

Rotations

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Meetings:
Thursdays 12:15 pm
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Sandi Mitchell opened the meeting saying she was a little nervous. Jim Mitchell appeared with long stem roses for Sandi to commemorate her ascent to the presidency of Lafayette Rotary.

Guests: Fred Boostani, Mechanics Bank; Terry Ring, Ring Construction, returned for his second visit and is considering joining our group.

Sandi announced that Geoff Zimmerman is our president elect. All said that we will miss Mike Kearney. The new caterer was announced and the room arrangement changed so we could all admire ourselves. Sandi passed out Rotary pins with this year's theme.

Dan Baker's 90th birthday was celebrated with a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" and a cake. Polly Bernson's & Chuck Vogel's July 4th birthdays were acknowledged.

Bob Shusta told us about the Navajo Nation project that we supported that provided a family with indoor plumbing and toilet facilities -- a first for a 103 year old woman.

Geoff Zimmerman recognized members: Ed Stokes for his son's successful heart operation; Troy Feddersen for having been to a

Duran Duran concert; Sandi for being able to attend the RI Birmingham meeting; Charlie Vitale for Shirley's successful operation; Mike Heller for being able to go to San Antonio when he was President; Jesse Wellen for his NYC trip with Theresa and visit to his Queens birthplace; Mo Levich in honor of John Sherry's service and humor as past president; John Sherry for drowning his cell phone in spa and having it come back to life; Lee Deily for Bob Shusta's tutoring her for secretarial duties.

Sandi said she was "pumped" after the Birmingham, England RI Convention where she met several interesting folks. Sandi said the Flag Ceremony for all countries in attendance was impressive as were Mia Farrow's and Jane Goodall's presentations.

Sandi introduced the 2009-2010 board and other support persons and each gave a brief presentation of their objectives. Polly Bernson, as fund raiser chair, suggested a Rotary Cookbook and a poker tournament (Jim Mitchell will only officiate-not play).

The meeting concluded with a rollicking musical presentation of the Four Way Test by Sandi and her board, followed by a barrage of beach balls thrown to the assemblage to underscore the theme this year: THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS.





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CHICAGO YOUTH HAVE A NEW PLACE TO PLAY

After decades without a playground, St. Elizabeth Elementary School in Chicago was recently outfitted with swings, slides, tunnels, and other modern play equipment.

The Rotary Club of Chicago-Near South organized the transfer and installation of surplus equipment donated by a park district in nearby Naperville. The club, which meets near the school, raised \$15,000 to fund the restoration and preparation of the site, as well as the installation of the playground.

"Because of Rotary's generosity, our students have the opportunity to play and enjoy themselves on a playground they can call their own," says Danielle Harris, St. Elizabeth's principal. "I cannot begin to express our appreciation."

On 3 June, almost a year after the project began, Rotarians, students, teachers, and parishioners gathered to dedicate the new playground. Afterwards, students climbed up the ladders, glided down the slides, and swung on the monkey bars.

Rotarians and family members from 12 clubs in District 6450 gathered at the school for 10 Saturdays over the course of the year to clean the site, rebuild and paint the fence, and install and paint the playground equipment.

"This is a project that is really a labor of love," says David Baker, the project leader and a member of the Chicago-Near South club. "It's our first physical project where Rotarians actually came out and worked with people from the school to build this playground."

Founded in the late 1800s, the school is located in a poor neighborhood on the south side of Chicago. Baker says the new playground, which replaces an expanse of asphalt and rusty swings, is a symbol of the neighborhood's resurgence. ...

-- Ryan Hyland, RI News, 6 Jul 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

AROUND THE ROTARY WORLD

Gaining mobility in El Salvador Rotarians from 22 clubs in districts 6330, 7010, and 7080, in Ontario and Québec, Canada, delivered 1,400 wheelchairs in November to El Salvador. The \$105,000 project, carried out with the Rotary Club of San Salvador, received Matching Grant support. More than 150 Rotarians from 12 Salvadoran clubs identified recipients and helped coordinate the shipment of the chairs. While in El Salvador, 39 Canadian Rotarians also distributed teddy bears, clothing, crayons, and toys at four schools, an orphanage, and a home for children with disabilities. The project was the eighth effort led by District 7010 to deliver wheelchairs to those in need.



-- Rotary World, July 2009

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 07/16 Club Assembly, Club Visioning
 07/23 Dick Holt, Senior Needs Assessment
 07/30 Sun Lee, Rotary Cultural Ambassadorial Scholar studying in Tours, France
 08/06 Mike Elder, CHP 9-11
 08/13 TBD
 08/20 Tom Peterson, Rheem and Orinda Theatre

LOCAL & DISTRICT EVENTS

- 07/11 District Installation Dinner & Awards Banquet, Corning, CA
 08/15 Membership/Foundation Leader Training
 10/01-04 Dist. Conference, Lake Tahoe
 12/05 Rotary Day at the Races, Golden Gate Fields

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- Aug Membership and Extension Month
 Oct Vocational Service Month
 2010 RI Convention, Montreal, Canada

BIRTHDAYS

- 07/01 Dan Baker
 07/03 Polly Bernson
 07/03 Andy Scheck
 07/04 Chuck Vogel
 07/08 Bob Aguilar
 07/19 Jesse Wellen
 07/26 Jack Hansen

ANNIVERSARIES

- 07/04 Tom Courtright
 07/07 Warren Rupf
 07/10 Steve Snyder
 07/16 Chuck Vogel
 07/21 Bud Moulthrop

GREETERS

- 07/16 Troy Winkles
 07/23 Geoff Zimmerman
 07/30 Don Anderson
 08/06 Dan Baker
 08/13 Daniel Barnes
 08/20 Polly Bernson

"It is our daily actions, and our daily decisions, that determine the course of Rotary for us all."

The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands."

- RI President John Kenny

