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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



**"The** Lafayette Rotary is now in session. WELCOME!" Barcelona was a scintillating experience. The Navy dumped me into this great city on three other occasions. But, this was the best; mainly because it was the first time my spouse was with me (The Navy does not provide for communal port visits), and Rotary provides for a jam packed, five day "love fest".

It has been a month since I have attended our weekly meetings and I am having withdrawals. On Thursday's when I round the Oakwood Club check-in desk, I start feeling better and begin looking to see which members I can recognize from the back of their heads. The best part is seeing other members smile a "hello". Sounds corny, doesn't it. I am beginning to buy into Bhichai Rattakul's Sow The Seeds Of Love theme.

We have a busy meeting today. We are starting anew as we do every July. Already, I am beginning to acquire a new admiration for our past presidents. Speaking of Past Presidents, Michael Heller and his team never stopped exploring ways to strengthen and improve the club. Let's extend our heartfelt appreciation for them and their efforts today. Well Done Michael.

The 2002/2003 board met Tuesday evening at the fabulous Lafayette Park. You are going to see and hear from the 2002/2003 board often. They are a loving, caring, talented group, and as practically everything we do falls within one of the avenues of service, I ask that you get to know them and their families. They will need your input and support. Let each know you appreciate the commitment they have made for the benefit of the club. They are:

Board:

Ron Wake (President Elect)

Sandi Mitchel (Director)

Mike Kearney (Director)

Bud Moulthrop (Director)

Bill McCabe (Director)

Laura O'Donoghue (Treasurer)

Special Assistants:

Dan Hoffman (Sgt. Of Arms)

T. Ray Bland (Past President Advisor)

Ed Stokes (Programs)

Charlie Vitale (Joint Club Project)

Bob Ewen (Foundation)

Doug Johnson (Bulletin & Webmaster)

There are dozens of additional personnel we will be asking for help. Join us...do what you can to help. Together we grow strong and fruitful.

And, let's not forget our immediate family and friends. Without their support we could not devote the requisite time and energy necessary to reach our goals. More on family later.

"Sow The Seeds Of Love". Our



2002/2002 International President Bhichai Rattakul suggests we start our year by Sowing the

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**Sharon** and I rented a small 4th floor flat, in a dense Spanish neighborhood about a block from The Rambla. The Rambla is one of the world's great walkways/streets. Over 1-1/2 miles in length, stretching from the major cross-town hub of the City, down to the warm Mediterranean. It is as wide as a football field with the



middle being a walking, strolling boulevard, filled with minstrels, musicians, mimes, flower and newspaper kiosks, and a constant

promenade of changing faces. In the 18th century, La Rambla was a sandy gully that ran parallel to the medieval

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**AC relaxes in his "Flat" at Barcelona.**

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Seeds of Love in our Club. I quote President Rattakul: "Good club fellowship is based on the love and concern that members show for one another. How well do you know your fellow Rotarians? Try to get to know them even better. Learn more about their families, their businesses, their hopes and dreams. A warm and welcoming atmosphere in your club will draw in new professional and business leaders and keep current members involved and active. Let us go back to the basics by revitalizing the fundamental principle of Rotary – strong club service." Unquote.

My request to you is this. When you enter this room, reach out emotionally and physically, shake as many hands as you can, smile as wide as the grand canyon, and treat our guests and visiting Rotarians like we want to be treated...as royalty. We are a very exclusive club. We are Lafayette Rotary.

GO TO THE CLUB WEB SITE TO SEE ALL OF THE PICTURES AC TOOK ON HIS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY AND BARCELONA SPAIN. THE CLUB WEB SITE ADDRESS IS [www.rotaryclublafayette.org](http://www.rotaryclublafayette.org)



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wall, and carried rainwater down to the sea. The medieval city (barri Gothic) is still there and a popular area for nightclubs, bars, restaurants and discos. Yes, disco is

still the hot dance music in Spain. Take a left at the "hub" and drive approximately two miles and BOOM: we were in Rotary World. And, what a beautiful world. The scene reminded me of an NFL football game. We're all fans, but as in a game, some Rotarians are wild and crazy, and some mild and calm. If there was one common dominator, it was the camaraderie; smiling faces; and ready handshakes.









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### Birthdays

- Polly Bernson 3-July 
-  Timothy Ward 5-July
- Robert Aguilar 8-July 
-  Mike Robertson 10-July
- Steve Davis 19-July 

### Anniversaries




### Wedding & Club

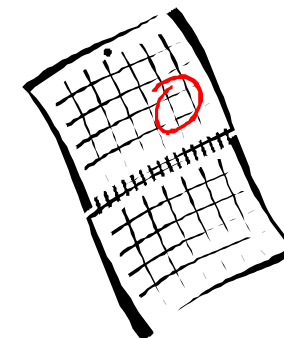
-  Laura O'Donaghue 3-July
- Tom Courtright 4-July 
-  Warren Rupf 7-July
- Paul Parkhurst 9-July 
-  Timothy Ward 12-July
- Bud Moulthrop 21-July 

## TODAYS SPEAKER : Club Assembly

**Introducing President A.C. Webb  
& his Board of Directors**

### SCHEDULED GREETERS:

- JULY 11 TIM MC KINLEY - ATTORNEY 
- JULY 18 POLLY BERNSON — REPROGRAPHICS 
- JULY 25 T. RAY BLAND — INSURANCE LIFE 



### Calendar of Upcoming Events!

**July 18th** Our Speaker will be Jennifer Shaw with the Contra Costa Sun.

**July 15 -21.** Rotary week at Eagle Lake with Bob Aguilar. Contact him at 283-7379 for reservations. He promised great fishing with a pro, and a wonderful time for all!!!