

Rotations

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President John Sherry opened the meeting. Visiting Rotarian: Al Kappadahl, Concord. Guest: Troy Feddersen, J Rockcliff Realtors.

John Sherry recognized Alan Mac for his contribution to our Golf & Wine Classic. He asked for volunteers Salvation Army's Red kettle day on Dec 13. Registration for the 2009 District Conference at Lake Tahoe is free for those who register early. Our Holiday Luncheon will be Dec 18.

Tom Cartwright, Nomination Committee, reported nominees for next year's Board and asked for nominations from the floor. Current nominees are: Mike Kearney for V.P., Greg Vaisnor for Treasurer, Lee Deily for Secretary. Terry Camp and Chuck Vogel return as Directors. Sandi Mitchell is searching for two nominees for Directors.

Chuck Vogel said that Terry Camp will host the Jan 2 Gin Fizz at his office. The board encourages members to attend other Rotary clubs to seek out the membership chair and identify at least two new ideas to build club membership. He will record ideas on a chart. He noted that Concord has grown by 10 new members this year, while our club is down three.

Jay Lifson reminded us of the Community Thanksgiving Breakfast on Nov 21 at Temple Isaiah, and to order your Thanksgiving "Willy Bird" at Diablo Foods now. He also reported that the Art & Wine Festival and Reservoir Run raised \$37,350 for local charities and schools.

Don Anderson asked that we make a concentrated effort to bring donations for Shelter Inc. to next weeks' meeting. Jay Lifson contributed 6 empty laundry baskets for us to fill.

Andy Scheck recognized members: Steve Falk for his anniversary; Don Anderson for addressing the club members as "Gentlemen;" Bud Moulthrop in honor of his mom passing away at the age of 106; Bob Aguilar for the size of the largest fish caught at his resort; Geoff Zimmerman for his Pro Bono work in the community; Mo Levitz for Jay Lifson's outstanding

leadership at the Lafayette Chambers of Commerce.

SPEAKER: Dr. Fred Brill is the new Superintendent of the Lafayette School District. Previously Assistant Principal and then Principal at Stanley Middle School, he was Network Executive Officer in the Oakland Unified School District for the past three years. He received a B.A. at the U. of Michigan, an M.A. at S.F. State U., and his Ed.D. in Educational Leadership at U.C. Berkeley. Fred also taught for a year in the former Czech Republic as a Fulbright Scholar, and recently published *Leading and Learning*, which discusses the difference in skill sets needed to transition from teacher to principal.



Dr. Brill stressed the importance of maintaining a healthy balance of time commitment for today's kids, of defining the role that schools should play in the development of our children, of encouraging parental and community input and participation in the education process, and of instilling and encouraging values of Respect, Integrity, and Honesty among our children. Fred talked about a current pilot program called "Character Counts" at Springhill to help promote and reinforce these values.

Fred also spoke to three key initiatives:

1. A focus on the active application of learning in order to promote a higher level of "Critical Thinking" among our students.
2. Using Data-Based Inquiries to help determine whether the initiatives are having the desired impact.
3. The use of "Collaborative Coaches" in classrooms to help provide immediate feedback as a means to help provide immediate feedback to teachers on their own performance and to help improve and evolve teacher performance.



HUNDREDS ATTEND ROTARY UN DAY

By Jennifer Lee Atkin, Rotary International News
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More than 900 people, including Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors from more than 44 countries, attended Rotary International Day at the United Nations in New York City on 8 November.

The day featured panel discussions on water, literacy, health, and hunger. Speakers came from within Rotary, the UN, and other partner nongovernmental organizations, illustrating how organizations can work together to tackle these challenging issues.

Speaking on one of the panels, Martin Silink, president of the [International Diabetes Federation](#) (IDF), said that half of the 440,000 children with diabetes worldwide lack access to the insulin they need to live. Silink encouraged Rotarians to undertake diabetes projects and noted that the UN passed a resolution in 2006 creating [World Diabetes Day](#), observed on 14 November. C. Wayne Edwards, a past district governor and member of the Rotary Club of Tallahassee, FL, described how he was inspired by his diabetic wife to raise money for diabetes causes during his year as governor. The result was a \$106,000 project that, with help from IDF, provided a diabetes camp for children and established seven clinics in Bolivia.

Other highlights of the day included an address by Grace Agwaru of Uganda, who in 1975 was the first heart surgery patient treated under the [Gift of Life](#) program, a Rotarian-supported initiative. "By saving my life, you have enabled me to reach out to so many people in other communities and help them," said Agwaru, who works for the [Teso Foundation for Sustainable Development](#). Agwaru also introduced the 10,000th Gift of Life patient, 11-year-old Jonathan Olunga of Uganda.

Some of the loudest applause of the day went to Anand Balachandran, interagency coordinator of the World Health Organization, who cited the effectiveness of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) by contrasting today's four remaining polio-endemic countries with the more than 125 that existed when the initiative was launched in 1988. ...

Other Rotary service projects spotlighted included [Adopt-a-Village](#), which addresses health, hunger, and education needs in impoverished communities in Africa; [Reach Out and Read](#), which makes literacy promotion a standard part of pediatric care; [Rotary Books for the World](#), which collects and sends books to impoverished communities in southern Africa; and [The Seed Program](#), which sends vegetable seeds to people in the developing world and teaches them to grow their own food.

BOB AGUILAR IS BACK !



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GIVE HOPE - GIVE A HAND



The Rotary Club of Lafayette donates an LN-4 Prosthetic Hand in the name of our speaker 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.

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, Pyramid Alehouse

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

11/20 Robert Kochly, District Attorney, Contra Costa County
11/27 Thanksgiving, no meeting
12/04 Club Assembly: vote '09 Board
12/11 Yau-Man, *Survivor* contestant
12/18 Christmas Luncheon, Lafayette Park Hotel, 11:30 am
12/25 Christmas, no meeting
12/26 Christmas Brunch, location TBD
01/01 New Years, no meeting
01/02 Gin Fizz, Camp & Camp Assoc., 2540 Camino Diablo, WC

LOCAL ROTARY EVENTS

12/09 Board meeting, 5, Laf Chamber
12/13 Salvation Army Red Kettle Day
01/13 Board meeting, 5, Laf Chamber
01/25-26 Reno Train Trip
10/01-04 District Conference, Lake Tahoe, free early registration

ROTARY INT'L EVENTS

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

BIRTHDAYS

11/16 Greg Vaisnor
11/20 Ed Stokes
11/21 Steve Falk
11/23 Charlie Vitale

ANNIVERSARIES

11/03 Dick Holt
11/12 Steve Falk
11/20 Daniel Barnes
11/26 Mike Henn

GREETERS

11/20 Jay Lifson
11/27 No meeting
12/04 Alan Mac
12/11 Sandi Mitchell
01/08 Bud Moulthrop

"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

