

Rotations

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President's Message: This Week

we are the hosts of the Russian Bakers, a very lively group I am told by Rich Bailey from the Clayton-Concord Club. This is our sixth year with this endeavor, and a major part of our international service effort. In these times of world conflict and uncertainty, it is of the utmost importance that we take this opportunity to involve ourselves in a project that promotes world Peace and establishes lines of communication with the American people, so the people of Russia can learn about our ways of doing business and we can learn about how they have survived since the end of Socialism. My experience has been that these are warm people that are surprised at how open and giving we are here and are anxious to learn all they can about a market economy. The Rotary Club of Lafayette is known all over Russian for our efforts in hosting six delegations of bakers to date, which has involved about 90 new delegates for Peace in Russia, promoting our way of doing business and an appreciation of the generous nature of the people of the United States of America.

TODAYS SPEAKERS :
Our Guests From Russia
The Russian Bakers

Rotarian Guests:

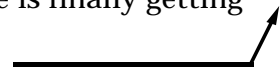
Dr. Ron Light - Orthodontist -Concord
Steve Paddock - Senior Active Stock Broker - Orinda
Rich Sjoberg - Senior Active - Orinda
Tom Henry - Senior Active - San Francisco #2
Lisa Douglass - Active - Lamorinda Sunrise

Speaking of " Active" Lisa visited our club to make a couple of announcements about Saint Mary's College. She is the activities coordinator for the school and is also very active in the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce! St. Mary's is presenting a Celebrity Waiter Dinner Saturday, May 4th at the Soda Center starting at 5:00 p.m. as a benefit for student scholarships and the Associated Students Activates Endowment. She also left us some football schedules which I have in case anyone needs one!

Dan Hoffman told us about his new ride from the county, a totally refurbished patrol car outfitted with everything he needs for his canine patrol,..... except the dog! It seems the "beware" signs on the rear windows are just there for looks but what can we say," Lafayette always looks good !" I gave him an article that was in last Sunday's C.C. Times ,May 7th about the efforts of a Danville couple contributing to a fund to get a canine patrol there and they also wrote about Dan and his efforts to collect the money necessary to get a dog here! Well, dog may be coming soon! Thanks Dan. Next time this recognition will cost you!

Pete Gears and Joyce Hawkins from the Orinda Club are filling in for us as home hosts. We had a Family cancel and we are lucky they stepped in for our club. Pete and Caroline, his wife were the organizers of the exchange student delegates get together last week end in San Francisco which is where Alina was a few days. Pete tells me they have hosted several foreign exchange students over the years and have developed many wonderful friends because of their experiences.

It was nice to see Mel Nielsen make it to our meeting for the first time in a while although he forgot his Rotary Pin. Woops! That cost him one dollar along with Tom Cogburn, Ron Light, and Ed Stokes. He also handed over another dollar along with A.C. Webb for the honor of forgetting to wear their badges! Thanks again! Mel has been spending a all of his time at the hospital with his wife and he is happy to announce it looks like she is finally getting better!



We heard a great story about our city manager and his wife's birthday which cost him only \$39.00! In this club male chauvinism costs! And then, Prez Michael did not escape the notice of not being at the helm last week so for a great week with the kids in Monterey at the Park Hotel, the happy number was \$40.00.

Our program was ED Searby, an engineer, a wonderful story teller, a farmer, a pilot, and a terrific father of a very talented daughter. It seems that Ed excels at what ever he does and has always put everything he has into every endeavor! His family has a farm in the Sonoma Valley where they lease out the land for grapes. His field of engineering has, transportation systems has taken him all over the world and believe me he has a lot of stories about his experiences, some of which he shared with us! He had his whole presentation on his Palm Pilot something I also have not gotten past the plug in stage. Thank you Ed, and thanks for all you do for our club!

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

April 19th. Sheriff Warren Rupf, a fellow member, is having a victory celebration at Scott's in Walnut Creek from 5:30 - 7:30 to celebrate his victory. RSVP is to Maureen Wickline 928-938-2855.

April 20th. The Farewell Event with a Western theme at John Sammans Barn with our club hosting the event. If you have not gone to a BBQ at the Barn you will really be impressed! Larry our caterer will do the honors and Sandi Mitchell is working on the program. The Russian Bakers and every one involved in the program will be there along with all the other clubs involved. Cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00 and our club and the Clayton Valley club will be picking up the costs! Save the Date!

April 21st. Highway Cleanup. Please sign up before the 21st so we know how many people will be helping. We will meet on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. under the Acalanes Road freeway overpass.

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!!!!!!

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SCHEDULED GREETERS:

APRIL 18	BOB UNDERWOOD - SENIOR ACTIVE
APRIL 25	GREG VAISNOR - CPA / TAXATION
MAY 2	CHARLIE VITALE - BUSINESS CONSULTANT
MAY 9	RON WAKE - DENTISTRY

Birthdays

April 16	Tom Courtright
April 18	Steve Davis
April 12	Dan Hoffman
April 13	Mike Kearney
April 2	Indu Paul
April 10	Warren Rupf
April 17	Dale Turner
April 1	Ron Wake

Anniversaries

Wedding & Club

April 18	Jack Clarkson
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