

Rotations

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Meetings:
Thursdays 12:15 pm
Oakwood Athletic Club
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President elect, Geoff Zimmerman, presided

Guests:

Lisa Lilley, Bank of America &

William Wang, financial advisor, Waddell & Reed, Inc.

Speaker: SHALL SINHA





Announcements:

Polly Bernson was announced as the monthly Paul Harris award by Ron Wake.

Alan Mac said the Wine Tour on Saturday April 18 was shaping up and would be centered about a lunch thus making for a shorter day.

Ed Stokes thanked all the Rotarians [> than half our members] that attended the dinner honoring him as Man of the Year. Many thanked him for the "open bar". This would explain John Sherry's quizzical look in the photo while surveying the beverage supply.

SHALL SINHA was the speaker. Shall's wife, Pramila, accompanied him. Both are members of the Edmonton-Glenora, Canada Rotary club, District 5370. They are the co-winners of Donald MacRae Peace Award 2009, which is awarded by Rotary Zone 24 for the advancement of International Understanding, Goodwill and Peace. Shall has spent the last 20 years dressing as and impersonating Gandhi.

His topic was the origin of the 4-Way test. It was written by Chicago Rotarian Herbert J Taylor. The test was primarily written for his bankrupt Club Aluminium Company in 1932. Herb actually gave up his lucrative job at Jewel Tea in order to join 250 other employees onboard the so-called "sinking ship".

When a company advertisement was placed before Herb, declaring Club's aluminium product as "the greatest cooking ware in the world", Herb simply stated "We can't prove that". So one morning he leaned over on his desk, rested his head in his hands. In a few moments, he reached for a white paper card and wrote down that which had come to him – in twenty-four words." The advertisement was rewritten simply stating the facts.

Herb's 4 heads of department belonged to different religions and all found no incompatibility with their respective faiths. Thus, the test was "for any man to take as arises". Embraced as Club Aluminium's mantra Club's future grew brighter and brighter and in five years had pulled itself out of the red. Perhaps, the test had real, practical benefits.

The 4-way test was adopted by RI in 1943.

Geoff adjourned the meeting.

Rotary International News

International Assembly inspires future leaders

By Donna Polydoros
Rotary International News -- 25 January 2010



Incoming district governors link hands during the closing plenary of the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. *Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*
Incoming district governors left the 2010 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, inspired to begin building communities and bridging continents.

The 2010-11 RI theme announced by President-elect Ray Klinginsmith struck a chord with many of the district governors-elect who attended the six-day annual training event.

"I really felt inspired. The question becomes how can you possibly bring back to your district the knowledge you got and the feelings and emotions you got?" said Woody Northup, of District 6710 (Kentucky, USA).

"I enjoyed seeing the internationality of Rotary in action," said Maxine Neighbour, of District 9910 (New Caledonia; parts of New Zealand; Norfolk Island; Vanuatu). "It helps to hear that some of us are having the same problems and we're not alone."

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Other News:

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

and locations of nearby clubs:
<http://rotary5160.org/clubs/where-clubs-meet/>

Club Calendar

Upcoming Speakers

- 2/4/10 Speaker is Andy Scheck.
Lamorinda Weekly
 2/11/10 Speaker is Patrick Schwerdtfeger, Tactical Execution Facebook, Twitter your business.
 2/18/10 Earl Kilmer, District Governor visits our club
 2/25/10 Interclub meeting, new library with our club being the host.

Local & District Events

- 4/17/10 5160 District Assembly, Bay area. TBA
 4/18/10 Wine tour, Napa area, Chair is Alan Mac

Rotary International Events

- 2010 RI Convention, Montreal, Canada

Birthdays

- 2/06 Anna Stevenson
 2/06 A.C. Webb
 2/12 Barry Toomajian

Anniversaries

- 2/10 Debbie Cooper
 2/14 Maurice Levich

Greeters

- 2/4 Mike Henn
 2/11 Tom Henry