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President's Message: I Just Got

back from the District Conference in Ashland, Oregon and for those of you who have gone to district conferences, and always wondered why they ever took the time to go, this was the best ever, and I am sorry you did not take the time to reward yourselves with such a great trip. Susan Wait and her team put together a program that highlighted all of our accomplishments, brought in terrific speakers, and gave us an opportunity to get together in a variety of venues to both stimulate and invigorate us so that we would go back to our clubs with a renewed spirit and fresh ideas to help our Rotary Clubs grow. Joan and I brought the youngest contingent and we met up with Bob and Midge for a great dinner and an evening of theater that my kids will never forget!! Susan put on a show that was organized like a Hollywood production, planned and choreographed with a precise agenda and spirit that kept us all at attention. The youth exchange students were presented and Alina gave a speech that summed up everyone's feelings about their visit to America. These young adults have had the year of a lifetime and have matured dramatically in this past year. She spoke about all the places they have been and expressed her love for her host families. Steven Lee from Perth, Australia, a former exchange student to Japan, spoke about his life and how he started the Rotary Club of West Perth. He told a powerful story of his growth and why

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TODAYS SPEAKER :
Paul Fisher
Former District Governor
"Rotoplast"

he is a Rotarian. We also went to a desert party and met "Paul Harris" and had swing dance instruction. We went on a Backstage Tour and heard great music from Jazz to piano to Bagpipes! You missed it all! I am quickly approaching the end of my year, but in order to keep it all going next year we need to get out the word on the " Concert at the RES" these next two weeks to insure a good financial start for A.C. and his team! This past weekend we all shared the past. Now we must shape the future!

The greeter of the day was Tim Ward who had a few words from Charles Gordy, "A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks!"

Visiting Rotarians;

Tom Henry - Senior Active - San Francisco #2
John Moulthrop - Auto Repair - Clayton Sunrise
Dr. Ron Light - Orthodontist - Concord

Guests of Rotarians;

Jerry Compton - Credit Card Business - Chris Lane
Tim Mckinley - Attorney - Bob Shusta
Mr.. George Blodgett - Retired - Larry Blodgett

Ed Searby and Ron Wake were recognized for their years of marriage!

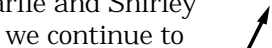
Larry Blodgett had a program for us, Dr. Otis Paul who is involved with Rotary's "Rotovision" project, but he did not attend, so this meeting became a "Club Assembly".

Currently we are at 51 members with 3 prospective members who will join our club soon!

Treasurer Laura O'Donaghue prepared a brief balance of our accounts which I passed out, and the news was not good. Our bank balance as of May 14, was \$1999.85. Obviously there were a few questions about where we are today, and it appear obvious we need to do a great job on the "Concert", to finish the year and get A.C.'s year started!

We now own a fire truck a 1976 GMC E-One Midi-Pumper, a 2 door, 3 man cab beauty that Bob Shusta has worked on for the last two years. We gave our initial deposit of \$6000.00 to the sales company and the district and Rotary International will come up with matching funds for a total of \$24,000 dollars to complete the project. There are tentative plans to go to Mexico with the fire truck and deliver it to the Village of Guadeloupe June 20, 21. We would like some volunteers to accompany the truck to the village and meet the Rotarians there!

The morning of the 16th Contact Care had their 30 year celebration with a breakfast at Scott's in Walnut Creek. The Rotary Club was represented by Pres Heller and A. C. Webb. Also in attendance was Dick Holt, his wife Robin, and Charlie and Shirley Vitale. We gave Contact Care \$1000.00 this past year and I hope we continue to



support them in any way possible. They are always looking for volunteers to answer the phones if you are interested.

We passed out some signups for various jobs for the "Concert." If you are not on a list somewhere with a job for that week I am sure someone is going to grab you and ask for your help. If you do not have an assignment, the day of the event we will need people serving food and selling raffle tickets, so if nothing else please mark your calendars and be there to help. Dick Holt has been meeting with the schools and has a fabulous program for us!

Ray Bland passed around a signup for the debunking at Uncle Yu's on June 6th. Just a reminder there will be no meeting that day as the event is the meeting that evening.

Larry Blodgett told us some good news and gave \$50.00 for recognition. Larry last week was honored by the Chamber of Commences of the county as the best small business! His son Spencer hit a home run out of the park and was written up in the CC Sun. I know from George that he is also an excellent golfer who has hit an eagle already! Larry, I wonder if he can sell floor coverings too!

By the way your President has paid more in fines this year than anyone. According to Laura's report the last count was \$177.00, and another \$5.00 was added for a picture Bob passed around of me at my pool! This has been an expensive year to be president!

The Meals on Wheels Calendar for 2002-2003 was handed out and as you can see we need at least five more drivers. Of special note is that Bob Underwood who has been the chair of this event is in desperate need of help because he needs another knee operation and will not be available during his rehab. There was a notice in last weeks bulletin asking for help!

Tim Ward our greeter donated a raffle prize of a gift certificate from Baskin - Robins for \$10.00. Bob Ewen was the recipient!

Peggy our raffle chair won a free lunch from the raffle again!

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

June 1st. CONCERT AT THE RES - Dick Holt and A.C. Webb are the program chairs. This is our big fundraiser. Lets support them and our club and our community!!!!!!

June 6th. The Debunking of Pres Heller and the introduction of the new Board! Uncle Yu's Cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. There will be no meeting that day!!!

June 22-23. The Relay for Life with the American Cancer Society. Diablo Foods is sponsoring a team.

July 1st. A.C. Webb is your new president!

July 15 -21. Rotary week at Eagle Lake with Bob Aguilar. Contact him at 283-7379 for reservations. He promised great fishing with a pro, and a wonderful time for all!!!

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SCHEDULED GREETERS:

MAY 23	A. C. WEBB - INVESTMENT ADVISOR
MAY 30	DAN HOFFMAN - LAW ENFORCEMENT
JUNE 6	SANDI MITCHELL - REALTOR

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries Wedding & Club

May 8	Ed Searby
May 16	Ron Wake