

Rotations

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Meetings:
Thursdays 12:15 pm
Oakwood Athletic Club
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Troy Fedderson stood in for Sandi and opened the meeting.

Thought of the Day:

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.

Visiting Rotarians:

Visiting Rotarian was David Englehart from the Orinda Rotary

Guests:

Guests: Lisa Lilley was a guest of Troy Fedderson. Erin McCoin was a guest of John Sherry. Tom Carter of Generations in Jazz was a guest of Maurice Levich.

Speaker: Speaker Budd McKenzie





Announcements:

Maurice announced the 10th Annual Jazz Festival kicks off this weekend and runs March 4th through March 7th. Thursday night jazz was sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and the Joe Barton quintet. Tickets are available at the Lafayette chamber.

Sandi Mitchell invited Mary Balas and Gina Dawson from LASF to announce a fundraiser they are having. They are making a Monopoly game of Lafayette businesses. Business owners can buy spaces on the board ranging from \$200 - \$1,500 depending on where the space is located on the board. These funds go towards the production of the game. All proceeds from the sale of the game will go 100% to local schools.

Troy Fedderson announced Golden State Warriors Rotary Night March 13th. See Troy if you'd like to attend. All proceeds go towards Interact.

Ron Wake announced Rotarian ski weekend this weekend.

Pete Barbounis announced Town Hall Theater event March 11th with a pre-party at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

Chuck Vogel announced Concert of the Res. He asked that all Lafayette Rotarians start thinking about raffle prizes. The club voted on looking into moving the venue from the Lafayette Park Hotel to the community hall at the new Library (where we had our intercity meeting). No objection to checking out the cost for the other venue.

Jay Lifson announced the Wine trip for April 17th. We are still in need of quite a few sign ups. Jay also announced the 2010 Lafayette Citizens of the Year – Team Library. Friday, March 19th at the Lafayette Park Hotel for \$55 per person.

Recognition – Troy Fedderson presented Maurice Levich with Sgt of Arms pin.

Happy dollars from Daniel Barnes because he loves the board game idea for Lafayette. Andy Scheck had happy dollars for the LaMorinda Weekly because it was the largest edition at 38 pages. Maurice Levich gave happy dollars for Andy's LaMorinda paper. Troy Fedderson gave happy dollars to LASF.

Speaker Budd McKenzie – Trust in Education - Raising funds for Afghanistan.

A group of neighbors began in 2003 by raising funds to build a school in Lalander, Afghanistan. Budd became more informed as he started raising funds. The school opened in Spring of 2005. As support grew, so did the commitment. They are now providing education, health care, reconstruction and economic programs to several Afghan villages, including Lalander. The generous contributions of Stop Hunger Now and Reverend Billy Olsen and his congregation (located in North Carolina) enabled them to provide food and clothing to refugee camps in Kabul. They are also assisting Aschiana, a nonprofit NGO located in Kabul, by finding sponsors for street children. Sponsors provide \$20 a month to a street child, which enables that child to leave the streets long enough to attend school.

The Taliban had said no books, no education for women and no laughing in public. That all changed after 9.11.01. The cost was about \$25,000 to build the first school. After the first school was built, Budd shared his story with

local children. The children wanted to know where the playground was located – so Budd raised funds for a playground and they are now in the process of building a soccer field. The US has donated used soccer uniforms and soon they will have inter-village soccer tournaments.

During the project Budd witnessed the girls transform from shy and submissive to confident and strong.

The 4th through 6th grade was going to be eliminated in one of the schools, so Budd asked what the cost would be to keep it up and running – only \$300/month. It is now up and running with Grades 1 through 12. \$60 paid for all of the pens, pencils, books and supplies for 120 students.

Adult women are now also permitted to attend local schools. There is a mixture of young and old in the classrooms. When Budd has been approached for help he always says “Put it on the wish list”. He does not promise anything before reviewing the wish list and prioritizing what’s on it. It is safer to give loans to women and not to men. All items are shipped for free on military transport.

You can help support Trust in Education by attending an event at the Diablo Country Club on March 25th at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50/person or \$25/student. The keynote speaker is Said T. Jawad, Afghanistan’s Ambassador to the US. For tickets call 925.299.2011

You can learn more at trustineducation.org.

Raffle: \$2 Bill Eams and \$5 for Ed Stokes (Bills comment: He get’s always more money)

Greeter and Note taker – Tracy Vicario

Rotary International News	Other News:	Club Calendar
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How Rotarians can best help Haiti

By Arnold R. Grahl
Rotary International News -- 5 March 2010



A church in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, damaged by the earthquake. RI President John Kenny, who visited Haiti on 23 February, said the magnitude of the devastation was more than he had anticipated and cannot be captured in pictures. *Photo courtesy of*

District 4060

Almost two months after a powerful earthquake shook Haiti, signs of devastation are everywhere, underscoring the long road to recovery that lies ahead.

RI President John Kenny, who visited Haiti in late February, urged Rotarians to work with [District 7020](#) 's Haiti earthquake relief team coordinating aid to the nation.

[read story.](#)

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/>

Upcoming Speakers

- 3/11/10 Introduction of new members, 4 way test
- 3/18/10 John Muir Health Foundation – Mara Tyler
- 3/25/10 Jeff Rubin – Customer Service

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

- 3/03 Mo Levich
- 3/08 Liana Deily
- 3/15 Alan Mac

Anniversaries

non in March

Greeters

- 3/4 Tracy Vicario
- 3/11 Tracy Vicario
- 3/18 Jay Lifson
- 3/25 Pete Barbounis
- 4/1 Pete Barbounis
- 4/8 Alan Mac