

Rotations

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President Larry Duson opened the meeting.

No notes were taken this week.

Guests: Leah Bullen, financial planner, Wachovia Bank, Lafayette.

Larry Duson found himself staring at the face of incoming president John Sherry everywhere he looked.



Peggy Harbarth received a thank you certificate from The Wheelchair Foundation.

The Debunking for Larry Duson will be Sunday, June 29, 5 pm, at Postino's. For members who pay lunches ahead of time, there is no cost. For the others and guests, the cost will be \$45.

There will be a potluck Graduation & Farewell Party for our Rotary exchange student, Jessica Pallares, at Mike Heller's on Thursday, June 12, 6 pm.



SPEAKER: Michael Gallagher, Regional

Vice-President, Resource Development, of Opportunity International, was our speaker. A leader in microfinance, Opportunity International is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the poor by providing financial services and training in basic business practices so that they can work their way out of poverty. Lacking credit histories and collateral, poor entrepreneurs are seldom eligible for conventional bank loans. Their proven Trust Group model allows groups of local entrepreneurs to secure credit by guaranteeing each other's loans, and has brought success to millions of poor entrepreneurs around the world. By funding clients, they help them start or expand a business to enable them to develop a steady income, provide nutritious meals and education for their children, and create community-wide change. The use of new technology has contributed greatly to their success. Since most poor

cannot afford identification, the bank pioneered the use of biometric fingerprint technology to identify customers. When new customers set up an account, the bank digitally encrypts their fingerprints on a computer chip and embeds that chip on a smart card. When customers visit the bank or use an ATM, they swipe the smart card and place their finger on a scanner - transactions may be made only if the prints match - aiding customer safety and security. www.opportunity.org



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 – 5:30 pm Diablo View, 1515 Restaurant, 1515 No Main, WC **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
June 12	Tuong Truong	Boys & Girl's Club of Diablo Valley
June 19	Organizations	Club Donations
June 26	Jamie Kearne	Innovative Gift Idea, www.bgcdv.org
July 03	TBD	TBD

LOCAL ROTARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
June 12	Graduation & Farewell Party for Jessica Pallares, 6 pm at Mike Heller's, potluck
June 29	Debunking Party for Larry Duson, Postino's, 5 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

Larry Blodgett	06/02
Jason Wong	06/03
Ray Bland	06/13
Bill Eames	06/18
Bob Shusta	06/18

ANNIVERSARIES

AC Webb	06/09
John Sherry	06/10
Tom Henry	06/20
Ray Bland	06/26

GREETERS

Geoff Zimmerman	06/12
Geoff Zimmerman	06/19
Daniel Baker	06/26
Daniel Barnes	07/03

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ROTARY SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP: SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Each year, more than 1.2 million Rotarians take part in community service efforts around the world. No two projects are exactly alike, but the issues they address are universal. The Rotary International Board has identified nine key issues of global concern, listed in *A Menu of Service Opportunities*, which provides an overview of each issue, as well as a summary of Rotary's approach, action plans, and resources. The nine key issues are:



2007-08 RI Theme

Children at risk	International understanding and goodwill	Poverty and hunger
Disabled persons	Literacy and numeracy	Preserve Planet Earth
Health care	Population issues	Urban concerns

See www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/StartAProject/Opportunities.