing a welcoming spiritual home where the membership gathers to worship God, study Torah, engage in acts of Tikun Olam, participate in Jewish rituals and life cycle events, and experience the joy of being a part of a caring community." Tikun Olam means repairing the world, or making the world a better place. Their approach to changing the world

begins at home, locally, and Temple Isaiah focuses on several main areas: education, environment, health and healing, and the homeless and disadvantaged.

In the area of education, Temple Isaiah adopted Coronado Elementary in Richmond to assist with literacy and math tutoring, assorted class projects and field trips. They are also involved with Contra Costa County Headstart, a preschool and early intervention program, where they do projects involving classroom maintenance, teacher training, and a holiday project that includes the distribution of "A Gift for Every Family."



In the area of environment, Temple Isaiah became a green business last year, and is involved in environmental projects, such as recycling.

In the area of health and healing, they donate blood to the Blood Center of the Pacific comes to Temple Isaiah three times a year. Temple Isaiah also works with a retirement residence, and it has community events, such as Shabbat socials.

In the area of homeless and disadvantaged, their program Winter Nights houses and feeds about 35 homeless adults and children at the Temple for two weeks over the Christmas and New Year holiday.

Temple Isaiah is a member of Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, Inc., a service-oriented coalition of 15 faith-based communities. Temple Isaiah helps with the Loaves & Fishes program, preparing and serving meals one day a month at the Oakley kitchen. Also, for a few weeks each year, Temple Isaiah families supply dinner and serve the homeless residents at the Martinez family shelter.





Photo courtesy of Izabela Pereira

Izabela Pereira is seeing economic growth and stability return to Timor-Leste.

ON THE GROUND FOR PEACE IN TIMOR-LESTE

Izabela Pereira has seen a dramatic change in the lives of people in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste since she arrived there in April 2008 as a democratic governance officer with the United Nations Integrated Mission.

"I came just after the attempt that almost killed the president," said Pereira, who studied as a 2005-07 Rotary World Peace Fellow at Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina. "I remember the more than 60 internal displaced-persons camps all over the [capital] city. There are no camps anymore in Dili."

Pereira, one of more than 100 peace fellows attending the second Rotary World Peace Symposium in Birmingham, England, 18-19 June, monitors the country's main government institutions and advises on how they can operate democratically to best serve the people.

Her experience as a peace fellow prepared her for the work. During her fellowship, she served as an electoral observer with missions through the Organization of American States in Colombia and Nicaragua. While in Nicaragua in 2006, she saw former combatants join together to achieve a common objective. ... "It was an honor to participate in this historic moment of a nation, where the Nicaraguan people built their democracy in the wake of many civil wars and shocking poverty."

Pereira also explored conflict-prevention strategies in Senegal with the United Nations Development Fund for Women. ... "The regional director ... sent me on a UN peace-building mission for women in Côte d'Ivoire," Pereira says. "I helped raise awareness of the need for women to participate in building peace and suggested strategies to coordinate women's organizations to achieve a united movement."

Today in Timor-Leste, Pereira sees the toll exacted by decades of conflict, with much work remaining to be done in rebuilding the country's infrastructure, increasing its literacy rate, and providing jobs. But she is thankful for the opportunity to help and "for the outstanding support of The Rotary Foundation, which has opened so many doors of opportunity," she says. ...

-- Dan Nixon, RI News, 21 June 2009, excerpt

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

- 06/25 Kirk Baily, The Ghana Rotarian Project
- 07/02 **No Meeting**
- 07/09 Sandi Mitchell, incoming President
- 07/16 Sandi Mitchell, Club Visioning
- 07/23 Dick Holt, Senior Needs Assessment
- 07/30 Sun Lee, Rotary Cultural Ambassadorial Scholar studying in Tours, France

LOCAL & DISTRICT EVENTS

- 06/26 Diablo View Mixer
- 07/11 District Installation Dinner & Awards Banquet, Corning, CA
- 08/15 Membership/Foundation Leader Training
- 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, Eng
- 07/01 New Rotary officers begin their year of service
- Aug Membership and Extension Month
- Sept New Generations Month
- Oct Vocational Service Month
- 2010 RI Convention, Montreal, Canada
- 2011 RI Convention, New Orleans, LA
- 2012 RI Convention, Bangkok, Thailand

BIRTHDAYS

- 06/02 Larry Blodgett
- 06/13 Ray Bland
- 06/18 Bill Eames
- 06/18 Bob Shusta

ANNIVERSARIES

- 06/03 Andy Scheck
- 06/09 AC Webb
- 06/10 John Sherry
- 06/20 Tom Henry
- 06/26 Ray Bland

GREETERS

- 06/25 A.C. Webb
- 07/09 Jesse Wellen
- 07/16 Troy Winkles
- 07/23 Geoff Zimmerman

