

Rotations

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President John Sherry, returned from birthing his dog's puppies, opened the meeting. Peggy Harbarth gave the thought for the day, a story of four people, everybody, somebody, anybody and nobody. Visiting Rotarian: Victor Georgiou, District Membership Director and past President of the Rotary Club of Danville. Guest: Margot Camp.

John Sherry gave a short history lesson on the Rotary flag and its first presentation. He also reminded members of the District Conference at the Concord Hilton on Oct 23-25 and of Rotary Day at Golden Gate Fields on Oct 18. There will be a possible ride share with the Danville Club.

John also gave special thanks to the Bob Shustas, the Sandi Mitchells, the Chuck Vogels, and the Terry Camps for hosting our Russian guests last month. It was a successful visit and nice experience for many of us.

A.C. Webb gave us an update on our Golf & Wine Classic at the Rossmoor Golf Course, which is this Monday, Oct 6. There will be no meeting on Thursday Oct 9.



Mike Heller announced the Lafayette Reservoir Run event on Oct 26 where we will serve a pancake breakfast. He explained the organization and asked for volunteers to help for this fund raiser where about 4-5,000 people will be expected.

John Sherry asked for support of Rotary District 5910 located in the coastal areas of Texas ravaged by Hurricane Ike. Tax-deductible donations may be made to Texas Area Fund Foundation, Inc. and mailed to PDG - 5910, A. Hugh Summers, P.O. Box 1399, Palestine, TX 75802-1399.

Steve Snyder recognized members: Terry Camp for his anniversary, Mike Heller for putting his logo on the Res Run



flyer, Larry Blodgett for making a cute remark, Jay Lifson for an upcoming business trip to Tokyo, A.C. Webb for a recent fun trip, and John Sherry for seven puppies his dog Shelly had last week.

SPEAKER: Victor Georgiou, District 5160 Membership Director, talked about Rotary Membership. In all his years in Rotary, he experienced the ups and downs in number of members in his club, and when he was the President of the Danville Club, his goal was to raise the numbers. By talking to the club members about the real numbers of members and by building an awareness of what is the actual situation, he encouraged the members to look for new members.



Victor showed us some interesting charts from RI membership statistics. Rotary has about 1.2 million members in 32,943 clubs. North America has the highest average club size with 48 members per club (55 in our district) followed by Western Europe with 43. The percentage of women in Rotary is increasing year by year, from 8.69% in 2001 to 178,050 women or 14.54% in 2007. Our district year-end number was about 3,636 members in 66 clubs.

Victor also presented the District Membership Strategies:

- Multi-year perspective
- 10 AG's, 10 Member partners
- Visioning Process/Training
- On-line Leadership Rotary
- Monthly membership e-mail
- Informational CD's
- New District "score sheet"



GIFT OF EDUCATION

Donna Polydoros, Rotary International News
30 Sept 08 -- excerpt

Rhoderick Samonte knows what it's like not to be able to afford an education.

When the Philippine student was accepted into a master's program at Brandeis University but didn't have the money to attend, he was "at a crossroads, in between hope and despair."



Monika Lozinska-Lee
/Rotary Images
Former Ambassadorial
Scholar
Rhoderick Samonte

"I was about to give up," says Samonte.

Samonte learned of The Rotary Foundation's Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries two days before the application deadline. He applied and was named an Ambassadorial Scholar for 2004-06. "My belief in service has been reinforced by my involvement with Rotary," Samonte says. "Education is not just a privilege. It is a call to serve."

In 2006, Samonte found himself at a crossroads again. He was tempted to stay in the United States after he finished his degree, but he knew it was his responsibility to return home and help people there.

Back in the Philippines, Samonte dreamed up the Youth Entrepreneurship Service (YES) program, which seeks to provide microlending assistance to 100 youths from Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, Philippines. He presented the idea to his former host club, the Rotary Club of Wellesley, Massachusetts, USA, and through a partnership with the Rotary Club of Bacolod South, the program was launched.

YES equips young adults with basic entrepreneurial skills such as dressmaking, cooking, and electronics repair. Once trained, they receive seed capital and start businesses. The goal is for them to form cooperatives and help each other earn and save money for their educations. In May, YES received a US\$20,000 Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation.

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?

LAFAYETTE ART & WINE



ROTARY INT'L ON YOU TUBE

Rotary now has a You Tube channel:
<http://uk.youtube.com/user/RotaryInternational>

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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
12:15 Moraga, Soda Center
12:00 Walnut Creek, Heather Farms Garden Center Bldg
05:30 Diablo View, 866-842-1420 for location

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



UPCOMING SPEAKERS

10/06 Dinner at Golf & Wine Classic in lieu of 10/09 meeting, Rossmoor Pro Shop Patio, 5:30 pm
10/09 No meeting
10/16 TBD
10/23 TBD
10/30 TBD
11/06 TBD
11/13 TBD
11/20 TBD
11/27 Thanksgiving, no meeting

LOCAL ROTARY EVENTS

10/06 Lafayette Rotary Golf & Wine Classic, Rossmoor Golf Course
10/14 Board meeting, 5, Laf Chamber
10/18 Rotary Day at Golden Gate Fields
10/23-25 Rotary District Conference, Concord Hilton
10/26 Pancake Breakfast at the Lafayette Reservoir Run
11/11 Board meeting, 5, Laf Chamber
12/18 Christmas Luncheon, Lafayette Park Hotel, 11:30 am
01/25-26 Reno Train Trip

ROTARY INT'L EVENTS

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

BIRTHDAYS

10/15 Milt Bruzzone
10/18 Troy Winkles
10/30 Bob Underwood

ANNIVERSARIES

10/05 Mike Kearney

GREETERS

10/09 No meeting
10/16 Mike Henn
10/23 Dick Holt
10/30 Mike Kearney
11/06 Mo Levich
11/13 Mo Levich
11/20 Jay Lifson

