

Rotations

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Meetings:
Thursdays 12:15 pm
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President Sandi Mitchell opened the meeting. Troy Winkles gave the thought for the day.

Sandi Mitchell announced that we will have a food stand at the Safety Fair at Stanley School on Aug 1 and at Rock the Plaza in August.

Mo Levich invited all to a Jazz workshop event Fri, Aug 7, at 3:00 where outstanding musicians join with local students. He promises that it will enlighten aspiring students and be enjoyable listening for all.

Mike Henn is looking for poll workers for two special elections Sept 1 and Nov 3 to fill the 10th Congressional District seat.

Sandi Mitchell asked for suggestions for the Outstanding Rotarian award – the club will donate to the Foundation in their name. Ron Wake reminded us of contributing to the Paul Harris Foundation.

Sandi said Anna Stevenson remains busy with her baby, but hopes to soon return to our meetings.

Sandi asked for comments for our club's Mission Statement.

Mo Levich recognized members: Andy Scheck gave a generous donation. Steve Snyder passed on a buck from our absent, short staffed, past president Larry Duson. Chuck Vogel for cool days in Carmel celebrating 49th Anniversary. Jesse Wellen for his 67 years. Larry Blodgett and Lee Deily for Sandi's Presidency and the good food. Steve Falk for his visit to Peru, the Amazon, and NYC. Steve told us an old man in remote Peru pointed out a Rotary sponsored eye clinic, and asked Steve how Rotary raised funds, and Steve responding that it was from a bunch of old geezers fining each other. Bud Moulthrop for Patty's dog having puppies on the way.

Sandi urged all to read the article on page 57 of the August *Rotarian* Magazine to get a good overview of Rotary.

SPEAKER: Dick Holt and Ruth McCahan, members of the Senior Needs Assessment Task Force, explained the results of a Senior Needs Assessment study commissioned by the Lafayette City Council. Hard data is needed for the city to plan and pursue funding, as anecdotal information cannot be used.



Thirty percent of Lafayette's population is already 55-and-older; twenty percent is over 65. With baby boomers aging, Contra Costa County estimates 5% growth among that segment by 2020.

Seniors expressed that their concern is to live in their homes for as long as possible. Transportation and senior services are a key component of making that possible. They also voice a need for moderately priced housing and a centrally located senior center, one that is integrated with other community facilities.

The commission hopes to pay back \$10k of the \$29k study via fund raising and donations.

Steve Falk said that the State Budget will affect Lafayette by loss of tax revenue and funding -- about \$1.1m or 9% of the annual budget. Lafayette should be able to sustain this loss due to conservative planning and reserve funding. He also said the Lamorinda area is the only part of CC County with positive property valuation.





Photo courtesy of Sang Koo Yun

Vice President Ali Mohamed Shein of Tanzania and 2008-09 RI President Dong Kurn Lee attend a dedication ceremony in April for a mother and child medical center at Tumbi Special Hospital in Kibaha, Tanzania.

KOREAN ROTARIANS LAY FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH CENTER

Answering the call from Past RI President Dong Kurn Lee to reduce child mortality, Rotary clubs in Korea donated US\$500,000 to build a new medical center dedicated to improving health care for women and children in Tanzania.

The facility, set to open in 2010 at Tumbi Special Hospital in Kibaha, is expected to save up to 42 children per day and will enrich the lives of one million residents of the country's Pwani Region, says Sang Koo Yun, project leader and past governor of District 3650.

"This initiative is a representation of the dream [Past] President Lee has of reducing child mortality in Africa and throughout the world," says Yun.

A fact-finding team of Korean Rotarians, organized by Yun, traveled in November to Tanzania, where the group visited medical facilities specializing in mother and child health care and met with top health officials, hospital management, and local Rotary club members.

Based on the team's recommendations, the Korean and Tanzanian clubs selected Tumbi hospital as the site for the new facility. The hospital is part of the Kibaha Education Centre, where health officers and nurses are trained. "Since the existing mother-child health care facility at the hospital needs updating and refurbishing, a new operating room, delivery rooms, and an X-ray room are to be constructed. Also, more modern equipment and furnishings will be installed," says Yun.

The center will provide on-site training and educational programs to improve the quality of the medical services and management. Public awareness programs will be designed to educate the community about health and hygiene.

The Korean Rotarians' donations were

matched by the Community Chest of Korea, which supports the effort to reduce child mortality.

A dedication ceremony was held in April for the \$1 million medical center. Vice President Ali Mohamed Shein of Tanzania, who attended the event along with Lee, Yun, and several other Korean Rotarians, praised Rotary's commitment to international service projects.

"Rotary International is an indispensable partner in providing services to the needy and promoting social and economic development," says Shein. "The new facility will be an important step in strengthening mother and child health care -- something that is in great demand in this country."

-- Ryan Hyland, RI News, 23 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:

<http://rotary5160.org/clubs/where-clubs-meet/>

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 07/30 Sun Lee, Rotary Cultural Ambassadorial Scholar studying in Tours, France
- 08/06 Mike Elder, CHP 9-11
- 08/13 Dr. Michael Barrington, Rotary projects in Ethiopia
- 08/20 Tom Peterson, Rheem and Orinda Theatre
- 08/27 Cynthia Brian - Starstyle Be the Star You Are
- 09/17 Kathy Merchant , Lafayette Library

LOCAL & DISTRICT EVENTS

- 08/01 Safety Fair, Stanley School
- 08/14 Rock the Plaza
- 08/15 Foundation & Membership Faire, Fairfield
- 08/21 Rock the Plaza
- 08/28 Rock the Plaza
- 09/19-20 Lafayette Art & Wine Festival
- 10/01-04 Dist. Conference, Lake Tahoe
- 12/05 Rotary Foundation Day at the Races, Golden Gate Fields
- 01/24-25 Reno Train Trip

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- 11/04-11 Benin West Africa National Polio Immunization Day trip
- 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

- 07/30 Don Anderson
- 08/06 Dan Baker
- 08/13 Daniel Barnes
- 08/20 Polly Bernson
- 08/27 Larry Blodgett

