

Rotations

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Meetings:
Thursdays 12:15 pm
Oakwood Athletic Club
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Lafayette, CA

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President Geoff Zimmerman, presided
Greeter: Daniel Barnes

Visiting Rotarians:

Ron Light –Concord Rotary, Larry Sly – Concord Rotary and Contra Costa Food Bank, Don Jenkins – Orinda Rotary, Bruce Coblentz – Walnut Creek Sunrise Rotary

Guests: April Bell (guest speaker/personal historian)





Today's meeting started with soothing tropical music playing gently in the background. The theme for the meeting was Aloha Shirt Day, or for those who chose, the alternate theme of Ugliest Shirt.

Dan Baker was the Greeter, but was not aware that he was the greeter.

Announcements:

Bob Shusta announced that a host is still needed for three months next year, for a youth exchange student from Bolivia. Contact Bob if you may be able to be a host family. Bob also let us know that anyone who has not paid their Rotary membership yet for this year will be contacted.

Our club will be distributing child identity kits at National Night Out, on Tuesday August 2. The event, which is from 6 – 8 pm in Lafayette Park Plaza is about crime prevention and meeting neighbors and local police officers.

Larry Sly, of the Contra Costa Food Bank, accepted a check from our club for \$700, and spoke for a few moments on the importance and need for the food bank in these challenging economic times.

Don Jenkins, from the Orinda Rotary, is the Rotary District 5160 Rotary International Foundation Chair.

Don showed us the award that is presented to those who pledge at least \$10,000 to the Foundation. Contact Don if you want to learn more about including Rotary as part of your legacy, by incorporating the Rotary Foundation into your will.

Mike Heller reminded the club that the following Thursday, August 05, would be dark at Oakwood. Instead we are meeting that day at Stanley Middle School, with a tour of the Jazz Camp at 11 am, followed by lunch at noon. Mike also announced that Rock the Plaza is on three Fridays in August – on the 13th, 20th, and 27th. Help is needed selling the food.

AC Webb announced the annual golf tournament fundraiser will be on Monday, October 4. Mark your calendars, and please help bring in more raffle ticket sales this year to make it a successful fundraiser.

Speaker:

April Bell is a Personal Historian and a video producer who makes personal history videos. Her business, Tree of Life Legacies, helps people preserve personal histories. She is a member of the Walnut Creek Historical Society, and the Association of Personal Historians.

April explained what a personal history is, and what a personal historian does. A personal history can be in a number of forms, such as an oral recording, a written history, or a video interview. April favors the video interview form. One of the personal histories that she has produced as a video interview is with Cliff Dochterman, former Rotary International President.

Prices to produce a video history start at about \$3,500, and up.

Winners:

For the best shirt: Runner up – April Bell; Winner – Tom Courtright
 For the worst shirt: Runner up – Larry Blodgett; Winner – Greg Vaisnor
 Raffle: Ed Stokes, \$5 for picking a blue marble.

Rotary International News Other News: Club Calendar

**Windmills
increase income
for salt
harvesters**

By Peter Schmidtke
 Rotary International News -- 4 August
 2010



Rotarians Vimal Hemani, Deepak Agrawal, Shrinand Palshikar, Kiran Dave, and Rajesh Bhatt with one of five windmills installed in western India to improve the lives of migrant salt workers. *Photo courtesy of the Rotary Club of Wadhwan City*

Five families who harvest salt from the desert in western India have Rotarians to thank for windmills that will double their income.

The Rotary Club of Wadhwan City, India, and the Rotary E-Club of the Southwest, Arizona, USA, received a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant and used club and District 5510 (Arizona) contributions to purchase 10 windmills.

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The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:
 1. Is it the TRUTH?
 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Give Hope - Give A Hand

The Rotary Club of Lafayette donates an LN-4 Prosthetic Hand in the name of our speakers each week.

The LN-4 Prosthetic Hand transforms lives and empowers those who have lost hands and limbs due to land mines, birth defects, and other catastrophes.



Make Up Meetings

and locations of nearby clubs:
<http://rotary5160.org/clubs/where-clubs-meet/>

Upcoming Speakers

Aug 12 Camp Venture & Camp Royal students (plus Bari Kasper & LoAnn Winkler)
 Aug 19 Tom Henry Africa trip presentation
 Aug 26 Troy Feddersen - Beer judging

Local & District Events

Rotary International Events

Birthdays

08/26 Mike Henn

Anniversaries

08/01 Larry Blodgett
 08/08 Barry Toomajian
 08/12 Mary Claire
 08/14 Alan Mac
 08/14 Ed Stokes
 08/15 Troy Feddersen
 08/17 Troy Winkles
 08/19 Jay Lifson
 08/20 Bob Shusta
 08/23 Daniel Baker

Greeters

8/12 Pete Barbounis
 8/19 Daniel Barnes
 8/26 Polly Bernson
 9/2 Ray Bland