

Rotations

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President's Message: The Economy

is supposed to be in better shape with orders for manufactured goods and sales of homes showing an up-tic. Here in the Lamorinda area we never felt the horrific downturn from the dot-com implosion or the market crash from 9-11. Things might have slowed down a bit, but in the housing sector and the automobile business, sales were as brisk as ever! At Oakwood Health Club there is still a 15 month waiting list, and parking is at a premium in La Fiesta Square at almost any hour! Aren't we blessed to live in such a prospering environment. Well, let's remember to spend our money for goods and services in Lafayette where our city derives most of its revenue from sales tax collections. For every dollar spent in Lafayette the city collects one cent! We have some terrific and unique shops available to all of us, so lets remember to help our fellow merchants and help our city prosper. When you "SHOP LAFAYETTE" you also have an opportunity to meet potential new club members too!

TODAYS SPEAKER :

CLUB ASSEMBLY

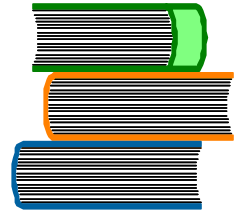
Rotarian Guests;

Dr. Ron Light - Orthodontist - Concord

Jerri McNair - Realtor - Lamorinda Sunrise

Last week I missed an opportunity to congratulate Alan Mac for his birthday March 15th so I thought I would send the message in the bulletin! HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALAN!!!!!!

THANKS to Tom Courtright, Bill Ames, and Ed Searby the donut shop team for getting the dictionaries delivered to the schools!!! I am sure there were a lot of smiling faces when they received them!



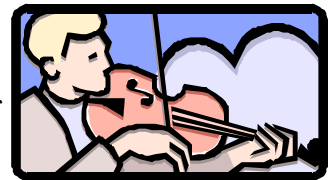
Do you love chocolate? Our President-elect A.C. loves chocolate and math and I hope everyone here does too! If you do not know what I am talking about ask him! He has a test for you!!

Bob Shusta has been working very hard on the Russian Bakers project and I must tell you he said he would not head up this project again but somehow he is right in the middle of it again! We thank you for all the time you have spent on this and hope you are having a nice drive to Washington this week! There is still a need for home hosts and if you can please spare the room contact Bill McCabe right away.

Dick Holt and Pres-Elect A.C. Webb are your co-chairs for the Concert on the REZ and are asking you to



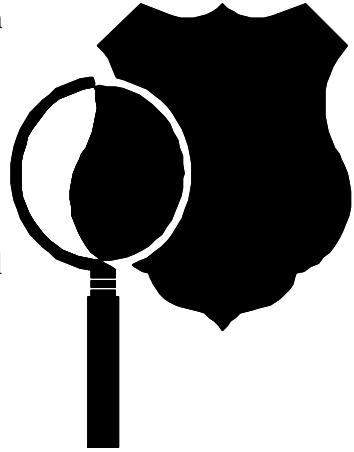
contact the committee heads and pencil in your commitment to our fundraiser. We need everyone's enthusiasm and energy to insure we have a successful event! There will be a raffle that we will need everyone to help make it a success.



Shelly Rae Fields from the American Cancer Society visited our club and told us about the Relay For Life which will take place on June 22 at the Mt. Diablo High School track. This is a wonderful fundraiser and a great way to get more involved in the community. Diablo Foods has a team if anyone would like to participate! Thank you Ed Stokes.



Our speaker was Larry Thude, the Chief Inspector for the Contra Costa County Fire District. This man has a long title and a lot of responsibility in our county, not only fighting fires, but making sure that all buildings both old and new are in compliance. Every building plan must be submitted for approval for fire compliance. Obviously, he also has a lot to do with inspections of arson and fires of suspicious origin. He has been with the District since 1979 and remarked about how by having a unified district we have a very efficient county. Since September 11 the district has not made a lot of changes because they have such a well run system! This district goes from Brentwood to San Pablo and down to the San Ramon/Danville border.



Calendar of Upcoming Events!

March 30th Bunny Egg Scramble at Acalanes High School with Dan Hoffman bringing a Police Car and a Fire Truck for the kids to see! Sign-ups will be this week.

April 6th. The District Leadership Training in Vacaville. New Members and the New Board of Directors are encouraged to go. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. and car-pool and will return to Lafayette by about 1:30 p.m.

April 16th - 23rd. The Russians are coming!

April 20th. The Farewell Event with a Western theme at John Sammans Barn with our club hosting the event.

May 17-19 The Rotary District Conference in Ashland, Oregon. There is still time to sign up for some great theater tours and some special Rotary programs.

June 1st. CONCERT ON THE REZ - Dick Holt and A.C. Webb are the program chairs. This is our big fundraiser. Lets support them and our club and our community!!!!!!

July 1st The New Prez; A.C. Webb and his team take over!!!

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SCHEDULED GREETERS:

MARCH 21	ED STOKES - GROCERIES / RETAIL
MARCH 28	JAY STRAUSS - ATTORNEY
APRIL 4	BARRY TOOMAGIAN - REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT
APRIL 11	DALE TURNER - ARCHITECT

Birthdays

March 15 Alan Mac

March 4 Bill Mc Cabe

Anniversaries Wedding & Club

March 3 Caesar Perales