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President's Message: We Have

all heard the saying "What a difference a day makes." and on September 11th for the world everything changed in ways we still can not count. I recently read an article by Laura Lancaster in which she lists 25 ways we're different this Christmas and I thought I would share a few of them.

"Last Christmas we were thinking about all the things we didn't have; this Christmas we are thinking about all the things we do have. Last Christmas we were letting our sons play with toy guns; this Christmas we are teaching them that guns are not toys. Last Christmas we were counting our money; this Christmas we are counting our blessings. Last Christmas we thought angels were in heaven; this Christmas we know some are right here on earth. Last Christmas "peace on earth" is something we prayed for on Sunday mornings; now it is something we pray for every day."

TODAYS SPEAKER : Christmas Luncheon

"SEASONS GREETINGS"

Visiting Rotarians;

Rich Sjoberg - construction consultant - Orinda

Phil Eyring - Real Estate Exchange - Walnut Creek

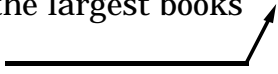
Bob Kantor - C.P.A. - Orinda

The last three months our club worked very hard to promote Rotary in our community through the sale of our raffle tickets and we did a fantastic job selling all 1000 tickets before the December 12 deadline. The winner of the BMW Z-3 is Walt Prowell of Lafayette a member of the Lamorinda Sunrise Club who bought his ticket from our roving salesperson Bob Shusta. Walt was not available to get the car on December 12 because he was doing a make-up meeting! He will pick up the car at Concord BMW on December 23 when he gets back from his cruise. I want you to know he forgot he bought the ticket and he only bought it to help out Rotary!

A special note of thanks to the recipients of the BMW Z-3 free weekend; Bob Aguilar, Bob Shusta, ED Stokes; Diablo Foods, Larry Duson; United California Bank, Mike Kearney; The Nut Factory, Larry Blodgett; Blodgett Floor Coverings.

Sandi Mitchell is a new member who joined our club this past week with Bob Aguilar as her sponsor! Sandi has spent many years working in our community and participating in various organizations to help other people. She knows what the meaning of Service Above Self and works hard daily to do her best and she cares about people! Sandi is a realtor estate consultant with Pacific Union in Lafayette. Welcome Sandi!!!

Laura O'Donaghue our Club treasurer and Lafayette Librarian filled us in on what is happening with our library. First of all we will have a new library at the Veterans Hall site in another four or five years! The library has a lot going on right now; a web site www.qandacafe.com, a source of information for everyone to access by computer, also known as Q and A Cafe, a librarian information site lii.org; the largest books



on tape collection, the largest video collection, and a grown network of internet work stations.

We are fortunate to have such wonderful programs available here, and we at Rotary are doing our best support them.

We also heard from three other members as part of our program for the day. Charlie Vitalie gave us a little history of his life. He is from Chelsea, Mass. and came to California after college to work for Del Monte Foods in San Francisco where he spent 25 years. He retired from there, divorced his first wife and then became a consultant. After marrying Shirley he ended up becoming the computer consultant for her business Lamorinda Press. They sold that in 1996 and retired to a life of volunteer work, grandchildren and golf!

Tom Cogburn a native of our area went to Palmer School and Acalanes before going of to college. He ended up in the real estate development business and and his own company Pacific Properties. In 1999 he married Christina. Tom's office is in Walnut Creek.

Chris Lane of Contra Costa Stationary is the father of two children ages 5 and 7. A native of the area he started working for Contra Costa Stationary several years ago and ended up buying the company!! Aren't we lucky! Chris resides in Lafayette and has been active in many of our community events through the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce of which he is the incoming President!! Good Luck!!

Our greeter was Alan Mac and he did not have a replacement while he was on his Mexican Cruise!! Do they still gamble on cruises? Our wonderful Nut Factory brought in a great raffle prize!!!! Thanks again.

Meeting for December 27th is at the Lafayette Park Hotel at 7:00 a.m.

Meeting for January 3 is at the Round-up Saloon at 7:00 a.m.

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SCHEDULED GREETERS:

DECEMBER 27

JAY LIFSON - FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR

Birthdays

December 19 Michael Heller

December 24 Caesar Perales

Anniversaries Wedding & Club

December 18 Polly Bernson

December 13 Steve Davis

December 1 Michael Heller