

Rotations

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Meetings:
Thursdays 12:15 pm
Oakwood Athletic Club
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Meeting Opened at 12:30 by Geoff Zimmerman
Visiting Rotarians

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Guests

Betty Deal - Leapfrog Plumbing - Maurice Willimas
Brian Wade - NW Mutual





Club announcements -

Bocci Ball Postponed - Geoff Zimmerman

Motorama coming up this Sunday, Saturday night is the gala

June 30th - Last day of the Rotary year

November 19 - John Sherry - Golden Gate Fields

\$35 includes valet, club seating and more

10% of funds goes to Rotary International

Larry Blodgett - reminder to go see Jack Hanson

Jay Lifsum - Mountain Mikes Pizza tonight for a proclamation by City Council celebrating Shop Lafayette campaign

Monday night Martini contest at the Lafayette Park Hotel

Recognitions

Andy Scheck - went to see Hangover 2 for his anniversary

John Sherry - anniversary

Bill Eames.- birthday celebration

Happy Dollars

John Sherry - Tracy -former Rotarian who moved to Portland

Chuck Vogel - grandson got promoted from Stanley school

Larry Blodgett - both kids out of school - son is taking summer school because he is transferring

Mike Heller - mothers book signing was quite an event and very successful - good showing of rotarians

Maurice Williams - son graduated and got a job and visited Ms Gaboor

Jay Lifsum - grateful for bills birthday and Don Anderson's great singing

Don Anderson - great event last Sunday and happy that Tom Henry is getting buff at the gym

bill Ames - grateful for being halfway through Graduations

Debbie Cooper - first grandchild is graduating from kindergarten

Speaker

Larry Blodgett introduced Barry Toomajian

speaker on the pistachio business

managing property for Sal Bando.- Oakland As

gave Barry books on managing the pistachio farm and went east
first year difficult - numbers at the ranch were off
nutrients were low and manager was diverting some of the nuts for himself
diluting the nutrients between multiple farms

currently
water issues, pest issues, climate issues
very unpredictable business

lucky in some ways because ranch has well which is rare
however, well drilling is very expensive - up to 1mm

pistachios are native to middle east
lovers would meet between pistachio tree to see if they could hear nut cracking to bring
them good luck

around 1880 traders began to bring pistachios
today the nuts are more popular than peanuts

nuts used to be dyed red because of improper harvesting techniques
today the harvest is more efficient and produces natural colored nuts

William White house - ventured to Persia in the 30s and came back with seeds that were
later named Kerman
Kerman are the type of trees that are located on the farm

trees don't produce a nut before 5 years and it takes 10 years before the trees become
profitable.
while its unknown how long the trees actually live, the estimates are around 100 years

harvesting
cone machine shakes the tree and another collects the falling nuts
good years produce up to 500mm lbs of pistachios

one machine separates the nuts from the twigs
another further separates the different types/sizes

nuts are tested and inspected for safe consumption by the public

nuts will actually crack on the tree as they grow
nuts that did not crack were separated and sold separately - China

growers supreme - best type of pistachio can use nuts in many different types of recipes

tom Henry - how do you cope with the water issues water tables dropping substantially
valley floor had dropped

ca is #1 in world production of pistachios - overtook Iran recently 40% of production goes
overseas

chuck - yield per acre
between 3600 and 3800 lbs

larry - what type of staff is required
 manager and 2 helpers
 during harvest time more are required
 manager is not on-site

harvest is in September
 harvesting company has all the large equipment
 costs around \$8000 to harvest field

don - projection for this year
 going to be a low year
 but - because of silos companies try to regulate flow and price by supplying a steady
 stream of inventory

what is Barry's function in managing?
 periodically go visit
 onsite during harvest season
 also goes down for any larger projects, drilling wells, etc.

Maurice - what has been the cause of the success of the business? - Judy

tax incentives - because trees take up to 10 years to produce'

Raffle
 Ed Stokes - \$2
 Debbie Cooper - \$5

Rotary International News

Time to ramp up the fight against polio

By Dan Nixon
 Rotary International News -- 14 June 2011



A Rotarian immunizes a child in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, India. One of four polio-endemic

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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Club Calendar

Upcoming Speakers

June 23, Susan Stafford
 6/23 and Dave Baker, real estate development
 6/30 Neil Cohn of Hannah Nicole Vineyards, East County Vineyard area

Local & District Events

Rotary International Events

5/21- R.I. Convention New Orleans, LA.
 5/25

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

06/03 Andy Scheck
 06/09 A.C. Webb
 06/10 John Sherry
 06/20 Tom Henry
 06/26 Ray Bland

Greeters

countries (along with Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan), India has reported only one case of polio in 2011, as of 25 May. *Photo by Allison Kwesell*

Erin McCain Vocational Service
Andy Scheck Sergeant of Arms
Mo Levich Sergeant of Arms

6/16 Norma Evans
6/23 Heba Rayan
6/30 Heba Rayan
7/7 Polly Bernson
7/14 Larry Blodgett

The [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI) has made significant progress since the launch of its new strategic plan and the bivalent oral polio vaccine last year. In India and Nigeria, the sources of all recent wild poliovirus importations into previously polio-free countries, the disease declined by 95 percent between 2009 and 2010.

[read story.](#)

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/>

