

Rotations

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Sandi Mitchell opened the meeting, standing in for President Larry Duson.

Visiting Rotarians: Steve Paddock, Orinda Rotary. Guests: Dennis Garrison, Oakwood Athletic Club; Andy Sheck, editor of the *Lamorinda Weekly*; Tracy Matson, owner of the Soccer Post; Mike Wilson, insurance agent; Mo Levich, Poster Compliance Center.

Ed Stokes thanked Dennis Garrison, owner of Oakwood Athletic Club, for his continuing support of Rotary in giving us a weekly meeting venue.



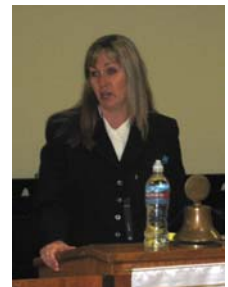
Tom Henry reminded members that the weekly bulletins are now on the website.



Mo Levich thanked Jay Lifson for starting the first website at Lafayettechamber.org to obtain tickets to any community activity. He offered an impromptu talk thanking Rotary and Dick Holt for having the vision 15 years ago to meet with Bob Athayde and recognize the trouble music programs were having in the local schools. From this vision evolved "Concert at the Res." Mo also thanked Diabolo Foods and Ed Stokes, Oakwood and Dennis Garrison, and the Chamber of Commerce and Jay Lifson for their 10 year support of the Jazz Camp. Mo reminded all of the 8th Annual Lafayette Jazz Festival, March 6-9, presented by the Generations in Jazz Foundation. The Foundation is now a 501(c)3 working with LASF to promote and give an appreciation for jazz and all American music.

SPEAKER: Attorney Wendy Reynolds, former District Attorney in Modesto, now works as a part time judge in Alameda County and as an estate planner. Wendy began by telling about a case where a family (father, mother, 1 year old and 5 year old girls) was driving down a two lane country road. A pickup truck crossed the divider and slammed into the family's car. All were killed except for the 5 year old who was found stuffed under the front seat. The driver of the pickup was uninjured. The 5 year old was Wendy!

Alcohol and fatigue were the causes of the crash and the driver of the pickup, a businessman, had prior DUI's. He had the opportunity to make the right decision by not driving. This awful incident occurred in the '70's when DUI's were not prosecuted as they are today. The businessman went home to his family and children. Wendy went to the hospital, facing years of physical and emotional recovery. Her parents were only 25 and 26 and unprepared for such a fate. They had no will and Wendy became a ward of the court. A lengthy custody battle ensued between the grandparents, causing bad feelings among them. Driving under the influence does not mean drunk driving. A blood alcohol level of .08 in California is enough to warrant a DUI, but even a level of .02 affects your driving ability. Food, gender and weight all affect the impact of alcohol on one's body. In the U.S., there are 17,000 people killed every year due to DUI and injuries every 2 minutes. Death and injuries are unfortunately increasing due to complacency. In a fatal crash, those left behind are also victims, even children not born at the time of the incident, such as Wendy's two children. Wendy concluded by urging all of us to take care of our estate planning needs.



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 28	Hans Florine	Speed is Power or Getting it Done
March 6	Jessica Pallares	Rotary exchange student
March 13	Edward Zeidan	Computers and technology
March 20	Acalanes H.S. Students	4 Way Speech Contest

LOCAL ROTARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
February 29	Rotary Ski Challenge, Alpine Meadows
March 20	Mixer for New Rotary Club, Hungry Hunter Restaurant, 5:30 -6:30 pm
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, CAxx

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

Charlie Vitale	02/21
Chuck Vogel	02/28
Chuck Vogel	03/06
Ron Wake	03/13
AC Webb	03/20

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2007-08 RI Theme

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There are over 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto Service Above Self, Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.