

# Rotations

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## **President's Message: Mother's**

Day is this week and I am sure everyone in this country is thinking about that special gift or special message they will give their mother or wife or daughter who just gave them a grandchild! The Heller clan will gather at Sam's in Tiburon, the children, the grand children Joan and I, and of course my mother, basking in the glory of her "Family"

with her martini, looking at some of the prettiest skyline in the world. It is nice to have the chance to gather as we do but we also must remember the mothers and grandmothers that are suffering in the Middle East because of a war that appears to be unending and where so many people have senselessly died. You know that I continue to politicize events such as Mothers Day because television and the internet bring us all closer and although we have all been effected by 9-11 and everything that has happened after that we are not losing our history and our art and generations of stories as we saw in Bethlehem this last week. For the sake of mothers around the world I hope Sharon will sit down with Bush and Arafat and end this war! As a Rotarian I would ask, "Is it fair to all concerned?"

**TODAYS SPEAKER :**

**Bob Kochly**

Deputy District Attorney for Contra Costa County  
"the structure of our County's court system"

**Rotarian Guests:**

David Dickson - Utility Manager - Half Moon Bay

Tom Henry - Senior Active - San Francisco # 2

Jim Terril - HVAC - Lamorinda Sunrise

Rich Sjoberg - Senior Active - Orinda

Sue Adams - Realtor- Palms to Pines

**Guests of Rotarians:**

Joan Heller - Wife of President Michael

Charles Bensusen - Retired Physician - With Bob Shusta

Our greeter was Charlie Vitalie who gave an invocation!

David Dickson is currently the President of the Half Moon Bay Club and has taken a job in Lafayette with DIS, Inc., which means he may change clubs soon!!!!

Tom Henry has asked to join our club again as an honorary member! I think that can happen.

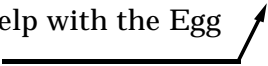
Charles Bensusen was here for the first time to take a look at our club. He is thinking about joining Rotary! Thank you Bob!

We had a couple of people who received special recognition for publications of their business's in local periodicals: Dale Turner in The Diablo Magazine with an advertisement about her Architectural practice and Prez Michael on the front page of the business section of the Chronicle, Tuesday April 30th. Dale was only charged \$5.00! Pres Heller on the other had had to talk his way down to \$50.00 and a lot of harassment!

The Highway was almost cleaned up! There still is a section of 24 East on the southern side that needs to be picked up. Dan Hoffman said he worked late on Saturday night fighting crime and writing reports! Alan Mac and Dick Holt forgot to show!! Paul Parkhurst? \$5.00 each!!!

Nifty Thrift the thrift store for Futures Explored/Alive is moving and will be accepting all donations at their new home at 3467 Golden Gate Way as of May 6th, 2002. You can also call them at 284-5237.

A.C. our President Elect presented Blue Badges to Dan Hoffman and Sandi Mitchell and President Michael gave them each a new Rotary Pin. Welcome aboard and thanks for all you have done so far to help our club. Chris Lane and Alan Mac sponsored "Officer Dan" who jumped in to help with the Egg



Scramble for Easter! Bob Aguilar met Sandi while selling raffle tickets for the BMW and brought her to a meeting. She was our chair for the going away party for the Russians and did a great job!

Paul Harris presentations were made to Tim Ward and A.C. Webb by Bob Ewen and Prez Michael. A.C. revealed his name never to repeated again; Alonzo Colombo Webb!!!

Bob Shusta passed around a picture of a fire truck we are bidding on and hopes we can get this project accomplished this year!!!

Larry Duson presented us with the posters for the concert and they sure looked great! He will pick up the raffle tickets and have them at Chris Lane's store for the club to pick up this week! The raffle is a Laptop Computer and a special package from the Lafayette Park Hotel!

Our speaker was Steve Falk, The Lafayette City Manager, who went over the city budget and planning issues for the next year. He showed us the new plans for the New Vet's Hall on Risa Road and Mt. Diablo which I must say is impressive. There will be a great room that can be broken down into two banquet rooms with a kitchen large enough to handle two large parties as well as a social room with "The Bar" for happy hour! The city has budgeted almost \$24 million for total expenditures to cover everything from repaving most of western Mt. Diablo and part of Deer Hill, to adding a full time Parking Enforcement Officer, changing signal lights to green LED, increasing library hours funding, election costs and more than I have time to write about here. You can visit the city offices if you need the details! Thank you Steve for filling in for Larry and for all you gave us.

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events!**

**May 14** The Board of Directors will meet at the Lafayette Park Hotel at noon in the Duck Club.

**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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**MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM DIRECTOR BOB UNDERWOOD**  
needs additional drivers to commit to the calendar now for our club's commitment. This means you meet at the Regional Trail parking lot at the corner of Pleasant Hill Road and Olympic Blvd no later than 10:15 a.m. and pick up the meals with Bob to be delivered! We will also need someone to help Bob when he has his knee surgery as he will not be able to participate at that time!!! **BOB UNDERWOOD 935-5572**

### **SCHEDULED GREETERS:**

<b>MAY 9</b>	<b>RON WAKE - DENTISTRY</b>
<b>MAY 16</b>	<b>TIMOTHY WARD - ARCHITECT</b>
<b>MAY 23</b>	<b>A. C. WEBB - INVESTMENT ADVISOR</b>

#### **Birthdays**

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<b>May 1</b>	<b>Jay Lifson</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Chris Lane</b>
<b>May 28</b>	<b>Peggy Harbarth</b>

#### **Anniversaries**

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#### **Wedding & Club**

<b>May 8</b>	<b>Ed Searby</b>
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Ron Wake</b>