

# Rotations

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## **President's Message: This Past**

week we were blessed to have Sharon Tennison from The Center For Citizens Initiatives attend our meeting and bring us some great news about our Russian Bakers and the progress of all of those who have participated in the international exchange program, that brings Russian workers and business people to America to learn about our market economy, and about our way of life. Our club will now be the only club in America to have hosted six delegations as of April, 2002! That will mean we will have introduced approximately 70 Russians, through our club, and 700 Russians throughout the United States, to our way of life and sent them home with a new spirit of hope for their future economic well being. We, the Rotary Club of Lafayette and Bob Shusta were recognized by the Center for Citizens Initiatives for our participation with a plaque presented to Bob. Sharon shared pictures of delegates, many who stayed in our homes and told us about their progress in building their business's. She also told us about a meeting she had with Secretary of State Colin Powell in Washington where she brought 100 delegates from Russia to tell the government about the progress of our great program. He

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**TODAYS SPEAKER :**

**Amy Hansen**

**"PRINCIPAL OF ACALANES HIGH SCHOOL"**

was impressed with the dedication and commitment of the people of Russia to build a new country where free enterprise can prosper and communication between our nations can grow!! Please sign up for some part of the project that is coming up in April. In our last bulletin we outlined the various opportunities you have to participate and we all need to find something to do to help with this great program. The various opportunities printed in our last bulletin have been posted on our web site. Please go to [www.rotaryclublafayette.org](http://www.rotaryclublafayette.org) (Programs) for more information. When you think about what has happened in Russia since 1993 and how the ability to communicate with people from all countries of the world with the internet you can begin to understand the gift we give these Russian Bakers by enabling them to see a different way of life, a different way to laugh, a different way to see how freedom of speech and employment and economic achievement are within their grasp.

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**Visiting Rotarians;**

George Block - Realtor- Orinda

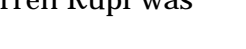
Anthony Gourkani - Real Estate Broker - Walnut Creek

**Guest of Rotarians;**

Sharon Tennison- President C.C.I.

Beth Gelfand - Director C.C.I and three staff members!

Seventeen of our members attended the Interclub Meeting at the Soda Center of St. Mary's College hosted by the Moraga Club with President Ed Torres as our host and Bruce Gebhardt, Special Agent In Charge of the San Francisco region of the F.B.I. our speaker. He spoke about the areas he is focusing on terrorism. One area is in cyberspace, recognizing we are now in an era when the crime and the criminal are not always in the same place. Another area he spoke about was organized crime, coming from Russia, the Middle East or South America, using the internet as a tool to commit crimes that on the surface may be difficult to track back to their source. There are over 400 million computers in use throughout the world, and with that number growing daily, you can easily understand the massive job the F.B.I is facing with internet and securities fraud and terrorists now recognized as a part of the problem. They do not have the manpower to handle the job they now have especially since 9/11. Our Sheriff and club member Warren Rupf was given special recognition at the meeting.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY (Jan 27) TO DOUG JOHNSON!!!! He has done a magnificent job getting our bulletin done every week and we sure want to thank him!

By the way Doug has been visiting Stephen Skarda, the chiropractor that spoke at our club a couple of weeks ago. I also sent my daughter Deana to him as she was just in a car accident. One visit, two patients, maybe we should recruit him for membership. He was rather effective getting his message out!! Deana and Doug are both doing great!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (Feb 6) TO President Elect A.C.WEBB! We hope you enjoyed it!

I would like to have a special meeting next week as our meeting falls on Valentines Day! I would like every member to invite a sweetheart or someone special to our meeting so we can have a special party in recognition of that day! Please let me know if you are bringing someone so I can let the caterer know the count for lunch!

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## **Dates and upcoming events!**

February 8th, 2002 ROTARY AT THE TOWN HALL THEATER! The play is "We'll take Manhattan" and Ray Bland promises it's a great show!

February 16, 2002 Bob Underwood is hosting a table at the Crab Feed for Meals on Wheels. We have a table of twelve and we can have more seats if necessary! The tickets are \$27.50 each; 1375 Civic Dr, Walnut Creek Civic Park, Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner at 6:30.

May 17-19, 2002 The Rotary District Conference in Ashland Oregon. Now is the time to sign up as they still have some great theater tours available! Applications are available on line or see Prez Michael.

June 23-26 2002 The Rotary International 93rd Annual Convention in Barcelona, Spain. Join President elect A.C.Webb and his wife Sharon on a trip of a lifetime. Applications are available on line or in your Rotarian magazine or see Prez Michael.

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## **SCHEDULED GREETERS:**

<b>FEBRUARY 7</b>	<b>CEASAR PERALES - ACCOUNTING C.P.A.</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 14</b>	<b>AARON PINGREE - SENIOR ACTIVE</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 21</b>	<b>MIKE ROBERTSON - BUSINESS INSURANCE</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 28</b>	<b>WARREN RUPF - COUNTY SHERIFF</b>

### **Birthdays**

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February 12 Barry Toomajian

February 6 A. C. Webb

### **Anniversaries Wedding & Club**

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February 11 Charles Vitale