

# Rotations

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## January 18, 2007 Meeting Minutes:



President Tim McKinley, Esq., opened the meeting. He asked for the introduction of visitors and guests. Orinda Rotary guest was Steve Wolfe, a surgeon. Our guests included our speaker and her fiancé' Matthias.

## Announcements:

- Rotary at the Symphony is this Sunday for a special admission price of \$20 per person, near Strings at Leshar Theater in Walnut Creek. It is a special program, including a unique percussion performance.
- Mike Heller noted that on 1/19, at the Lafayette Park Hotel, Mo Levich will be recognized for his efforts by the Chamber of Commerce as Businessman of the Year. All are encouraged to attend.
- John Sherry reminded us about the Reno trip - there are still openings.
- Rossmoor Interclub meeting will be held in the Fireside Room at Rossmoor on February 7. Judge Lois Haite will be the speaker. There is a \$5 fee for lunch, or \$20 if you normally pay weekly. John Sherry has tickets if you wish to buy them now. This meeting is the weekly meeting. There will be no Lafayette Rotary meeting on Feb.8.
- It was reported that regarding the hillside cross "monument", there is no new status other than they took down the neon sign.
- John Sherry said that there was a good meeting on the permit for the stage
- Finemaster AJ Nisen, Bank of America, reminded us that he will begin to fine members on their lack of wearing the Rotary pin, starting at the next meeting. He also fined members today if they forgot to wear their badge.
- Dick Holt, Coldwell Banker, and Bob Shusta are co-chairs for the Concert at the Res committee. John Sherry noted that there is a Res planning meeting next Thursday at 1/25 at 10:30am at Oakwood. Everyone is expected to participate on the day of the event.





**Speaker:** Lisa Cohen, Needleworks Embroidery, introduced our speaker. Freya Morigerowsky spoke today about the Fall of the Berlin Wall. She is currently studying for her doctorate at UC Berkeley. She first thanked us for the scholarship program that she was able to use from the Rotarians.

Her parents were divorced when she was young, and she lived with her mother, a gynecologist. Her father is a psychologist who does personal coaching.

Before The Fall of the Wall, on Sept 1, 1989, her mother was afraid of the political situation and thought it wise to leave. Freya's family moved to a refugee camp in Budapest, which was dramatically over-populated. If they returned to E. Germany, they would have likely been imprisoned. They were able to travel to Austria without a visa, because the borders were recently opened and allowed refugees to move there.

The Germany embassy in Prague was overloaded. On Sept 30, the East German government allowed refugees to cross over to West Germany. On Oct 18, 1989, the east Head of State was forced to resign. On Nov 9, the wall fell and Helmut Kohl announced his plans to reunite Germany. The first elections were held shortly after that. She showed photos of the East and West side of the wall before the fall - the West side was bright and colorful, while the east side was cold, stark and heavily guarded.

After the Fall, Freya moved near Haver. This is an area considered to have the purest German accent. They moved later to Hamburg, at the age of 11, which she now considers to be her home.

From the Rotary Youth Exchange program, she lived with 3 different families throughout the US. She experienced multiple cultures, but really wanted to visit California. She so enjoyed the cultural diversity that she has chosen anthropology as her field of study. She studied in Muenster - close to the Dutch border. The university building itself is an old castle, founded in 1780 and has forty thousand students. In fact, there are more bikes than people in this town of 260,000.

Anthropology has several different divisions - she is interested in ethnology which is a branch of cultural anthropology but it is not a practical field of study. Recently she was exposed, through her mother's interests, to more traditional Asian medicine. She is now studying that area of anthropology and how different cultures care for health.





*In conclusion about the fall of the Wall, Freya noted that no one of her generation wishes to live in the East of Germany despite the money that has been spent for upgrades. Nothing seems to change in the East, and there does not seem to be any solid solutions for integrating the country.*

*Thanks, Freya, for sharing your insight and life in East Germany with us.*

- AJ Nisen won \$5.00 in the raffle this week.

*Respectfully submitted:*

*Cory Lerner  
Equity Planner  
Metrocities Mortgage*

*Photography by Ron Wake*

**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



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Is it the TRUTH?  
Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
Will it be BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

## *Rotary Int'l Calendar Of Events*

<i>DATES</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
January 2007 - <b>Rotary Awareness Month</b>	
• 28-31: San Diego	International Assembly
Feb, 2007 - <b>World Understanding Month</b>	
• 1-3: San Diego	International Assembly
• 23:	Rotary's 102 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
March 2007 - <b>Literacy Month</b>	
• 12-18:	World Rotaract Week
April 2007 - <b>Magazine Month</b>	
• 22-28: Chicago, Ill	Council on Legislation
June 2007 – <b>Rotary Fellowships Month</b>	
• 17-20: Salt Lake City, UT	Rotary International Convention

## **Local Rotary Calendar Of Events**

<u><b>DATES</b></u>	<u><b>EVENT</b></u>
Jan. 21-22, 2007 Reno	Rotary Club Trip
Feb 7, 2007 Interclub Meeting	Interclub Meeting at Rossmoor with Moraga club.
March 2, 2007 Lake Tahoe	Rotary Tahoe Ski Challenge
May 19, 2007	Concert at the Res

## **Upcoming Speakers**

<u><b>SPEAKER</b></u>	<u><b>TOPIC</b></u>	<u><b>DATE</b></u>
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
Judge Lois Haite	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><b>BIRTHDAY</b></u>	
Jack Clarkson	1/1
Bud Moulthrop	1/20

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

### **SCHEDULED GREETERS:**

**January 25 Tara Murray**

**February 1 Paul Griessel**

**February 8 No Meeting**

**February 15 Peggy Harbarth**