

# Rotations

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: LAST WEEK**

our program was thanks to the efforts of AC Webb. Vicki Carlson told us about the origin and activities of the Blue Star Moms. This group was formed after 9/11 in Contra Costa County and is a service organization that is a chapter of Blue Star Mothers of America that has been in existence since World war two. The Blue Star refers to a star on a Service Flag that indicates that this home has a son or daughter in the US armed forces. The group formed to allow mothers to share and deal with their concerns about their sons and daughters going into harm's way. They then set about putting together mail and packages of small items they could send to service people to improve their comfort and

**TODAYS SPEAKER:**  
**BOB KOCHLY**  
**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

raise their spirits. Vicki showed us samples of supplies, goodies and toys they had sent in their packages. Purchase and postage for these efforts added up to \$27,000 last year, with no outside fund raising. Vicki's husband, Ray Carlson is a retired police officer who has trained Iraqis for their police forces at a base in Jordan. He had been very impressed with the Iraqis courage and determination to take back their country from the terrorists. Altogether it was a fascinating program. Thank you AC. Ed Searby

### **MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DRIVER</b>	<b>SHOTGUN</b>
May 6	Ed Searby	Paul Parkhurst
May 13	Dick Holt	Alan Mac
May 20	Barry Toomajian	Paul Parkhurst
May 27	Bob Shusta	Bud Moulthrop

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

- May 8                    5:30-8:30 p.m.: farewell party for delegates at  
Adrian and Joan Mendes's home in Danville
- May 11                 Russian Bakers delegation departs
- May 21                 Concert at the Res

Greetings My Fellow Rotarians:

We are about to launch one of the most incredible Rotary years ever. You have the great fortune of participating in the last 6 months of our first 100 years. Then, the first 6 months of our second 100 years! Our mission is two-fold. First and foremost is to provide service in the local and international communities (making our world a better place) and second to enjoy the great fellowship that evolves amongst people who serve others. Our services enhance the lives of our neighbors and our positive fellowship (within) serves as the glue that cements our great organization. Be sure to have some fun along Rotary's way. I encourage each and every Centennial President, Assistant Governor and those of you who work at the Club and District levels to take the bold steps needed to bring about positive changes and improvements within District 5160. We have no room (nor time) for the "Care-Taker" style of management. I encourage each and every Rotary leader to take whatever steps are necessary to get out-in-front and "lead" your Club, Committee or Task Force. Successful leaders try new approaches and implement new ideas.



I believe the two most important challenges confronting us today are increasing our membership and raising money for The Rotary Foundation. Yes, those are old lines and you have heard them before. But, let me suggest a different approach or justification. We do not increase membership in order to achieve some statistical goal. Rather, the more Rotarians...the more hands we have to do the work. Tied to increases in membership is the direct effect of raising more funds. If our membership declines, so will our revenues. The

more funds we generate translates to more service projects that help improve our communities. My best experiences in Rotary have always occurred when I was working along side of a fellow Rotarian committed to a project in Venezuela or Mexico or my hometown. I encourage each of you to embrace the concept of working in the service of another person, helping make their life a little better. There is no cause more noble than helping others. That 's what Rotary is all about. Thank-you for the great work all of you do.

***Mike Garver***

***Centennial Governor 2004-2005***

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**Make Up Meeting** locations in the area, **MON.** 12:15 Danville-Brass Door  
**TUES.** 12:15 Moraga, Soda Center, **WED.** 12:00 Rossmoor Hillside Clubhouse  
**WED.** 12:15 Orinda-community center, **FRI.** 7AM Lamorinda-Postino's

**SCHEDULED GREETERS:**

<b>MAY 5</b>	<b>JUDY FRANCIS: INSURANCE</b>
<b>MAY 12</b>	<b>PAUL GRIESSEL: FINANCIAL PLANNING</b>
<b>MAY 19</b>	<b>JOHN HANSEN: SENIOR ACTIVE</b>

**BIRTHDAYS**

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Jay Lifson	5/1/2003
Chris Lane	5/21/2003
Peggy Harbarth	5/28/2003

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**WEDDING & CLUB**

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Ed Searby	5/8/2003
Ron Wake	5/16/2003

