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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: I READ AN

article in the newspaper about how everyone was sending their contributions to New York and were neglecting their local charities to whom they always sent money. In Lafayette there seems to be a better sense of community as we saw with the Art and Wine Festival attendance at 65,000 and our BMW car raffle doing so good only five weeks into our drive, to sell over 500 tickets. I understand over 100 tickets were sold at Ed Stokes' Diablo Foods this past weekend! A.C.Webb tells me he had customers thanking him for the opportunity to participate in a Lafayette Rotary project, by buying a raffle ticket. It is by shopping in Lafayette we can get to meet prospective members and spread the excitement of Rotary. We already have great members and support in our city, from Orchard Nursery, to City Hall, to Baskin Robbins Ice Cream, to Blodgetts Floor Coverings, to the Round-UP and everyone in between. I was in the Lafayette Book Store to meet Dave Simpson and it occurred to me that we have been buying books from him for three years and no one asked him to come to a meeting. When we "Shop Lafayette" let's look for new members where we can. It can be beneficial to all concerned.

TODAYS SPEAKER :

DICK HOLT

CONCERT AT THE RES PRESENTATIONS

Guest of Rotarians

Jessie Wellen, The Lafayette Car Wash, guest of A.C. Webb
Victor Georgiou, from Danville

Larry Blodgett told a story about catching Prez Michael in his rose garden in his bikini pruning and trimming when Larry was their for the Board Meeting. It seems that Pres Michael did not notify Larry's Palm Pilot about the change of dates for the meeting. Da Prez is still learning to get connected with this modern world.

We inducted two new members to our club this week;
Michael Robertson, the V.P of California Insurance Center, married and a member of our community all his life. He sees joining Rotary as a better way to get connected to the community that he lives in! Mike has been a Sergeant at Arms since July. Please introduce yourself if you have not yet!!

Mike Kearney from the Nut Factory is well known to many, particularly in the Chamber of Commerce. His fresh nut products are the best and are roasted here in Lafayette and shipped all over the country. He and his wife live in Moraga and have always done their best to contribute to our town. Mike is retiring from his job so he can devote more time to the Nut Factory and so he can participate in Rotary. Mike also provided a nice Halloween basket for our raffle!


Speaking of raffles, Peggy won the raffle for another lunch. Pres Michael also donated another BMW hat for the future driver of our BMW raffle winner. Remember, it is the greeters duty to bring a raffle prize to the meeting. Let's get something that is from your company's so you can share your products!

Moraga Rotary sponsored the circus and over 4,000 people attended the shows. Bob Aguilar and Prez Michael sold 23 tickets for the BMW raffle in a couple of hours and met a lot of people asking about "Rotary".

We got special recognition this past week at the Chamber Mixer with our BMW prominently displayed in front of West America Bank during which many tickets were sold and we got to announce our raffle donation of a free test drive for one week-end of a Z-3. Sonia Chilingirian of Sonia's Beauty Salon won it. You know, she could be a great prospective member! If you haven't met her she is having a Halloween Celebration at her shop at 950 Hough Ave., October 31st from 4 pm to 8 pm.

Bill Spalding, past District Governor bought lunch for the Board last Tuesday at the Lafayette Park Hotel. It seems he is a regular there. If you know him please let him know we appreciate it!

Larry Blodgett announced there was at least three foursomes for his Springhill



School Golf Tournament. Rotary was there in force.

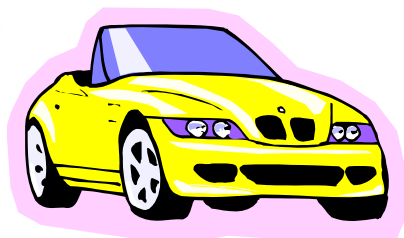
Our Speaker Program has been getting better and better; Thank you Larry Blodgett. This week David Messandro and John Drath took about thirty minutes to mesmerize us and demonstrate different types of Martial Art, from Muay Thai to Jun Fan, Kali/ Escrima, Grappling and other forms of fighting demonstrating discipline, mind set, physical control and respect and taking our breath away!!! For those of you who missed this stunning demonstration we will try to have them back for another program. John works with children at Oakwood Health Club starting at the age of four and showed his patience and excitement about their growth and self confidence as they learned the disciplines and moves. We saw how to disarm someone with a knife or a stick with the proper hand and body moves. David has trained with Bruce Lee's trainer in Los Angeles as has some professional experience.

Events and Dates to Remember



The car raffle cont...**September 1,
2001 to December 12, 2001**

Lafayette Res cont...
October 28 8:00 am Start Time



November 1, 2001 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Mike Kearney and the Nut Factory will be celebrating 50 year in business with mulled cider and a wide variety of gourmet food to sample, including THE BEST CHOCOLATES! Also you can order on his web site at www.theoriginalnutfactory.com.

November 2, 2001 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm Tom Courtwright of Orchard Nursery is hosting a Holiday Spectacular along with the Lafayette Soroptomist Club. We will have our BMW there to sell tickets and have a great party with food and raffle prizes.

December 13, 2001 The District Governor, Susan Wait will visit our club and be our program. It would be great if we could have some Paul Harris awards at that meeting!

December 20, 2001 The Holiday Party will be held at the Lafayette Park Hotel again starting at 11:30 am. There will be more good news soon.

January 13 and 14, 2002 - The Reno Trip is coming up again. Charlie Vitale will be the chair. All reservations must be in by December 1st. The cost is \$195.00 single and \$185.00 double and suites for \$300.00

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SCHEDULED GREETERS:

OCTOBER 18	PEGGY HARBARTH - PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
OCTOBER 25	MIKE HENN - CITY PLANNING
NOVEMBER 1	DICK HOLT - REALTOR
NOVEMBER 8	JERRY HOMAN - SENIOR ACTIVE / TEACHER
NOVEMBER 15	JERRY JENSEN - DENTISTRY

BIRTHDAYS

September 25 Aaron Pingree
October 15 Milt Bruzzone
October 30 Bob Underwood



ANNIVERSARIES WEDDING & CLUB

September 10 Milt Bruzzone
September 15 Bob Ewen