

Rotations

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President John Sherry opened the meeting after a two week vacation salmon fishing in Alaska. Mike Kearney gave the Thought for the Day. Visiting Rotarians: Past Dist. Gov. Beri Kasper, Concord Diablo; Ron Light, Concord; Chris Basman, Concord; Debbie Cooper, Lamorinda Sunrise.

John Sherry thanked Sandi Mitchell and Ron Wake for their service as Acting Presidents while he was away. He thanked and gave Sergeants-at-Arms pins to Joe Capozzi and Steve Snyder.

Alan Mac said he will soon have an organizational meeting for the Group Study Exchange program. A.C. Webb told us about the golf tournament scheduled for October 6. It will have a wine theme and he will be looking for wine donations. Mike Henn announced that he will be looking for poll workers for the upcoming election. Mike Heller let us know about the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Rock the Plaza concerts scheduled for the first four Fridays of August. Our club will cook some sausages, burgers and hot dogs for the event. Please come to the Lafayette Park Plaza at 5:30 pm.

Anna Stevenson gave membership documents to Steve Snyder and Lee Deily received her blue badge.

John Sherry recommended attendance at the District Conference in Oct. See Special Events on our website, www.rotarylafayette.org, for applications. John said the Reno train trip is scheduled for Jan 25-26, 2009.

Steve Snyder collected fines and happy dollars from Jay Lifson, Don Anderson, Larry Duson, and Mike Heller.

SPEAKER: Beri Kasper, past District Governor, is chair of the Camp Venture program.



Their mission: Camp Venture is dedicated to providing a meaningful experience to high school students who have indicated interest in entrepreneurship. The camp presents an opportunity for participants to develop the skills necessary to organize and direct a business enterprise. The five-day, four-night program will be held June 26-30, 2009 at the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo. The cost is \$525 for a student and scholarships are available, paid by local Rotary Club sponsors. For more information, contact Beri Kasper, CPA, beri@kasperaccountancy.com.





Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The beginning of the Rotary year is always an exciting time, with new club and district officers, a new theme to work with, and a renewed sense of purpose for our service projects. The beginning of this particular Rotary year is, of course, especially exciting for me as I look forward to meeting Rotarians throughout the world and seeing firsthand the many remarkable projects you are carrying out.

In planning how your club, and each one of you, can Make Dreams Real this year, I ask you to consider the millions of children who never even have the chance to dream. Every day, more than 26,000 children under the age of five die from preventable causes. As appalling as that number is, it is a decrease from the figure of 30,000 that first caught my attention and spurred me to bring this matter of grave concern to Rotarians.

UNICEF's State of the World's Children 2008 report states that 'by 2006, the most recent year for which firm estimates are available, the annual number of child deaths globally fell below 10 million, to 9.7 million, for the first time since records began.'

I would guess that some of the improvement in child survival rates can be directly attributed to Rotary projects that have been successfully addressing problems related to health, hunger, water, and literacy for a number of years now. So I asked myself: 'What would happen if 1.2 million Rotarians focused their service efforts on keeping even more children alive?'

I think we already know some of the answers. If Rotarians provided insecticide-treated bed nets, fewer children will succumb to malaria. If we dig wells and address sanitation problems, more children will have clean water to drink and more hygienic surroundings. And if Rotary clubs carry out effective nutrition projects, we can save some of the almost five million children who die each year from undernourishment.

UNICEF estimates that fully two-thirds of the 9.7 million deaths in 2006 were preventable. With Rotarians working to provide vaccines, oral rehydration therapies, accessible health care for mothers and newborns, and other relatively simple interventions, I'm confident that many more babies will not only survive but go on to live healthy, productive lives. Let's *Make Dreams Real* by giving these children the chance to grow up and have dreams of their own

D.K. Lee
President, Rotary International

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MAKE UP MEETINGS NEARBY

MON

12:00 Danville, Brass Door, San Ramon

TUES

07:00 Walnut Creek Sunrise, Scott's Seafood
07:00 Danville-Sycamore, Crow Canyon
Country Club, San Ramon
12:15 Moraga, Soda Center
12:00 Walnut Creek, Heather Farms Garden
Center Bldg
05:30 Diablo View, 1515 Restaurant, WC

WED

12:00 Rossmoor, Hillside Clubhouse
12:15 Alamo, Round Hill Golf
12:15 Orinda, Community Center
12:15 Concord-Diablo, Marie Callendars

FRI

07:00 Lamorinda, Postino
12:15 Concord, Concord Hilton

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?



UPCOMING SPEAKERS

08/07 Jim Campbell, RI Dist. Gov., &
Pate Thomson, Asst. Dist. Gov.
08/14 Mike Grenby, Public Speaking
and Life Down Under
08/21 Patrick Schwerdtfeger
Touching a Younger Audience
08/28 Rhonda Chaikin, Simple Ways
to Green Your Business
09/04 TBD
09/11 TBD

LOCAL ROTARY EVENTS

08/01 Rock the Plaza Barbecue
08/08 Rock the Plaza Barbecue
08/15 Rock the Plaza Barbecue
08/22 Rock the Plaza Barbecue
08/23 Rotary Foundation Seminar,
Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield
09/20-21 Lafayette Art & Wine Festival
10/06 Golf Classic, Rossmoor Golf
Links
10/23-25 Rotary District Conference,
Concord Hilton, save our Club
15% if you commit before 08/31
10/26 Reservoir Run/Pancake Feed

ROTARY INT'L EVENTS

06/21-24 2009 RI Convention,
Birmingham, England
06/20-23 2010 RI Convention,
Montreal, Canada

BIRTHDAYS

08/12 Mary Claire Searby
08/24 A.J. Nisen
08/26 Mike Henn

ANNIVERSARIES

08/01 Larry Blodgett
08/08 Barry Toomajian
08/14 Alan Mac
08/14 Ed Stokes
08/17 Troy Winkles
08/19 Jay Lifson
08/20 Bob Shusta
08/23 Daniel Baker

GREETERS

08/07 Tom Courtright
08/14 Lee Deily
08/21 Larry Duson
08/28 Bill Eames
09/04 Bob Ewen

