

Rotations

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Larry Duson opened the meeting and Lee Deily gave the thought for the day. Visiting Rotarians: Paul Fillinger, Steve Ware, Chuck Yeager and Tom Fazel, Lamorinda Sunrise; Steve Wallace, Pleasant Hill. Guests: Jessica Pallares and Margot Camp.

Steve Wallace, President Elect, announced that Pleasant Hill is hosting a joint meeting with Concord, Martinez, Benica and other clubs for a Membership Day on Friday, Mar 28 at the Concord Hilton. Guest Speaker is Col. Chuck Busak. Steve Ware made a special presentation of a crown and scepter (plunger) to Larry Blodgett, Business Person of the Year. Steve also announced that the morning club has challenged the noon club to a softball game at a date TBA.



Sandi Mitchell announced the Soroptimist Crab Feed on Feb 24. For tickets visit www.soroptimist24-680.com/upcomingevents.htm. Mike Heller said auction items include a BMW for a weekend and a full day at COPIA in Napa.

Ron Wake is still recruiting members to ski in the upcoming Rotary Ski Challenge at Alpine Meadows on Feb 29. Anna Connolly asked for volunteers to take notes at the meetings. "My name is Bob Aguilar, and I approve this message." He always wanted to say that. Bob said there are two tickets left for the Wine Trip in April, and reminded everyone of the Super Bowl Party at Bill Eames' home on Sunday.

Bob Shusta welcomed Chuck Vogel as a new member to our club, and as he put the pin on his shirt, someone commented "Typical policeman! Always trying to pin it on someone!" Bob also read a letter sent by Larry Duson to the Ekaterinburg Russian Charter Rotary Club. Our club sponsored them and they are now celebrating their 10th anniversary.



Mike Henn reminded poll workers about Election Day on Feb 5, and announced the Easter Egg hunt on Mar 22. Ron Wake asked new Paul Harris Fellows, Larry Duson and Anna Connelly, to come up to the podium. Greg Vaisnor, Dick Holt and Mike Kearney also gave to their Paul Harris this. Bill Eames, Ed Stokes and Tom Courtright each give \$1,000 annually.

Larry Duson said there will be no meeting at Oakwood next week. Instead, there will be an Interclub meeting on the 6th at the Veterans Memorial Building. John Sherry asked that you pick up your tickets. John Sherry gave Rotary jackets and shirts to our newest members Chuck Vogel, Lee Deily and Steve Snyder.

Ed Stokes described his ski trip to Sun Peaks, Canada.



SPEAKER: Michael Muir has battled Multiple Sclerosis since he was 15 years old. After retiring as President for two terms of United States Driving for the Disabled, Inc., he founded Access Adventure in 2005, a unique program that uses wheelchair accessible horsedrawn carriages to provide open space recreation and wilderness access for people living with the challenges of disability – at no charge. In 2001, he led an international group of disabled horsemen and women on a 3,000 mile, ten month journey from San Diego to Washington D.C. in wheelchair accessible horse drawn carriages. His great-grandfather was America's visionary conservationist John Muir who instilled in his family a great love of the wilderness. The aim of each journey is to bring a message of hope and inspiration to everyone who is challenged by disability and to promote horse sports as a way to challenge the limits of people living with disability. "You put the reins in their hands, and it makes the world a bigger place" says Muir. Larry Duson passed the hat and the club donated \$350 to his organization.

MAKE UP MEETINGS IN THE AREA

www.rotary5160.org/clubs/meetings.php

MON 12 pm Danville, Brass Door **TUES** 7 am Walnut Creek Sunrise, Scott's Seafood - 12:15 pm Moraga, Soda Center – 12 pm Walnut Creek, Heather Farms Garden Center Bldg **WED** 12 pm Rossmoor, Hillside Clubhouse - 12:15 pm Alamo, Round Hill Golf - 12:15 pm Orinda, Community Center **FRI** 7 am Lamorinda, Postino - 12:15 pm Concord, Concord Hilton

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

DATE	SPEAKERS	TOPIC
February 6, <u>Wed</u>	Interclub Meeting	At the Veterans Memorial Building, Lafayette
February 14	Rich Lang	Underwater photography
February 21	Wendy Reynolds (Buckley)	Drunk driving; inspirational speaker
February 28	Hans Florine	Speed is Power or Getting it Done

LOCAL ROTARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
February 3	Super Bowl Party, 3:00 pm, at Bill Eames'
February 5	Election Day poll workers – members who signed up
February 27	New Rotary Club, Hungry Hunter Restaurant, 5:30 -6:30 pm
February 29	Rotary Ski Challenge, Alpine Meadows
March 22	Spring Egg Scramble, Plaza Park, 10 am, meet at Bank of the West at 9:15 am
March 28	Multiclub lunch meeting with the Pleasant Hill Club, Concord Hilton
April 19	Wine Tour of Livermore Valley
April 24-26	Rotary Districts 5160 & 922 Conference, Radisson Hotel Sacramento, CA

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
March 31	2 nd Early registration deadline for RI Convention, Los Angeles, CA, www.rotary.org
April 26	RI Work Day
June 15 -18	RI Convention, Los Angeles, CA
June 21-24, 2009	RI Convention, Seoul, S. Korea

BIRTHDAYS

Tim McKinley	02/03
Anna Connolly	02/06
A.C. Webb	02/06
Barry Toomajian	02/12
Steve Snyder	02/20

ANNIVERSARIES

Charlie Vitale	02/11
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GREETERS

Lee Deily	02/14
Charlie Vitale	02/21
Chuck Vogel	02/28
Chuck Vogel	03/06

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AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS PROGRAM



2007-08 RI Theme

The Rotary Club of Lafayette will donate \$1000 to the Avoidable Blindness Program, an international project for eye surgery, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Calcutta New Alipore, Kolkata, India. A routine surgical procedure to replace a cataract-involved lens with a new intra-ocular lens allows a patient not only to see again, but often provides high quality of vision. This program will allow more people to see the world they live in, see their families, and work again and become economically independent.