

Rotations

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January 11, 2007 Meeting Minutes:



President Tim McKinley, Esq., opened the meeting. He asked for the introduction of visitors and guests. Steve Ware from the Lamorinda Rotary Club was a visitor. Tim Maliepaard from the Vistawall Group and Heather Quartermain from KKDR Ratio also were guests.

Announcements:

- Tom Courtright received an award from Jay Lifson for 50 years in Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, and for 60 yrs in business.
- AC Webb gave out awards for helping with the Rotary golf tournament: Bob Shusta, Tom Courtright, Ron Wake, AJ Nisen, Judy Francis, Larry Blodgett, Jay Lifson, Mike Heller, Tom Henry and Mike Kearney were all recognized for their efforts in making the tournament a success.



- Bob Shusta - Bob Aguilar had surgery today to repair some earlier damage, so let's keep him in our prayers. (N.B.: We have since heard that Bob's surgery went well and he is resting comfortably.)
- Anna Connolly, Realty World, received her blue badge this week. Congratulations, Anna.
- Finemaster AJ Nisen, Bank of America, collected various fines from the group for birthdays and anniversaries in December and January.
- Dick Holt, Coldwell Banker, and Bob Shusta, who will co-chair with Dick, spoke about the Concert at the Res committee. The concert started in 1993 to support local schools. They need help and are looking for planning support and passed around a sign up sheet. Everyone is expected to participate on the day of the event.
- There are still openings for the Reno trip per John Sherry.
- Our reservoir permanent stage permit process is progressing.
- February Rossmoor club will have a meeting in February. Please see the calendar for dates. (note that there are corrections since last week.)
- Mike Heller noted that on 1/19, at the Lafayette Park Hotel, Mo Levitch will be recognized for his efforts by the Chamber of Commerce as Businessman of the Year.



Speaker: Tim McClintick spoke today on his service organization, Loaves and Fishes, which was founded in 1983. Lisa Cohen, Needleworks Embroidery, introduced Tim. A Lafayette citizen, Tim has lived in the area since 1952, either in Walnut Creek or in Lafayette. He started working with Loaves and Fishes five years ago in the Concord dining room, then joined the board, and now is the chairman. Loaves and Fishes is a 501c3 non profit org in Contra Costa County. Their single mission is to feed the hungry. There are six dining rooms: Antioch, Bay Point, Concord, Martinez, Oakley, and Pittsburg, with meals served every Mon-Fri, at noon. 3 million meals will have been served by March of 2007.

Food is cooked in the catering kitchen and then sent to the other kitchens. The meals are almost always served in church dining rooms. Expansion plans include Brentwood and Concord near Monument Blvd/Costco but is halted now due to funding limitations.

Their main objective is to feed anyone and to make them feel welcome. They can't ask many questions or develop statistics because it is too intrusive. The program was started by two women who noticed a lot of people dumpster-diving. They started making sandwiches and serving them in a park, then in 1987, started serving in a dining room in Concord.

Statistically, 25% are children, 25% are homeless, mostly low income families and elderly - the number of guests increase during course of the month and those on fixed income get hit harder. The working poor come in on their lunch hour. They are not asked for anything - just come and get food. As welfare and disability systems have changed, so have the constituents.

Food comes from many sources - Safeway, Trader Joe's, Farmers Markets, local farms - anyone with extra food has found a way to donate.

The Loaves and Fishes program is a "social safety net" - it catches those for whom welfare or social security has failed to provide. Without it, many, many citizens of our county would go hungry.

Thanks, Tim, for sharing your valuable work and program with us.

- Peggy Harbarth won \$5.00 in the raffle this week.



Respectfully submitted:

*Cory Lerner
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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

Local Rotary Calendar Of Events

<i>DATES</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Jan. 21-22, 2007 Reno	Rotary Club Trip
Feb 7, 2007 Interclub Meeting	Interclub Meeting at Rossmoor with Moraga club. NB: no regular meeting on 2/8/2007
March 2, 2007 Lake Tahoe	Rotary Tahoe Ski Challenge
May 19, 2007	Concert at the Res

Upcoming Speakers

<i>SPEAKER</i>	<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DATE</i>
Tim McClintick, Tax Preparer	Loaves and Fishes	1/11/07
Freya Morigerowsky, Ph.D Candidate	Fall of the Berlin Wall	1/18/07
Gayle Uilkema	Evac Pacs for Seniors	1/25/07
Diane Springer	Earth Watch Research Projects	2/1/07
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John Sherry, Lafayette Club Chair	Interclub Meeting with Rossmoor	2/7/07
No Meeting	No Meeting	2/8/07
Clancy Becker, Chuck Werdel	Stratfield Sr. Housing Project	2/15/07



Special Celebrations



<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	
Jack Clarkson	1/1
Bud Moulthrop	1/20

<u>ANNIVERSARIES:</u>	<u>WEDDING/CLUB</u>
Cory Lerner	1/13

SCHEDULED GREETERS:

January 11 Bill Eames

January 18 Tara Murray

January 25 Tara Murray

February 1 Paul Griessel