

# Rotations

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: LAST WEEKS**

program was brought to you by Jay Lifson; director of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and Jess Wellen; The Lafayette Car Wash. Jay who had worked for Jeff Dudam and helped open Bing Crosby's was obviously excited to bring Jeff to the club, but Jess had hired Jeff at the car wash many years ago as a salesman writing orders in the driveway and knew a lot about the future restaurateur, so he introduced him! It seems Jeff was the best order taker Jess ever had and was recognized for his abilities at that time. His persistence, creativity, and intensity, were the foundation of his current success. Jeff is a local graduate of our schools in Lamorinda and went to college in Chico in restaurant management where he received his degree. Returning to the area he eventually opened and sold several restaurants, improving his formula with each adventure; Twist, Slates, Echo, and Havana. Through a connection with his family he developed a relationship with Willie McCovey and asked him if he might use his name to develop a theme restaurant involving the McCovey name. It seems that his family had a memorabilia room filled with sports valuables that always sparked Jeff's interest. He then made contact with the Crosby family and discussed with Kathy Crosby the concept that is now known as Bing's. The Crosby family has a direct connection with the

**TODAY'S SPEAKER:**  
**MIKE KEARNEY**  
**OWNER OF THE NUT FACTORY**

restaurant and helps bring business to town. The business is now Dudum Sports and Entertainment which he just announced has partnered with Tom Gonzales formerly with Commerce One, to develop several groups of concepts they are now working on, and bring their business nationwide. In San Francisco, they have broken ground on the first DiMaggio's and is working with Chris Weber on another concept Courtside in Sacramento. Also he is talking to Carlos Santana about partnering with him on a high end Mexican venue. Jeff also had a local connection with our city manager, Steve Falk, when he had time to play basketball and says he remembers those times as a great break in his schedule, something he has no time for with all he is doing. For those of you who did not come, he did not bring samples! The Dudum Sports group sent five trucks filled with donations to New Orleans and is now working on a plan to bring eleven families to this area and provide housing, cash and assistance for a year in their quest to help with the relocation efforts of so many displaced people. Jeff appreciates his success and wants to give back wherever he can. M. Heller

**Guests of Rotary;**

Ron Light - Concord Rotary

Steve Paddock- Orinda Rotary

**Guests of Rotarians;**

Teresa Wellen - The better half of the Wellen family!

Michelle Grijalva- Works with Jason Wong at his office in Orinda

Bill Condon - a neighbor of Mike Kearney and Mike's driver for the day!!!

**Fines and Announcements;**

Mike Heller helped recognize President Ed for not wearing his badge announcing the Rotary District Conference October 21, and 22nd. That cost him \$5.00. For his part President Ed did ask us to remember those who were facing the potential of disaster from Hurricane Rita and give where we could to help with the recovery! Jay Lifson announced there are Jazz Concerts in the park in central Lafayette the next two Friday nights from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. These are local Jazz artist and students working together and sponsored by local business. He is also doing a Katrina raffle collection at that event!!!!

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE;  
OCTOBER 21, 22, 2005 CONCORD HILTON HOTEL**

Registration is limited so now is the time. The theme is Cave Man and Rain Man. President Ed will be hosting a hospitality suite for our club. Let's make it a party!!



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**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:**

<b>SEPTEMBER 29</b>	<b>DALE TURNER: ARCHITECT-RESIDENTIAL</b>
<b>OCTOBER 6</b>	<b>GREG VAISNOR: CPA TAXATION</b>
<b>OCTOBER 13</b>	<b>CHARLES VITALE: SENIOR ACTIVE</b>

**BIRTHDAYS**

Richard Holt	9/11/2005
Robert Ewen	9/23/2005

**ANNIVERSARIES WEDDING & CLUB**

Douglas Johnson	9/1/2005
Sandi Mitchell	9/2/2005
Robert Aguilar	9/7/2005
Milton Bruzzzone	9/10/2005
Robert Ewen	9/15/2005