

# Rotations

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President Larry Duson opened the meeting and called on Sandi Mitchell to give us the Thought for the Day. Larry then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visiting Rotarians: Chris Basman, Banking, Concord; Don Reichert, Lamorinda Sunrise. Guests: Geoff Zimmerman, Mosaic Financial Partners; Debbie Cooper, Mechanics Bank.

Ed Stokes, honorary mayor of Lafayette, thanked club members for attending the award of a Proclamation of Gratitude given to him by Mayor Mike Anderson and the City Council of Lafayette on May 12 in recognition of the 40th Anniversary of Diablo Foods and all Ed has contributed to our city.



Our caterer, Rex Hosean of Wild Thyme, is not well. A card has been sent on behalf of the club by Tom Henry, Sunshine Committee. If you wish to send your own card to Rex send it to: Wild Thyme, 2770 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek, CA 94597.

A memorial service for former club president, Roy Swedin, will be Wednesday, May 21, 1:30 pm, at the Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church chapel, 49 Knox Dr., Lafayette. Members are encouraged to attend.

Bill Eames reminded us of the approaching Debunking of President Larry on June 29 at Postino Restaurant. The proposed time is 5:00PM, Black Tie optional. The cost is \$45 per Rotarian, no additional cost for a significant other. Bill also advised us of some misplaced rope and other Rotary properties that need to be returned to the club property manager.



Jay Lifson announced that tickets for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Lafayette on May 20 are still available. 17 Restaurants are participating this year and 7 more will be providing hors d'oeuvres and dessert at the Plaza Park. Call the Chamber office at 284-7404 for tickets.



**SPEAKER:** Don Reichert is an active member of the Lamorinda Sunrise Club and a retired senior executive from Upright Scaffolding of Berkeley. Don's training is as a mechanical engineer, but he developed himself further as a 'Forensic Engineer,' i.e., an engineer that has something to do with law. Don has been an expert witness in countless lawsuits. Don investigated many industrial incidents of the years with Upright to be sure the equipment was being used properly and safely. He told us construction risks are present and need to be minimized by careful procedures, training, and equipment. He pointed out that investigating an accident is like the Four Way Test of Rotary. An investigator has to get the right answers to determine if equipment and procedures were adhered. In Don's opinion, many injured workers received too low payouts from construction equipment manufacturers.



Concert at the Res, 17 May 2008

## MAKE UP MEETINGS IN THE AREA

[www.rotary5160.org/clubs/meetings.php](http://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 22	Ron Brown	Save Mount Diablo
May 29	Andrew Goldsworthy	Habitat for Humanity
June 5	Michael Gallagher	Opportunity International
June 12	Tuong Truong	Boys & Girl's Club of Diablo Valley
June 19	TBD	TBD
June 26	Jamie Kearne	Innovative Gift Idea, <a href="http://www.bgcdv.org">www.bgcdv.org</a>

## LOCAL ROTARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
June 2	Greater Danville Open, Blackhawk Country Club, contact <a href="mailto:christa@christapetrerson.com">christa@christapetrerson.com</a>
June 29	Debunking Party for Larry Duson, Postino's, 5:00 pm
July 12	Presidents and Officers Installation Dinner, Fairfield
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

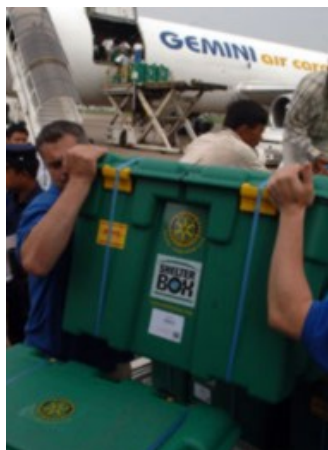
Don Anderson	05/22
Daniel Baker	05/29
Polly Bernson	06/05

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## ROTARY CLUBS PROVIDE EMERGENCY SHELTER, AID TO MYANMAR & CHINA



ShelterBox Charter Plane DC10

ShelterBox, a grassroots disaster relief organization originated by a Rotarian and supported by Rotary clubs around the world, has been rushing relief aid to areas of recent disasters. The unique ShelterBox concept was thought up and developed by Rotarian and ex-Royal Navy search-and-rescue diver Tom Henderson. Each container provides a tent, stove, water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months.

**Persistence and patience is gradually paying off in Myanmar:** On May 16, ShelterBox delivered its second shipment, 1050 shelterboxes, to Myanmar for cyclone victims. The boxes will be transported into affected areas with the local staff in field.

**China Earthquake:** ShelterBox has made an initial commitment of 400 boxes to assist the earthquake victims in China. Boxes, destined for Changdu City in the Sichuan Province, will be channeled in through Hong Kong and Beijing Rotary Clubs and the China Charity Federation.

Donate: [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org)