

# Rotations

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## **President's Message: Rotary Is**

made up of a variety of professional people who participate in a variety of ways with pride and passion for the good of others. What a concept!!! People, pride, participation, professionalism, passion are five great "P's" that describe what we are and what we do. This is the essence of a speech we heard in Ashland at the District Conference by a young man who had just started a new club in Perth Australia and had been a Rotary Exchange Student when he was a youngster, just a few years ago. He told us about what his impressions were when he went to Rotary meetings, both in his home town and in Japan, when he stayed with his host family. We are an exciting group of people who give of ourselves and share our experiences when we work together. I know I can not work for Ed Stokes at his wonderful supermarket, but I can work with him and appreciated his talents when we do events like the Concert on the REZ! His professionalism, passion, pride and participation are

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**TODAYS SPEAKER :**  
**The Debunkers**  
**"The Heller Debunking"**

what help make this a great club. Each of us bring to the club different experiences, and it is up to us to utilize our time in Rotary for the good of others. This young man spoke of how when he went to meetings until he was an "insider" no one would speak to him. He wasn't one of the good old boys! He was too young. Look around our club and maybe you will see these same problems with our members. Let's utilize our talents and professionalism and pride and passion and invite a merchant or a business associate or a friend to a free lunch and you never know, they may become your best friend!! You can pass on the gift you were given, an introduction to one of the greatest organizations in the world, Rotary!

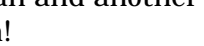
The Concert on the Rez was terrific and we have everyone who participated to thank. DICK HOLT and A.C. WEBB helped in a lot of what happened there; the program, the advertising, and the organization of all the pieces. Dick was the M.C. extraordinaire and Tim Ward got us organized by getting the crew and the stage there on time along with Ed Searby etc. Tim McKinley a new member got in there with the cooking along with Angela, Tony, Chris, Amanda and Ron. Ed Stokes donated the goodies including the best ice cream and a chest to keep it in from his friends at Dreyer's. Laura, Sandi, Larry, and Paulette kept our raffle going, and a lot of others just were there to help in any way possible. What a great program and what a lot of work, all worth it when you see the benefits to our community. John Coleman spoke to us about the need for a coalition of organizations to help fund and build a permanent stage where we and EBMUD could utilize the stage, along with the people of Lamorinda. He suggested we could get matching funds if we did it right!!! Lets make it a goal for the year to get the schools, the homeowners associations, the cities, and other civic groups together to fund and build it as our community project for the year 2002-2003!! EBMUD would also be able to rent out the area and stage for other concerts, weddings, parties, etc. which would bring more people through our town, a wonderful benefit to our merchants. I was thinking we could publish a booklet of merchants that might be recommended for services for EBMUD and a map of our members business's!

**Rotarian Guests;**

Mario Roberti - Attorney- Energy - Incline Village, NV.

**Greeter;**

Chris Lane of Contra Costa Stationary for Dan the policeman and another great gift of a special pen and some special words of wisdom!



Alina told us about her weekend with Masha Hapenkova a youth exchange student from Lamorinda who came back to America from Russia and just graduated from St Mary' College May 25th. She has been staying with a family from Moraga Rotary!

Happy Birthday was sung to Larry Blodgett at the Concert on the Rez which was actually June 2nd. Last year our program was on his special day!

Prez Michael confessed that he was driving a new car that he got a special deal on because of his numerous sales and donated \$50.00 toward Laura O'Donaghue's Paul Harris!

Bob Shusta is looking for members for a delegation to go to Mexico to deliver our Fire Engine. The tentative time is during the week of June 16th. He will confirm the date when he gets back from his vacation with Midge!!

Bill Clarkson, a past president of the San Ramon club gave us a very moving and informative speech about the Raising of the Flag at Iwo Jima. Six young men were part of the team that crossed the valley and climbed the mountain, raising the flag as a symbol of solidarity and accomplishment in those great battles that took place trying to defeat the Japanese. Three of those men survived the war and Bill told us their tale with passion and a perspective I do not remember reading about. The survivors were used by the U.S. government to help sell war bonds and promote the war. Our biggest losses in one day occurred at that base of that mountain those men conquered!

Bob Underwood still needs drivers on Friday's for Meals on Wheels. Please sign up as soon as possible. This is for the calendar year 2002-2003! Thank you!!!

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events!**

**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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**The Board meeting is June 11th, at the "Park", at noon!  
Thanks, Prez Michael**

**SCHEDULED GREETERS:**

**JUNE 6                      UNCLE YU'S DEBUNKING**  
**JUNE 13                     SANDI MITCHELL - REALTOR**

**Birthdays**

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**June 2     Larry Blodgett**  
**June 4     Tom Cogburn**  
**June 11    Roy Swedin**  
**June 13    T. Ray Bland**  
**June 14    Jerry Jensen**  
**June 15    Bill Eames**  
**June 18    Bob Shusta**  
**June 19    Mel Nielsen**

**Anniversaries**  
**Wedding & Club**

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**June 6            Aaron Pingree**  
**June 9            A.C. Webb**  
**June 21          Roy Swedin**  
**June 26          T. Ray Bland**