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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

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Searby rang the bell at 12:48 and gave the thought for the day! He then told us about the Rotary meeting he attended in Moraga on the 29th of November where Past Rotary International President Cliff Doberman 1985-1986, and Past Rotary International President Richard King 2000-2001, talked about the history of Rotary's Polio Plus program. The whole thing started in Cliff's year as president and during Richard's year they collected over 240 million dollars. Rotary still has a way to go however, with at least a half of a dozen countries showing outbreaks of polio, with many of these cases in remote areas. It was hoped that polio would be eradicated by this year but hopes are fading. A.J. Nisen from Bank of America Mortgage Company was a guest for the second time! Bob Aguilar announced his grandson is graduating from high school in January and will be going to NASCAR School for three years to become a mechanic. Bill Eames announced his granddaughter is going to med school. Big \$\$\$ \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Judy Francis is being recognized with a full pictorial story in Diablo Magazine! Polly Bernson, Barry Toomajian and Charlie Vitalie all announced grand children being born. Charlie said his ninth arrived on the 4th of July followed by his first great grand child. I heard there were

TODAY'S SPEAKER:

JONATHAN MARTIN

SAKLAN VALLEY SCHOOL

"C"notes being tossed around. Charlie also told us about his golf trips, a new job or two and his 16th wedding anniversary to Shirley. That's great! Michael Heller is now married to Joan Heller for 32 years and gave \$64.00 for there years together. He sure got lucky! Mike Kearney sold his home of 20 years in Lake Tahoe and celebrated with a \$20.00 donation. Our speaker was Danil Naumov, a Russian exchange student, attending Acalanes High School in his junior year. He spoke with great enthusiasm about our country, our weather, girls, school hours, shopping, automobiles, the big houses and our athletic programs. He is from the town of Pont, a port city on the Baltic that dates back to 1225 ad. 76% of the oil shipped out of there goes to the United States. 95% of the worlds supply of amber comes from Pont. There are no cars but public transportation is better than here. The drinking and driving age is 18 but since there are no cars, everybody drinks..... The average income is about \$200.00 per month. 95% if the people live in apartments that are two, three or four rooms, and that is it! No one has homes like we do in Lafayette, much less private bedrooms and bathrooms!!!!!!! In school everyone cheats and no one snitches. The are no school teams and the soccer field is a rough patch of dirt. In school there is no lunch hour with children attending school six days a week and completing their education by the 11th grade. You either pass ridged test to complete high school or you can not get a job or go into the army or go to college. They do not have swimming pools or health clubs like Oakwood!!! John Nickerson said Danil is taking advanced math and science courses. He is very bright and finds our schools too easy. Danil is staying with a family in Lafayette but is not affiliated with Rotary! Larry Blodgett- President of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce invited us to the Chamber Holiday Mixer; Wednesday December 14th ; starting 5:30 p.m., at Washington Mutual Home Loan, 3390 Mt. Diablo Blvd. This is the chambers biggest and best event. You can bring a raffle prize if you want. The Rotary Holiday Party is December 15th at the new Veterans Hall on Mt Diablo Blvd starting at 11:30 a.m. We are looking for auction items for our great auctioneer ALAN MAC to do his thing. We will start with cocktails followed by lunch, a musical program and then the auction!

M. Heller



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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:

DECEMBER 15 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY @ NEW VETERAN'S HALL
DECEMBER 22 NO MEETING: HAPPY HOLIDAYS
DECEMBER 29 NO MEETING: HAPPY HOLIDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

Michael Heller 12/19/2005

ANNIVERSARIES WEDDING & CLUB

Michael Heller 12/1/2005

Polly Bernson 12/18/2005

Jesse Wellen 12/29/2005