

Rotations

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President's Message: This Morning

Joan and I went to our local polling place to vote so we could we get the day started right and we were surprised at what a low turnout they had had so far. Normally when we go there are a lot of people there and we have to wait. Are we forgetting the importance of the right to vote and all the events in history that gave us the freedom to vote, the freedom of choice and the opportunity to make a difference? These last few months we have seen a lot of flag wavers with flags on their cars and truck and even illuminated in their front yards. I hope those people who are such visible advocates for America took a few minutes to vote. I had gone down to Boswells to buy some flags for a party and found they were out of them, so I had to go to Walnut Creek to get some. I hope all those people who decorated their tables, and even their clothes, with flags find the time to vote. On the Television today we are watching our service people die in Afghanistan, and for their valiant efforts, I hope Americans will appreciate the opportunity to vote and do so!

TODAYS SPEAKER :
Special Agent
Arnold Cole

"United States Secret Service"

Visiting Rotarians;

Rudy Reid - Manufacturing Consultant - Orinda

Tom Henry - Senior Active - San Francisco #2

Our Greeter was scheduled to be Warren Rupf, but Ed Searby had to fill in for him! Ed always comes up with those special messages of hope for which we are grateful. Warren will be billed for his greeter gift, a Bag of Cashews from The Nut Factory which was won by Bob Ewen. The lunch was won by Tom Henry!! He knows where to come to eat! By the Way how is the new caterer doing? We hope he is doing what everyone likes.

Tom Courtright and his pal Bill Eames assured me they will have the dictionaries done and out to the schools soon!!!!!!! Let them know if any of you will support them in any way to get it done.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be March 12 at the Lafayette Park Hotel, at noon at which time we will also be doing a committee meeting for the Concert on the Rez. If you have any special ideas for that event please attend our meeting and enjoy lunch while you are at it!

We handed out the new roster and found out we still need to make more changes. Ed Searby has volunteered to make what ever changes are necessary and bring the roster up to date, so please let him know what you need to change!

Ron Wake last Friday led a group of skiers to Alpine and I understand Jay at the Park Hotel was hosting them for early coffee. We should hear some great stories this week from Ron!

We had Hunter and Ann Holding from Deer Hill Ranch make a presentation to our club and I am sure very few people knew what they were doing over on Deer Hill Road. They have developed and an experiential learning center for kids and adults to develop communications skills, problem-solving skills, and team building skills. The ranch has a special outreach effort to at-risk youth utilizing animals and games to help open the children up to communicating better and a group of rope activates using low and high wire ropes to challenge participants and to help with team building. They do company retreats and



birthday parties and picnics. There will be a fundraiser on May 11th called "Don't Fence Me In" at the Ranch to help pay for their community outreach programs. Obviously there is a lot going on there which is a real benefit to our community! Their web site is www.DeerHillRanch.org.

Generations in Jazz is this weekend at The Town Hall Theater and I hope to see you all there for some of the best music in the bay area!

Flash!

Lafayette Rotary Club ski team wins coveted Tahoe City Rotary Club Ski Race trophy. Our Rotary team, led by speedster Tom Raeth from the morning club, Ron Wake, and anchormen Mike Henn, Jay Lifson, and Ed Searby scorched the Olympic caliber icy racecourse at Alpine Meadows Resort. They brought back the huge ornate perpetual trophy to be displayed proudly at our club for an entire year! You have to be at the Thursday meeting for the unveiling! See you there!



Calendar of Upcoming Events!

March 7, 8, 9th Generations in Jazz Festival at the Town Hall Theater. March 7th Swing Night, March 8th "Fonky" Jazz Night, March 9th Brazilian/Latin Jazz Night. Our club is sponsoring March 8th.

March 30th Bunny Egg Scramble at Acalanes High School.

April 16th - 23rd The Russians are Coming! There will be a going away party April 20th at John Samman's Barn again!

April 20th District Leadership Training in Vacaville for all new members and all new Board Members.

May 17-19 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.

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SCHEDULED GREETERS:

MARCH 7	ED SEARBY - ENGINEERING
MARCH 14	BOB SHUSTA - AUTHOR
MARCH 21	ED STOKES - GROCERIES / RETAIL
MARCH 28	JAY STRAUSS - ATTORNEY

Birthdays

March 15 Alan Mac

March 4 Bill Mc Cabe

Anniversaries Wedding & Club

March 3 Caesar Perales