

Rotations

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President's Message: Father's Day

came and what a wonderful day that was with the family sitting around the brunch table while I served waffles and fruit and eggs and sausages and champagne. We were sitting out by the pool and you would have thought we were in a resort but no, just in semi-rural Lafayette! After reading my cards and opening presents the best was yet to come with Alina and her mother Olga, her father Ibadulla and her brother Tigre as guests for our pool party! Bob Shusta and Midge came with one of her creations from Baskin-Robbins to celebrate, and there were a bunch more folks there to enjoy the rest of the day! With Alina's father Ibadulla here, the day seemed extra special, because we had been Alina's host father and mother, and here Ibadulla was with his family thousands of miles from home in Ekaterinburg on our great "Hallmark Holiday!" We were brought together by a great program that Rotary created, the exchange of youth from one country to another in order to give young people an opportunity to learn another language and culture. Soon Joan and I will have to plan our trip to Russia as we now have a standing invitation to visit and tour with Ibadulla all the cities where we have Russian bakers that were our guests.

TODAYS SPEAKER :

Paul Fisher

Former District Governor

"Rotoplast"

Visiting Rotarians:

Rich Sjoberg - Senior Active - Orinda

Don Reichert - Forensics - Lamorinda Sunrise

Ibadulla Sabatalov - Past President, Baker - Ekaterinburg, Russia

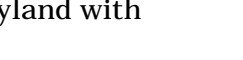
We had a little singing for our birthday boys, Ray Bland June 13, Bill Ames June 15, and Bob Shusta June 18. Ray came to our meeting on his great day, and announced he can now collect social security along with Bill Ames and Bob is just a year away!!! WE are not getting any younger are we!

There was a newspaper clipping brought in about Dick Holt as the number one seller in his office at Caldwell Banker in the month of May. What a job he did, selling all those houses and helping us with our Concert on the REZ. I tip my hat to him for a job well done. The economy was also flourishing in the auto business as I was the top seller at Concord BMW in May! I hope when we finally finish the count our Concert was also the most successful yet. It appears to be looking like we came out ahead of last year. The final tally will be announced next week.

I passed out a flyer about the Lafayette Park Hotel bartender competition for the best martini in the East Bay. That was for Monday the 17th. I hope some of you were able to show up! The benefit was for Project Second Chance, a Contra Costa adult reading program.

Alina told us about her shopping trip to San Francisco and her weekend by the pool relaxing and getting ready for graduation from Acalanes. Alina also spent time with Cynthia her friend from Colombia who is a guest of the Lamorinda club. We met Alina's family; her step mother Olga, her brother Tigre, and her father Ibadulla. Ibadulla brought us special greetings from Ekaterinburg, as did Sharon Tennison who Ibadulla got to meet with in Ekaterinburg before leaving on his trip to America.

The Fire Engine project has hit a big bump in the road because Rotary International did not approve the purchase, and claimed our request was not completed in time for R.I. Board approval. We had an emergency Board meeting following our June 13th meeting to discuss the situation. With several Board members out of town, Bob Shusta is in Disneyland with Alina's family, A.C. is in Barcelona attending the Rotary



Convention, we needed a little more time to get it all together! We will make a decision and then report back to the Club our recommendation by June 27th.

Our speaker was LARRY BLODGETT, who is not only a business owner in town, but somehow finds the time to spend his extra hours on the Design Review Board. It seems that Ann Denny first got him on the Board for the Lafayette Chamber, and then suggested he might also use his talents by volunteering a “FEW” spare hours helping our city as a member of the Design Review Board. Larry is an architect so his application was immediately approved! He gave us quite a lesson about his volunteer job, and believe me, I do not know where he finds the time to do all that is required for the Design Review Board, with bundles of papers needed for each application, and hours of discussion at late night meetings to finalize and approve or reject plans for our city! Larry informed us that any structures in Lafayette built by the State on school property are exempt from any design review by his Board or any other city agency. You would think that with all the volunteer time that Larry puts in for the Design Review Board that he would have been given a “pass” on a project at his business, Blodgett’s Carpet and Floor Covering, recently. However, Larry told us that he was required to file an application and jump through all the hoops just like an other applicant, just to replace an existing sign on his building! Larry you really are something, and we thank you for telling us about this aspect of your life. Where do you get the time for all you do????

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

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:

JUNE 20 BOB AGUILAR - MANUFACTURE'S REPRESENTATIVE

JUNE 27 JOHN BAILEY - SENIOR ACTIVE

Birthdays

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

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