

Rotations

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: LAST WEEK

our guest speaker was Contra Costa County District Attorney Robert Kochly. Introducing him was none other than our club member Sheriff Warren Rupf, who gave the DA a warm endorsement. There is nothing like a DA who can get convictions to gladden the heart of the County Sheriff. Kochly's subject was last week's successful conviction of Jemina Barreto for the hit-run killing of two children in Danville. He described the complex and exhaustive investigation into the automobile accident and the outpouring of sentiment surrounding the case, which led to the coming forward of key witnesses in the case. It was an interesting discussion that included details that most of us had not heard before. Saturday evening a Farewell Party for the Russian bakers was given at Adrian Mendes' home in Danville. A number of Rotarians from each of the participating clubs were there. Certificates were given to the Russians, a tree was planted in the Russian custom, and a good time was had by all. Bob Shusta announced the Russian bakers' request to celebrate VE (Victory in Europe) Day on Sunday May 8. That day has great meaning to Russians, who suffered more losses than any other country in World War II. Between combat deaths and starvation in combat areas, the Soviet Union lost approximately 20% of their total population. It was arranged for the Russians to lay flowers at the War Memorial Monument in Pleasant Hill. In a moving ceremony Sunday morning they did so, then gathered around and bowed their heads. Through Zina's translation they told us of the meaning of VE Day in Russia and how it is celebrated there. Most of their grandfathers had fought in that war. It is the one day each year when the red Soviet flag is draped from the largest building in every town and city across the former Soviet Union. After a few words from the legionnaires present, a bugler played Taps. Dick Holt is recovering from emergency abdominal surgery, and continues to take charge of the upcoming Concert at the Res on May 21. Dick, we pray your recovery continues to go well, and that the Concert is the greatest ever.

Ed Searby

CONCERT AT THE RES: SATURDAY MAY 21, 2005

TODAYS SPEAKER:

SCOTT TANDY

CHIEF ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

DATE	DRIVER	SHOTGUN
May 13	Dick Holt	Alan Mac
May 20	Barry Toomajian	Paul Parkhurst
May 27	Bob Shusta	Bud Moulthrop

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:

MAY 12	PAUL GRIESSEL: FINANCIAL PLANNING
MAY 19	JOHN HANSEN: SENIOR ACTIVE
MAY 26	PEGGY HARBARTH: SENIOR ACTIVE

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

WEDDING & CLUB

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

