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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: WITH ALL

that has happened the last couple of months, this year the Thanksgiving Holiday will have a special meaning for many families around the world. Rotary members have always been committed to the causes of world Peace and Friendship. As we celebrate with our families and friends remember the thousands of people in Afghanistan and our soldiers there too, and give thanks for the Peace and abundance we enjoy in this country. When we sit at our table on November 22, we will have four generations enjoying our meal. How rich we are to have such an opportunity to share as a family when many families can not. We are thankful and we wish the best to all of you!

TODAYS SPEAKER :

KATIE MANNING

“POSTURE FOR BETTER HEALTH”

Rotarian Visitors;

Dr. Ron Light, Orthodontist, Concord Club
John Maas, Dentist, Minden Nevada
Rich Sjoberg, Contruction, Orinda
Ken Manning, Retired, Rossmoor
Alan Fraser, S.A. Berkeley
Rudy Reich, Mfg Consulting, Orinda

We had a quartet of orthodontists attempt to recite the Four Way Test and we all believed after they completed their attempts we needed and optometrist. Thank you Ron Light, Jack Hanson, John Maas and Ron Wake for that moment of humor.

Guests of Rotarians;

Midge Shusta was a guest of Indu Paul from Baskin Robins. Indu is so lucky to have Midge make all those wonderful cakes they sell there! Alina told us about her visit to a Chinese restaurant. It was her first time in one in this country.

Ken Manning shared with us his secrets to building a club by handing out his personal invitation card for a free lunch at his club. I have one in my wallet from him too! Last year he brought in twenty three new members to Rossmoor!


Thank you Jerry Homan for being a good sport and buying a bag of cashews from the Nut Factory for a raffle prize! When you are the greeter you are expected to bring a raffle prize. I have more cashews for sale from the Nut Factory!!!

Tom Courtright was asked to send a plant and a note to Barry Toomajian, as his wife is in the hospital suffering from a stroke. We also asked big Tom to send a plant to Mel Nielsen's wife as she also is still in the hospital.

We are collecting blankets and sleeping bags etc for the homeless shelter and this year Bud Moulthrop was the first to load up my trunk. If I remember, last year he was the first one also. Thanks, Bud!

Larry Duson gave us the up-date on the Raffle which I must say is looking better every day. We are at about 825 tickets sold as of the last week and lots of enthusiasm for the remaining ones. Let's get this done as soon as possible, please! Good Job, Larry and Paulett for keeping us in the loop on the count!

Our program was filled by TOM COURTRIGHT OF ORCHARD NURSERY OF LAFAYETTE!!!!!! From his fathers knee to Lafayette, we heard the story of someone who has many roots in the business. The family started in Berkeley having bought a nursery from a Japanese family that was being sent to an



internment camp. From that location Tom broke into the business delivering all around Oakland and Berkeley. He finally had a chance to buy "Orchard" in 1972. The original store was actually on what is now the freeway which is why the store faces north, with the rear being on Mt. Diablo Blvd. Tom has over four acres of just about anything you could want in your yard from fountains to plants to yard furniture to pottery. Obviously his love is plants as he showed us how bulbs grow from the inside out. He cut open some bulbs and showed us the flower growing inside. Tom's enthusiasm is infectious and his contributions to Lafayette have been numerous over almost thirty years in business. This year he has a wonderful animal display and the best Christmas tree decorations anywhere. **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!**

We have twins on November 16th. It's Ed Searby and Greg Vaisnor as the birthday boys to be honored. Birthdays upcoming; On November 20th is Ed Stokes, November 21 is Steve Falk, and November 23rd is Charlie Vatalie.

The Russians Are Coming - Again!

Our Club, for the 6th time, will be hosting a delegation of Russian bakers as part of the Center for Citizen Initiatives, Productivity Enhancement Program. Our Club will be hosting in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Clayton Valley-Concord Sunrise and Walnut Creek. The delegation arrives April 2nd and departs April 23rd - 3 weeks. Our Club will host the last week from Tuesday, April 16th at 5 p.m. to the morning of April 23rd, when they depart from SFO. We need to provide 6 home hosts with 2 Russians per host family. Bob Shusta will act as our Club Chairman for the project and he will be looking for members to chair the following positions within our Club: home hosts, transportation, socials, and site-seeing. Paul Parkhurst has already agreed to be logistics chairman and Jerry Homan training chairman. More to come!

January 2,2002 The Rotary Presidential Dinner with R.I.President Rick King and Cherie, at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose and rooms that night at a reduced rate. See Pres Michael for details.

January 13, 14 The annual East Bay Reno Train Trip. All registrations must be in by December 1.

February 2002 The Rotary Club of Salt Lake has a Bed and Breakfast program for Rotarians who would like to attend the Olympics. Their Web Site is www.secretary.org/oly.

May 17-19 The District Conference in Ashland Oregon

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SCHEDULED GREETERS:

NOVEMBER 15	JERRY JENSEN - DENTISTRY
NOVEMBER 29	DOUG JOHNSON - NEWSPAPER DISTRIBUTION
DECEMBER 6	KEARNEY - NUT ROASTING & SALES

BIRTHDAYS

November 21	Steven Falk
November 30	Paul Parkhurst
November 16	Ed Searby
November 20	Ed Stokes
November 16	Greg Vaisnor
November 23	Charles Vitale

ANNIVERSARIES WEDDING & CLUB

November 12	Steven Falk
November 26	Michael Henn
November 3	Richard Holt
November 14	Bill Mc Cabe
November 11	Jay Strauss