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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: ROTARY

International's global initiative to eradicate polio was the topic of our program, led by our speaker Bill Hollingshead, the Polio Eradication Chair for District 5160. Bill is a polio victim who was struck with it as a child and had to endure the iron lungs and painful therapy to overcome this disease.

Bill showed us a film about his life and brought his wife with him to help with the presentation. Bill participated in a trip to Ghana with Rotary going to a village to inoculate the children and was face to face with the hard facts about where this mission is going. The two drops that are given to the children to prevent polio only cost 42 cents and yet it is a monumental effort to overcome this disease. Rotary needs 75 million dollars by March to continue their efforts for the spring programs and 150 million dollars by July 1, to complete the goals set for this year. Much of these funds can be multiplied thanks to the matching funds from the World Bank and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Though the number of polio cases has fallen 99 percent since 1988, the final one percent poses the toughest challenge. It is amazing, the eradication of smallpox only took ten years and yet the first vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk in 1955 gave us only the beginning of a long road to polio eradication yet to be completed. In 2001 there were

TODAY'S SPEAKER:

RANDY BENNETT

ST. MARY'S BASKETBALL COACH

approximately 600 cases of polio in the world. In 2005 there were 1856 cases which Bill showed is the result of problems in getting access to the children the Middle East, Africa, and India that need our help the most. Rotary is asking each of us to double our donations at this time to get the funds necessary to complete their goals! M. HELLER

The Rotary Club of Tahoe City is sponsoring the 30th annual Ski Challenge at Alpine Meadows March 3. Registration begins at 8:15 and the race start is at 9:45. Captain Ron Wake is looking for a few good skiers to represent our club; a minimum team is five (5) Rotarian racers! Registration is \$40.00 which includes Lift tickets, Racing Bibs, Coffee and Danish, Hors d'oevers, and the Award Ceremony.

THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING!!!!!!!!!!1 April 27 to May 14

Russian Bakers Program

The Rotary Clubs of Lafayette, Lamorinda and Walnut Creek will be hosting our 10th delegation of Russian Bakers from **April 27 to May 14, 2006**. A 17 day delegation instead of 3 weeks as in the past and will not include the Rotary Club of Clayton Valley – Concord Sunrise. Our club will need three home hosts from late Thursday night, April 27 to Saturday afternoon, May 6 when they move to Walnut Creek.

Important Dates to Calendar:

- Wednesday, April 19 Home Hosts Orientation
- Thursday, April 27 Delegates Arrive
- Saturday, April 29 Welcome Reception @ Tim McKinley's
- Saturday, May 6 Fort Ross & Home Hosts Change
- Saturday, May 13 Farewell Party @ Adrian Mendes's
- Sunday, May 14 Delegates Depart

This is a joint project with the Lamorinda and Walnut Creek clubs.

This is our 10th year with this program.

Information about NAOMI:

Mission Team for 2006

Dates: June 24 to July 1

Team Leader: Peter Young

Projects: Finish work on Moms staff residence

Construction of campground type bath house

Native American Outreach Ministries Inc. was established in 1993 and is a non-denominational, Christian Ministry. NAOMI ministers primarily to Native American children and their families. NAOMI's main thrust of ministry is to provide a loving home which provides refuge for Navajo, Apache and Hopi children who have been abused and/or neglected.

Contact: BOB SHUSTA

Ten-Day Letter: A. J. Nisen

Rotary Club of Lafayette Member:

We have a proposed member, Alan (A.J.) Nisen

557 Silver Lake Danville, California 94526

He is a Mortgage Account Executive, Bank Of America, Concord, CA.

Please send any questions or comments to Ed Searby.

2006-2007 Board

At the Rotary meeting, January 26, the nominating committee presented a slate of officers for 2006-2007. There were no additional names for any of the offices presented at the meeting. A unanimous vote approved the following:

President: **Tim McKinley**

Vice President/Pres. Elect.- 2007-2008: **Larry Duson**

Secretary: **Paul Griesell**

Treasurer: **Greg Vaisnor**

Past President: **Bill Eames**

Directors: **Dale Turner**

Jason Wong

John Nickerson

Bob Shusta

Non-Board Position

Sergeant @ Arms: **John Sherry**

Make Up Meeting locations in the area, **MON.** 12:15 Danville-Brass Door
TUES. 12:15 Moraga, Soda Center, **WED.** 12:00 Rossmoor Hillside Clubhouse
WED. 12:15 Orinda-community center, **FRI.** 7AM Lamorinda-Postino's

SCHEDULED GREETERS:

FEBRUARY 16	LARRY BLODGETT: FLOOR COVERINGS
FEBRUARY 23	MILT BRUZZONE: SENIOR ACTIVE
MARCH 2	JACK CLARKSON: SENIOR ACTIVE

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES WEDDING & CLUB

Judy	Francis	2/2/2003
Tim	McKinley	2/3/2003
AC	Webb	2/6/2003
Barry	Toomajian	2/12/2003

Charles Vitale 2/11/2003