

# Rotations

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John Sherry opened the meeting. Tom Courtright gave the thought for the day.

Visiting Rotarian: Don Jenkins, Orinda.

Tom Henry spoke of club member Aaron Pingree, 90 years old, who passed away on Aug. 25. He was a Rotarian since 1969. Flowers were sent on behalf of our club.

Don Anderson, asked us to bring donations to our next meeting for Shelter Inc. of Contra Costa County. He provided a Wish List including school, cleaning, kitchen, and food supplies needed for the homeless shelter in Martinez.

Ron Wake spoke about the Rotary Foundation Seminar attended by John Sherry, Sandi Mitchell, Ron Wake and Tom Henry. Becoming a Sustaining Member of the Paul Harris Foundation, \$100 per Rotarian per year, was a cornerstone of the Seminar. Tom Courtright, Ed Stokes and Bill Eames are Society members, giving \$1000 annually. Ron has \$50 towards their first Foundation contribution for the first three new members to contact him.

Don Jenkins, District Chair of Simplified Grants, reminded us to submit a project request. The project should generate Rotary awareness within the community.

John Sherry said the final Rock the Plaza was a big hit. It was unanimous that The Spazmatics should return next year!

The Golf Classic needs volunteers for the silent auction and the raffle. Each member is responsible for bringing a bottle of wine, minimum value \$10, to Bank of the West prior to October 4 -- the earlier the better. Don't forget to sell those raffle tickets!!

Tickets for the District Conference, Sept. 24 and 25 at the Concord Hilton, are still available. The club will rebate 50-75% of the cost to attendees.

Geoff Zimmerman passed around a signup sheet for the Art and Wine Festival. We need at least 30 members to volunteer as roving ambassadors and to man the Rotary booth in order to receive a donation from the Festival.

Joe Capozzi collected happy dollars and fines from Larry Blodgett, Mary Claire Searby, Dan Baker, Larry Duson (in absentia), Joe Capozzi, Jack Clarkson, and Geoff Zimmerman.

**SPEAKER:** Rhonda Chaikin, HMR Associates, is a green marketing and business practices consultant, writer, and speaker. A long time advocate of sustainability, she helps businesses implement and expand green practices. Her company is a Certified Green Business and an approved Co-op America green business.



Rhonda provided tips for greening our lives that can be easily implemented. Learning to live in a green environment is a step by step process. Don't try to do everything at once; start with some simpler things like using post consumer recycled content paper products. Take your electronic and battery recyclables to a local center. Call EBMUD and request information on low flow toilets. Use biodegradable household cleaners like Bon Ami.

For more information, go to [www.hmrassociates.net/green-tips.php](http://www.hmrassociates.net/green-tips.php) and click on Free White Paper.

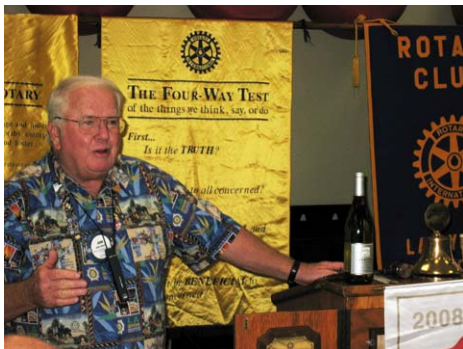


**AARON WIGHT PINGREE**  
**25 SEPT 1917 – 25 AUG 2008**



Aaron passed away quietly on August 25, 2008 in his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born to Aaron Thomas Pingree and Hazel (Wight) Pingree on September 25, 1917, in Ogden, Utah. He was 90 years, young at heart. On June 6th, 2008 he celebrated 65 years of marriage to Elfie. They lived in Lafayette for 62 years, where they built their home and raised their two children, Jim and Nancy. He and Elfie operated Fumble Fingers Lapidary Shop in Lafayette for 47 years. He was a long time **Rotarian**, Mason, member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, The Contra Costa Gem and Mineral Society and the Mt. Diablo Metal Detecting Club. He was an avid fly fisherman, creative rock hound, lapidarian, builder, gardener, prospector, camper, traveler, craftsman, and inventor. First and foremost, Aaron was an exceptionally loving husband and father. He traveled to England to discover treasures, the Nevada desert to unearth nature's wonders and his own backyard to unfold his talents. He is survived by his wife Elfie of Lafayette; their son Jim and wife Annie of Sonora; their daughter Nancy and husband of Days Creek, Oregon; 9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, loving nieces and a nephew. Aaron was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters Jean Helmick and Bonnie Salvin. Hull's Chapel in Walnut Creek will host a viewing Thursday, August 28 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. The Funeral Service will begin at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lafayette at 1:00 pm Friday and will be preceded by a viewing in the Sanctuary from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Internment will follow immediately at The Lafayette Cemetery.

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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

**GIVE HOPE - GIVE A HAND**



The Rotary Club of Lafayette donates an LN-4 Prosthetic Hand in the name of our speakers each week. The LN-4 Prosthetic Hand transforms lives and empowers those who have lost hands and limbs due to land mines, birth defects, and other catastrophes.



**UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

09/04 Stuart McCullough & Kathy Bowles, Youth Homes  
 09/11 Visiting members of the Rotary Club of Ekaterinburg, Russia  
 09/18 Jay Lifson, Instructions for Art & Wine Festival  
 09/25 TBD  
 10/02 TBD  
 10/06 Dinner at Golf & Wine Classic in lieu of 10/09 regular meeting  
 10/09 No meeting

**LOCAL ROTARY EVENTS**

09/09 Board meeting, 5, Laf Chamber  
 09/12 Potluck for Russians at Bob Shusta's home  
 09/13 Potluck for Russians at Terry Camp's home  
 09/20-21 Lafayette Art & Wine Festival  
 10/06 Lafayette Rotary Golf & Wine Classic, Rossmoor Golf Course  
 10/14 Board meeting, 5, Laf Chamber  
 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

**BIRTHDAYS**

09/04 Terry Camp  
 09/04 John Sherry  
 09/11 Dick Holt  
 09/23 Bob Ewen

**ANNIVERSARIES**

09/02 Sandi Mitchell  
 09/05 Joe Capozzi  
 09/07 Bob Aguilar  
 09/07 Terry Camp  
 09/10 Don Anderson  
 09/10 Milt Bruzzone  
 09/15 Bob Ewen  
 09/25 A.J. Nisen  
 09/27 Bill Whitten

**GREETERS**

09/04 Bob Ewen  
 09/11 Steve Falk  
 09/18 Jack Hansen  
 09/25 Mo Levich  
 10/02 Mo Levich

