

Rotations

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Meetings:
Thursdays 12:15 pm
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President John Sherry opened the meeting. Bob Shusta gave the thought for the day.

Visiting Rotarians: Gail Woznak, Past President, Orinda. Guests: Diane Azaro-Barbera, California Bank of Commerce.

John Sherry said the District Assembly was one of the most informative he had ever attended. Seven members attended.

The Conflict Resolution Workshop by the Rotary Center for International Studies in Peace is at UC Berkeley on Apr 26. \$40.00 includes lunch.

The Diablo View Rotary Club is having a mixer on June 26.

Dick Holt asked members to send donor letters for the Concert at the Res.

Mike Henn reported that the Spring Egg Scramble went well and many Rotarians were there to greet Greg Vaisnor as the Easter Bunny. The event was emceed by Larry Duson and Bob Shusta.

Jay Lifson encourages all to attend the Rossmoor Big Band.

Member recognition: Larry Blodgett, he and some buddies pictured in the *Lamorinda Sun* on his portable Timeshare. Andy Scheck, his oldest son was on front page of a German newspaper.

SPEAKER: Linda Lubitz Boone then presented some thoughts about financial planning and the fact that most folks spend more time planning vacations than their financial future. She also drew comparisons to climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. One unique idea she presented was preparing a Love Will. She told the tear jerking story about how a widower's wife had let one and he cherished it more than the worldly possessions.





Photo by Mike Greenslade/ShelterBox

Volunteers assemble a ShelterBox tent in Assergi, Italy, after the country's worst earthquake in decades left tens of thousands homeless on 6 April.

SHELTER, AID REACH VICTIMS OF ITALIAN QUAKE

Ryan Hyland, Rotary Int'l News - 17 Apr 09

Hours after a powerful earthquake struck central Italy on 6 April, killing nearly 300 people, a team of ShelterBox volunteers reached the affected areas to distribute 245 containers of relief supplies to hundreds of displaced families.

The quake, Italy's deadliest in nearly three decades, left tens of thousands homeless, and damaged or destroyed at least 15,000 buildings across the mountain city of L'Aquila.

In the chaos after the disaster, the ShelterBox team worked with local Rotarians and Italy's Civil Protection Agency to set up five tent camps in the nearby village of Assergi.

"The situation was quite critical in the first couple days," says John Diksa, a ShelterBox volunteer and president of the Rotary Club of Grenoble-Grésivaudan, Isère, France. "Our quick advancement in affected areas helped families stay together. Italian Rotarians were extremely helpful in identifying the areas in most need."

ShelterBox, a grassroots disaster relief organization supported by Rotary clubs around the world, provides boxes that contain a tent, blankets, water purification and cooking equipment, basic tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months.

Diksa estimates that more than 2,000 people have benefited from the ShelterBox containers distributed in Italy after the quake. Most of the families will rely on temporary shelter until September, he says.

District 2090, which covers Albania and parts of Italy, including the most devastated areas, has organized meetings for the next couple of weeks with the nine

other Italian districts to discuss intermediate and long-term relief projects.

District officials said the district will focus on making engineers and architects available and lending any technical expertise it can to the most damaged communities. Long-term initiatives would include helping businesses that plan to rebuild.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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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 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.

MAKE UP MEETINGS

See 'Where Clubs Meet' for meeting times and locations of nearby clubs:
www.rotary5160.org/clubs/meetings.php



UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 04/23 John Rossell III, Starting a new bank in these economic times
 04/30 Jenni Beeman, Junior Achievement
 05/07 TBD
 05/14 Rosemary Cameron, East Bay Regional Park District
 05/21 Thomas Peterson, Owner, Rheem Theatre
 05/28 Jim Eaneman, Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury

LOCAL & DISTRICT EVENTS

- 04/25 Rotarians at Work Day, Lafayette Community Center
 04/26 RI Conflict Resolution workshop, UC Berkeley, 10am
 05/12 Board Meeting, Chamber, 5pm
 05/16 Concert at the Res
 05/19 Adopt-A-Poll, special election
 05/21 Club Visioning Project, 4:30 pm
 06/26 Diablo View Mixer
 07/11 District Installation Dinner & Awards Banquet, Corning, CA
 10/01-04 Dist. Conference, Lake Tahoe
 11/07 Rotary Day at the Races, Golden Gate Fields

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- 06/21-24 2009 RI Convention, Birmingham, England

BIRTHDAYS

- 04/01 Lisa Cohen
 04/01 Ron Wake
 04/07 Daniel Barnes
 04/10 Warren Rupf
 04/12 Sandi Mitchell
 04/13 Mike Kearney
 04/16 Tom Courtright
 04/17 Dale Turner
 04/18 Debbie Cooper
 04/18 Larry Duson
 04/26 Geoff Zimmerman

ANNIVERSARIES

- 04/19 Geoff Zimmerman

GREETERS

- 04/23 Anna Stevenson
 04/30 Ed Stokes
 05/07 Barry Toomajian
 05/14 Dale Turner
 05/21 Charlie Vitale

