

Rotations

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President Larry Duson opened the meeting.

Visiting Rotarians: Mary Elena Dochterman, Moraga, and our Asst. District Governor. Guests: Geoff Zimmerman, Mosaic Financial Partners; Jean Liford, Orinda Elementary Education; Elena Taube, Barnes Capital.

Polly Bernson was honored with an award for her significant contributions to our club.

Jay announced that the Taste of Lafayette on May 19.

Andy Scheck was inducted as a new member. Steve Snyder, Lee Deily, and Chuck Vogal received their blue badges. Anna Stevenson received a new badge with her married name and she declared the future arrival of a new Stevenson.



SPEAKER: Betsy Streeter grew up in Lamorinda. She went to Stanford and majored in art and Communications. She didn't start out professionally as a cartoonist. Her career has spanned the following areas: Film & Video Production, Graphics and animation, Software interface design, Information architecture, Electronic Arts Division, and cartooning. A UK agency has syndicated her work and she talked about how seriously the comic strips are taken. "You don't mess with a comic page lightly; it affects people's day." She learned this when her strip Brain Waves displaced "family circus" a few years back. Betsy's existing series include Brain Waves and the Grin People. Her new series is developing and it involves a group of egg-like creatures whom she calls "IPPS". The name comes from the Bob Newhart show when Bob went to the store and tried to buy the "IPPS" that were on the shopping list (actually "eggs"). Betsy tries to use her art and story telling craft to highlight the fundamental and intrinsic value that pictures can play to help teach us stories, and pass on traditions. She mentioned how cartoons and art are all that remain to tell us of the lives of early civilizations. Today's best cartoonists pursue this noble didactic ideal.



Pancake Breakfast for Library Fundraiser

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 8	Tom Del Beccaro	Chair of Contra Costa Republican Party
May 15	Don Reichart	Forensic Engineer
May 22	TBD	Save Mount Diablo
May 29	Andrew Goldsworthy	Habitat for Humanity

LOCAL ROTARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
May 17	Concert at the Res, 1:00-4:00 pm
June 29	Debunking Party for Larry Duson, Postino's, 5:00 pm
August 23	Rotary Foundation Seminar, Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield

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

Andy Scheck	05/08
Andy Scheck	05/15
Mo Levich	05/22
Mo Levich	05/29

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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.