

Rotations

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President John Sherry opened the meeting with a little episode about the Rotary logo – “The Wheel.”

John announced that Chuck Vogel will serve as Club Service Director until after Anna Stevenson has had her baby. The club sends best wishes to Anna! Next, John talked about the loss of members since June -- Jason Wong and Joe Capozzi left to take care of their businesses and young families, and Aaron Pingree passed away. John encouraged us to invite prospective new members to our meetings. Chuck Vogel will form a membership committee. Chuck adds, "More 'geezers' like me would be okay, however, young blood is really needed, and I would like suggestions on how best to achieve this objective. Obvious recruiters are the younger members (in our club <55). For us more mature folks, perhaps spotting new business managers, agents, et. al., that would benefit from Rotary Membership -- perhaps someone you mentor."

Sandy Mitchell held up a nice printed newsletter received from our Russian guests with detailed information about their club and the programs they are working on. The flyer was printed in both English and Russian.

Six young Ethiopians arrive on Saturday to visit the Bay Area and our club as part of Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange. The group will join our next meeting. John asked for help to guide and tour the guests around in the area.

Next week will be the District Conference in Concord. It is still possible to sign up; see John Sherry for details.

Tom Henry won group lessons with Nerd4Rent at the Golf & Wine Classic. Club members may join him for learning about uploading video and images and photo editing. Contact Tom if you are interested. He also announced the next Reno Train Trip on Jan 25 - 26.

Mike Heller asked for more volunteers for our Pancake Breakfast at the Lafayette Reservoir Run on Oct 26.

Don Anderson said that Shelter Inc. was very happy with our school supplies donations. We will be collecting cleaning supplies at end of October and November, followed by clothes collection in December. Don also told us about his vacation in Europe. He met with Rotarians from Missouri and Colorado and exchanged the club flag with the other clubs.

John Sherry announced that Geoff Zimmerman and Andy Scheck will serve the club as Sergeants of Arms. He also reported that the Golf & Wine Classic raised \$19,000 dollars this year, and he thanked club members for their help.

Member recognitions: Don Anderson, \$20 for his vacation; Mike Kearney, \$25 for his 23rd anniversary; Ed Stokes, \$20

for the fun he had at the Golf tournament; Daniel Barnes, \$5 for missing the last meeting and his experience with the financial crisis; AJ Nisen, \$5 for Ed Stokes helping him set up a fishing trip; Geoff Zimmerman, \$2 for leaving the meeting early; Andy Scheck, \$5 for investing in his newspaper endower and not having lost that money in the financial crisis; Mike Heller, \$5 for his daughter winning the car weekend he had donated for the Golf & Wine Classic raffle.

SPEAKER: Lafayette's Mayor Mike Anderson informed the club on the current situation of Lafayette. He talked about current City projects and the financial situation. With the great help of Lafayette's City Manager Steve Falk (in place 18 years) Lafayette is financially in very good shape.

AROUND THE ROTARY WORLD

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Sewing machines to Nicaragua

A cooperative of seamstresses in the mountain village of San Juan del Río Coco received six sewing machines and fabric from the Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo Sunrise (San Diego), CA, in 2007.

The co-op has used the pedal-operated machines to provide free sewing lessons to over 40 women, who have used their skills to produce and sell clothing. Casa Materna, a village shelter for expectant mothers, is using one machine to teach women to sew cloth diapers and blankets. Rotarian Nasrin Barbee led the San Diego club's effort to raise \$2,500 for the sewing machines and other supplies for Casa Materna.



Mobility in Italy The Rotary Club of Chiavari-Tigullio in February presented a wheelchair-accessible van to the Centro Benedetto Acquarone, a Roman Catholic health and assistance center serving 100 people. Provided with funds from the club, District 1780 (France), and The Rotary Foundation, the \$47,000 van transports seven passengers, including two in wheelchairs. Within the last 10 years, the club has also helped fund two other accessible vehicles for nonprofit organizations.

Libraries across Turkey Forty villages have received more than 30,000 books as a result of Turkish Rotarians' efforts to set up libraries across the country. The Rotary Club of Bursa-Tophane, with support from District 2440 and several other Rotary clubs, has delivered books and cabinets worth \$60,000 to areas previously lacking libraries. Rotarians collected books from households and government facilities and enlisted other organizations to work toward establishing 150 libraries by the end of 2008. The club also sent 400 Turkish books and CDs to the Rotary Club of Ramos Mejia Sur, Buenos Aires, Argentina, for its multilingual library project.



Photo courtesy of Sylvan Barnet

ECOSTOVE PROJECT REDUCES INDOOR AIR POLLUTION

Diana Schoberg, Rotary International News
28 August 2008 – excerpt

Residents of a rural community in Honduras have Rotarians to thank for more efficient stoves that burn less wood and reduce their exposure to indoor air pollution. The Rotary Club of Madison, AL helped install ecostoves in all 47 homes in Jayacayan, Honduras, earlier this year as part of an ongoing service project. ...

The ecostoves vent smoke outside the home, unlike the mud stoves the villagers were using before. Use of those stoves increased the villagers' exposure to indoor air pollution, up to 20 times the acceptable limits, according to the World Health Organization. The new stoves also use 80 percent less firewood, because the heat is concentrated in a specially designed firebox. Steve Baum, a Rotarian who helped organize the project, said one woman told him she only needs scraps of wood and woodchips to cook. ...

Club members ... researched several designs before settling on this one, in part because all the materials could be purchased in Honduras, helping the local economy. A contact in Honduras worked with people in the community to sell them on the idea for this stove design before the Rotarians started a pilot program. The Rotary Club of Choluteca also helped coordinate between Rotarians and community members.

Early in 2008, several local residents were trained in stove construction. The Madison club paid for the more expensive items for the stoves such as the steel *plancha*, or cooking surface, which cost \$60 per stove, while community members provided sand, cement, mud blocks, and other materials used to install the stoves. ... The club has set up pilot projects in two more communities in the area in hopes of continuing the project there next year.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

In a typical four-week tour, applicants participate in five full days of vocational visits, 15 to 20 club presentations, 10 to 15 formal visits and social events, two to three days at the district conference, three to four hours per day of cultural and site tours, and three to four hours per day of free time with host families.

For each team member, the Foundation provides the most economical round-trip airline ticket between the home and host countries. Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel within their district.

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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, 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

THU

07:00 Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise,
Oakhurst Country Club

FRI

07:00 Lamorinda, Postino

12:15 Concord, Concord Hilton

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

10/23 Group Study Exchange members
from Ethiopia
10/30 Alexander Zwissler, CEO,
Chabot Space & Science Center
11/06 Gail Uilkema, Supervisor, Dist 2,
Contra Costa County
11/13 Fred Brill, Superintendent,
Lafayette School District
11/20 Robert Kochly, District Attorney,
Contra Costa County
11/27 Thanksgiving, no meeting
12/04 Club Assembly

LOCAL ROTARY EVENTS

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

10/16 Mike Henn
10/23 Dick Holt
10/30 Mike Kearney
11/06 Mo Levich
11/13 Mo Levich
11/20 Jay Lifson
11/27 No meeting

*"In 2008-09, I will ask you all to
Make Dreams Real
for the world's children.
This will be our
theme, and my
challenge to
all of you."*

-- RI President D K Lee

