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# Rotations

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## President's Message: LAST WEEK

**WE HAD A TERRIFIC MEETING AT THE LAFAYETTE PARK HOTEL WITH JAY LIFSON OUR HOST AND CLUB MEMBER DOING HIS BEST AS USUAL. IT WAS A SUN DRENCHED AFFAIR WITH GREAT SERVICE IN THE GARDEN PATIO. THANK YOU JAY AND YOUR STAFF**

AGAIN. THIS WEEK WE ARE BACK TO OUR REGULAR MEETING ROOM WITH NEWLY REFINISHED FLOORS. DENNIS GARRISON, A FELLOW ROTARIAN AND HIS TEAM DO A GREAT JOB SETTING UP OUR MEETING ROOM. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR EFFORTS! THIS IS THE THIRD WEEK PRESIDENT RAY HAS BEEN ON VACATION TRAVELING WITH ANN AROUND ITALY. WE HOPE HE IS COMING BACK WITH SOME GREAT IDEAS FOR HIS PROGRAMS FOR THE BALANCE OF HIS YEAR! LAST WEEK AS I WAS READING THE LIST OF BIRTHDAYS AND CLUB ANNIVERSARY DATES ED STOKES, A THIRTY YEAR MEMBER STOOD UP AND ASKED US TO RECOGNIZE MEL NIELSEN, A CHARTER

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**President Ray would like to remind ALL Board of Directors that there will be a Board of Directors meeting on April 17th at 5:30 pm at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce office, 100 Lafayette Circle, Suite 103**

### Birthdays

### Anniversaries

April 1	Ron Wake	◆	April 1	Bob Underwood
April 2	Tom Whitten	◆		
April 10	Rupf Warren	◆	April 17	Dale Turner
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April 24	Darrel Sutton	◆		

## TODAYS SPEAKER :

**Pate Thomson M.D.**

**The International  
Heart to Heart Program**

MEMBER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAFAYETTE, FOR HIS FIFTY TWO YEARS IN ROTARY. I HAS A CHANCE TO TALK TO MEL AND WE AGREED HE WILL DO A PROGRAM SOON ABOUT HIS LIFE IN ROTARY. MEL IS AND INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US FOR HELPING BUILT OUR CLUB. ALSO THANK YOU HARRISON HART FOR PUTTING TOGETHER THAT GREAT PLAQUE FOR JAY PRICE. JAY, THANKS FOR ALL YOU DID FOR OUR CLUB!!!! MIDGE SHUSTA, YOU REALLY BRING EXCITEMENT TO A MEETING WHEN YOU SING! THANK YOU AGAIN!

### THE ROTARIAN EDITOR'S PAGE APRIL 2001

As we went to press, newspaper headlines helped to paint the grim picture. Heavy fighting between rebel factions continued in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Tens of thousands of refugees poured into Guinea, fleeing civil war in Sierra Leone and Liberia. War and famine in Sudan displaced another 2 million people. A human rights meeting in South Africa revealed a burgeoning traffic in child slavery. Intense floods destroyed a town of 41,000 in Mozambique. The mysterious and deadly Ebola virus had just re-emerged in Uganda, claimed dozens of lives, then receded back to wherever it lurks between outbreaks. And on, and on. Africa is also ground zero for some of the most significant environmental battles being fought today, as human strife threatens to bubble over and destroy irreplaceable natural habitats and push endangered species, such as the elephant and the mountain gorilla, over the abyss and into extinction. Of course, all of these crises are occurring against a backdrop of another human problem of almost unimaginable scope: the AIDS epidemic, which threatens to wipe out whole generations of Africans, crippling entire economies, societies and cultures in the process. According to UNAIDS, Sub-Saharan Africa now accounts for fully 70 percent of the 36 million people living with HIV/AIDS worldwide. Nearly 4 million African children have died of AIDS, and another 12 million are AIDS orphans. Since the 1970s, an estimated 17 million Africans of all ages have died in the epidemic. At least 20 percent of the adult population is HIV positive, and about 4 million new infections were reported last year. Poverty, illiteracy and other social problems keep millions of Africans from benefiting from the breakthroughs in prevention and treatment that are saving lives in the developed nations. Certainly, there's no way to fashion any "good news" out of this ocean of suffering in Africa, but there is a legitimate — and very important — note of optimism that cannot be overlooked. People around the world, especially Rotarians, are taking notice of Africa's plight and committing themselves to help. The recent RI Presidential Conference and related meetings in Cape Town, South Africa, provided a forum for Rotarians, health professionals and other leaders from throughout Africa to examine the region's needs, goals and hopes for the future. The sessions, likewise, were an opportunity for Rotarians from around the world, including RI's highest leadership, to personally affirm Rotary's commitment to work with the African people to see that the multitude of challenges are addressed in meaningful ways. Many critical Rotary-supported projects already are underway; and African Rotarians, especially, should be immensely proud of what they've accomplished so far. It won't be easy to cure Africa's ills. But then again, few thought that the global eradication of the polio virus was a realistic goal when Rotary took it on in 1985. Today, Rotary and its international partners are just one final push away from ridding the world of that crippling disease by 2005, Rotary's centennial year. Not coincidentally, some of the final battles in that long war will be fought in Africa. For nearly 100 years, Rotarians have been committed to helping those who lack the resources or the voice to be heard. As April is Magazine Month, we thought it was especially important to devote much of this issue of The Rotarian to the plight of Africa. The region poses many daunting problems and challenges, but — as Rotarians are famous for noting — every problem is an opportunity for service. And nowhere are opportunities greater or more numerous than in Africa.

Wayne Hearn Deputy editor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 21, 2001



**CLUB LEADERSHIP TRAINING. WE NEED TO KNOW WHO IS GOING.**

ALL INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS, NEW MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS MUST ATTEND THIS CLUB LEADERSHIP TRAINING. EVERYONE IS TO MEET AT CONCORD BMW AT 8:00 AM TO CARPOOL TO VACAVILLE. THE PROGRAM STARTS AT 9:00 AND ENDS AT 11:45.

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**DISTRICT CONFERENCE--DAVIS-WOODLAND.**

IF YOU ARE GOING YOU NEED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW. ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS AND INTERESTED MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND.

AUGUST 18, 2001



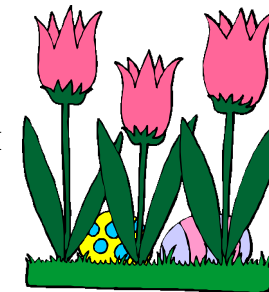
**CAL EXPO ROTARY FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER.**

THIS IS THE ROTARY FUN DAY AND ALL DAY EXPERIENCE AT THE STATE FAIR WITH FOOD AND PRIZES AND FELLOWSHIP OR ALL. WE NEED SILENT AUCTION IN THE \$250 - \$500 RANGE OR MORE FROM OUR CLUB, LAST YEAR WE DID NOT SUBMIT ANYTHING FROM OUR CLUB. LETS DO IT FOR OUR CLUB! ALL MEMBERS WILL BE GIVEN RAFFEL TICKETS TO BUY OR SELL.



## EASTER EGG HUNT

**OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT IS THIS SATURDAY, 11:00 A.M. AT ACALANES HIGH SCHOOL BEHIND THE TENNIS COURTS ON THE SOCCER FIELD. IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS LANE.**



## Speakers Schedule

APRIL 19, 2001

**JOHN FAZEL — "RUN ACROSS IOWA ON THE AMERICA DISCOVERY TRAIL"**

APRIL 26, 2001

**BARRY BIELER — "A BIT ABOUT EARTHQUAKES"**