

Rotations

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President's Message: We Have

completed another year of the Russian Bakers Program, and those of you who participated, I am sure got a lot out of it. We had a terrific farewell party at John Sammans Barn and then a little pool party at the Heller Resort and believe me the feeling of love and appreciation our delegates received from our club was worth the effort to put this program together. I believe this was the best group we have had and I hope everyone who participated got out of it what I felt! The other two clubs had a great time too and Rich Bailey and Bob Shusta did a great job putting the programs together for all the classes and field trips. These kind of Rotary International projects are unique and we at the Rotary Club of Lafayette have the distinction of having hosted more delegations than any other club in the country. A special thanks should go to the home hosts for whom, without their participation, the program would not work. We now have a dozen more people carrying the message of Peace and an understanding of the fundamentals of our economy. We hope with what they have learned they will continue to grow and achieve the success they deserve.

TODAYS SPEAKER :

Milt Smith

**President of the John Muir
Medical Center Foundation**

Visiting Rotarians:

Tom Henry - Senior Active - San Francisco #2
Stanford White - CPA - Walnut Creek

Guests of Rotarians:

Dave Kim - Marshall Steel Cleaners - friend of Ed Searby
Lash Tsatava - ASBG, Inc. - works with A.C.Webb
Mary Larson - Home Host and guest of Prez Michael
Joan Heller - The better half!
Beth Gekfand and her baby - CCI coordinator
Bob Underwood was our greeter and had a special message from Meals on Wheels!

Tom Courtright had a little story to tell us that I thought was worthy of a two dollar recognition!!!

Larry Blodgett, our speaker chair is looking for programs to complete his year! If you have some suggestions, please contact Larry as soon as possible.

Although she was not in attendance we recognized Dale Turner for her birthday on April 17th!

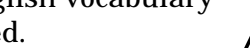
And, according to my list Jack Clarkson and Nada had an anniversary April 18th!

Dick Holt let us know that the program for the Concert is moving, and urges all members to send a letter to their friends and business acquaintances. Ask them to attend our event and also to send in checks as a donation to support our program and the school music programs. He has letters you can use and just add your names to it! I tried it last year and it worked!

Bob Underwood is asking for more help with his Meals on Wheels Program. Dick Holt announced that Bob will be going in for a hip replacement and therefore will not be able to participate at his current level. We will have a drivers schedule at the next meeting but if you have any questions call Bob at 935-5572. He has chaired this program for six years and what job he has done! Dick Holt, Barry Toomajian, Ann Beckius, Paul Parkhurst, Laura O'Donaghue and Joan Heller have all helped this year but now he needs your help too!

I canceled the Highway Clean-up for the 21st because we did not have enough participants! It is rescheduled for Saturday the 28th at 8:00. If you have any questions, Mike Henn is the program chair once again.

Alina has been very busy with our Russian guest acting as an interpreter and traveling with the delegation when she could. It is amazing to watch her as she has really grown up with her experiences here. Her English vocabulary has grown dramatically and her help was greatly appreciated.



Beth Gekfand gave us a message from CCI and expressed appreciation for a successful program. She handed out some special biographies that told about some of our previous delegates and their successful ventures with their lessons from America! Zina Generalova, our facilitator helped introduce the delegates along with Dasha Cole, our interpreter. We have to recognize everyone who helped with the Russian Bakers from our club and also people from outside our club too!

Home Hosts; Matt Geiser and REX

Bill McCabe -Chair

Joan and Mike Heller, Joyce Hawkins and Pete Gear - Orinda Club
Roger Hogan - Lamorinda Sunrise, Mary Larson - Friend of the Heller's, host for the second time!, Owen Murray - Concord

The Drivers;

Bud Multhrop - Chair

Charlie Vitalie, Jay Lifson, A.C.Webb, Tom Courtright, Bob Shusta
Larry Blodgett

The Farewell Party;

Sandi Mitchell - Chair

Jerry Jenson, Bob Aquilar, Barry Toomajian, Mike Henn, Ed Stokes and
Diablo Foods

Special events were held at Oakwood Health Club , The Lafayette Park Hotel and Cal-Fed Bank! The van was donated by Russ Anderson from the Walnut Creek Club! Thanks to all again!

The raffle prize, a bottle of wine was won by one of our Russian guests and the other prize for a free lunch was won by our program facilitator from St. Petersburg. I hope she can come back soon!

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

April 27 Highway Clean UP with Mike Henn at 8:00 A.M. with all meeting under the freeway at Acalanes Road!

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 25	GREG VAISNOR - CPA / TAXATION
MAY 2	CHARLIE VITALE - BUSINESS CONSULTANT
MAY 9	RON WAKE - DENTISTRY
MAY 16	TIMOTHY WARD - ARCHITECT

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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