

Rotations

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President's Message: This Week

we are going to be giving Blue Badges to two new members who have already become very active in our club, and have demonstrated their desire to become a part of our club! We have seen Officer Dan Hoffman helping with our Egg Scramble and of course a very strong advocate for our canine program in Lafayette. He already has a special car and is awaiting the final negotiations with the county that will allow him to have a dog! His membership is sponsored by Chris Lane and Alan Mac. Sandi Mitchell was the chair of our going away party for the Russian Bakers and for those who did attend we had a great time. Credit by the way should go to her for her creative flower arrangements, some very tall boots in which she put a vase full of flowers. She is obviously a very creative person and I am sure her real estate clients feel the same way! Sandi has always been involved in community activities and we should thank Bob Aquilar for bringing Sandi to our club! Bringing new members to a club is an important part of Rotary, members who are

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TODAYS SPEAKER :

Steve Falk

**Lafayette City Manager
Lafayette's Major Planning Issues**

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active in their community and who can add energy and creativity to club programs. We need to look around and hopefully when A.C. is President bring some more new faces to our meetings. You never know, you might find it is beneficial to all concerned.

Rotarians Guests;

Milt Smith - John Muir Foundation President - Walnut Creek and our speaker!

Guests of Rotarians;

Sara Brinbaum- Acalanes High School Student of the Month

Greeter Chris Lane with a great gift of a Cross Pen for raffle which was won by Charlie Vitalie! Chris filled in for Greg Vaisnor at the last minute.

Special recognition was given to Jay Lifson for his spectacular wine trip for the Russian Bakers. Included in their trip was an opportunity to blend a bottle of wine at a winery. A.C. Webb had an opportunity to go on the trip and left his bottle in the van, which he then had an opportunity to buy back at auction! Ed Searby was on the trip too, and was amazed at the program Jay had set up! Bob Shusta also thanked everyone for their participation in the program.

It seems that I have missed a couple of birthdays, but I must say that the list I have must not be accurate! Anyway when you do not make it to the meeting I seem to forget about it! Larry Duson, Mike Kearney, Tom Courtright, Dan Hoffman, and Sandi Mitchell this month added another year to their age and were all recognized. I am sorry I kept poor notes so I can not tell you what their fines were.

Highway Cleanup with Mike Henn was Saturday April 27th for those of you who missed it! Attendees were Tim Ward, Chris Lane, Paul Parkhurst, Mike Henn, Michael Heller and the kids, Tony and Amanda! It was nice seeing Mike who we have missed at our meetings. Thanks for your help!



The new Concert on the Rez poster was presented and A.C. and Larry Duson and Dick Holt are very busy getting the raffle part of the program going.

Our Student of the Month, Sara Brinbaum was presented by Alan Mac. It seems Sara is a very busy lady with several projects going at once. One is a program that will begin at Acalanes that will give the students another perspective on drinking, a growing school problem. She was presented with a check for \$50.00.

Our Speaker, Milt Smith is the President of the John Muir Medical Foundation, of which our own Bill Eames, is the Chairman of the Board. The foundation raises money for the Mt Diablo/John Muir hospital group for equipment and training, and at this time is planning a fund raising drive for a new hospital building project to comply with a 2008 deadline for earthquake safe buildings, particularly at the Mt Diablo Hospital facility in Concord. John Muir Hospital provides emergency and trauma services for the entire East Bay with over 43,000 visits last year and more to come! They are working on a toll free phone program to get patients to call before they come so operators can try to recommend alternative sources of help that may be more appropriate rather than tying up hospital emergency staff time. John Muir Hospital has been the recipient for the last two years of the Consumer Choice Award for the best overall quality and image in Alameda and Contra Costa County!

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

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:

MAY 2	CHARLIE VITALE - BUSINESS CONSULTANT
MAY 9	RON WAKE - DENTISTRY
MAY 16	TIMOTHY WARD - ARCHITECT

Birthdays

May 1	Jay Lifson
May 21	Chris Lane
May 28	Peggy Harbarth

Anniversaries

Wedding & Club

May 8	Ed Searby
May 16	Ron Wake