

Rotations

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Larry Blodgett opened the meeting, standing in for President Larry Duson.

Visiting Rotarians: former member Sue Adams, Palm Springs. Guests: Mike Pistol, a real estate agent; Henry Kim, Rent-A-CFO; Geoff Zimmerman, Mosaic Financial Partners; Debbie Cooper, Mechanics Bank.



John Sherry mentioned that the three amigos, John, Bob Shusta, and Tom Henry are sailing up the Delta to Sacramento and will camp on the banks of Lake Radisson and attend the District Conference. They will report on the event next week. No one seemed to have caught on about sailing or camping. John also announced that Cliff Dochterman, RI past president, will be speaking at the Rossmoor Rotary Club, Wed, April 30 at noon in the Hillside building. He is one of the best speakers John has heard. John has lanyards for sale for \$4.50 each to hold your badges and pins.

Mike Heller sent around the sign-up sheet for the Concert at the Res. We need 100% participation to be a success.

Jay Lifson asked more volunteers to help with our pancake breakfast at the Sneak Peek Celebration fundraiser for the new library. It is at the old library near Stanley on May 3, 8:30 am.

Remember to register your Concert raffle ticket sales with Lee and give the money and ticket stubs to J. Sherry.

Ed Stokes thanked Mo Levich and members who attended Diablo Foods' 40th Anniversary celebration last week.



SPEAKER: Jack Clark, winning coach of 19 national championships in Rugby at UC Berkeley, began his talk with us what he does. One of his favorite aspects of Rugby is that it is truly a global game, played all over the world. Furthermore, it is a game in which every player must be able to run, throw and catch the ball. Jack describes what he does simply: "I build teams". Team is not a choice, it is a necessity that when working well, delivers a product that is greater than the sum of the parts. This is essential, because without this end goal, it would be impossible to get all the "egomaniacs" in the locker room to work together. Clark shared with us some truly insightful concepts such as "grateful for everything, entitled to nothing," "selflessness," and "team first, self last," "The Winner Within," and the "The disease of me." As coach, from Jack's view, things are always moving. Either the team is getting better, or it is getting worse. Performance teams have one benchmark, it is, "constant performance improvement." It is up to every member to achieve the feeling like they are better today than they have ever been. Woody Allen's well known phrase that 90% of success in life is just showing up, highlights a truth that is the OPPOSITE of high performance teams. High performance teams are the opposite of unconditionality. They are highly conditional. If a member doesn't perform to the best of his abilities, then the obligation to that member from the team's perspective, is broken. Jack left us with one last thought: Be positive. No matter how often I saw negative things about a performance, I never get better results afterwards.



Livermore Valley Wine Tour, 19 April 2008

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
May 1	Betsy Streeter	Cartoonist
May 8	Tom Del Beccaro	Chair of Contra Costa Republican Party
May 15	Don Reichart	Forensic Engineer
May 22	TBD	TBD

LOCAL ROTARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
May 3	Pancake Breakfast at Stanley School for Library Fund, 8:30 am
May 17	Concert at the Res, 1:00-4:00 pm
June 29	Debunking Party for Larry Duson, Postino's, 5:00 pm

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
June 15 -18	RI Convention, Los Angeles, CA

BIRTHDAYS

Jay Lifson	05/01
Peggy Harbarth	05/28
Don Anderson	05/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Anna Stevenson	05/04
Ron Wake	05/16

GREETERS

TBD	05/01
Don Anderson	05/08
Dan Baker	05/15
Daniel Barnes	05/22

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HELP END POLIO - ROTARY'S US\$100 MILLION CHALLENGE



After 20 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, but a strong push is needed now to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions.

Your contribution will help Rotary match a US\$100 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$200 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to rob children of their futures and compound the hardships faced by their families.

As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high. By donating now, you can help Rotary achieve a polio-free world.

Rotary has launched a new "mini" Web site at www.rotary.org/endpolio to give the general public an opportunity to help end polio by contributing to Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. All funds raised will go directly to The Rotary Foundation in support of polio eradication, helping Rotary fulfill its pledge to match the \$100 million challenge grant received from the Gates Foundation in November 2007.

Rotarians should continue to contribute through the Member Access Portal at www.rotary.org, but are encouraged to help spread the word about the new Web site within their communities.