

# Rotations

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### February 1, 2007 Meeting Minutes:



President Tim McKinley, Esq., opened the meeting. He asked for the introduction of visitors and guests. Visiting Rotarians were Paul Fillinger from Sunrise Club and Tara Yazaria from RPM Mortgage. Chuck Werdel and Troy Rinkles were guests.

#### Announcements:

- Mike Kearney - Visited for the day after his surgery.
- Bob Aguilar announced that there would be a huge Superbowl party at Bill Eames' house - 1901 Lakeshire in Rossmoor at 3:30pm. (see photos on page 3)
- John Sherry reminded us that he has the tickets for the Interclub meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. The meeting starts at 11:30am. Cost is \$5.00 per ticket (if prepaid lunches). John will have the badges, too.
- John Sherry also reported that our hats have arrived - in blue or in white and sell for \$15.
- Bob Shusta- is looking for donations for the raffle for the Concert At The Res. Several Rotarians have already made donations - Bob will circulate a sign up sheet.
- Bob Shusta - he is looking for a family to house a Rotary exchange student. At this meeting, there did not seem to be any interest from club members in offering housing.
- Sandi Mitchell - we have 2 spaces reserved for Camp Royal. There are 2 openings - male and female - and applications are being sent out. There will be a speech contest to select winners to go on to regional competition. Sandi will put a committee of judges together.
- Fine Master AJ Nisen, Bank of America, collected for cell phones going off and several people contributed happy dollars. Everyone wore their Rotary pin.

**Speaker:** Mike Henn introduced Diane Springer, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker, and former board member of Contra Costa Board of Realtors. She is involved in abused children protection services and the Special Olympics. She competes in marathons and is active in fund-raising. Today, she is speaking about a boys' orphanage. Her topic is called The Faces of Guatemala.



She chose an orphanage in Guatemala, because she enjoys children's causes. There are 210 orphanages in Guatemala, but they are not government-supported. They are struggling to support abused, abandoned and street children. There is little birth control so many women have many children. The average income for poverty-stricken workers is \$2 per month.

Life there is very different. Drinking water is caught in rain buckets because there is no running water, and most kids do not go to school. If they do attend, kids must take chalk and toilet paper because the government does not provide for the school.



There are 8-12 kids per room in the orphanage and they wash their own sheets, clean their rooms, the kitchen and make their beds. The rooms are neat and clean, and the 2 teachers sleep in the rooms with the students.

Clothes for fifty boys are washed by the laundress every single day for \$137/month. There is no dryer, so clothes lines are used.

All food is donated, and consists of beans for most meals, with meat sometimes for dinner. However, lots of fruits and veggies are at the Farmer's Market in Antigua. They are inexpensive and a huge salad to feed a crowd can be made for \$1.50. Peanut butter is considered to be a big treat. Kids get protein drinks for breakfast after the mixture sat out all night on the counter. Water needs to be boiled or bottled. Food preparation and storage is lax. Boys are small because they have had such poor nutrition.

The boys have a 1.25 mile walk to school each day. Their sport court is popular - the kids are not allowed in their rooms during the day. The boys are allowed to watch TV only on Saturday nights, and they watch donated DVDs.



The orphanage budget is \$4600/month US. In order to help out, Diane and her son took 4 bags of clothes and items to give to the boys. One day the boys each got new pairs of shoes because of a \$750 donation from Diane's club. The kids were excited to buy new shoes and many saved the shoes until they went to school.

The Oakland Raiders gave socks, hats, tee shirts and lanyards. The socks were sold for adult donations. The kids were excited that \$20 hats were theirs and kept the price tag on the hats.



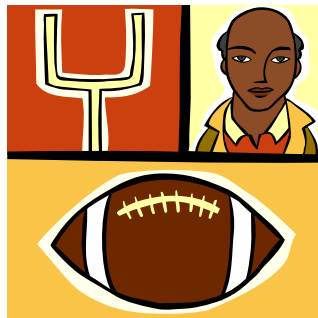
Other activities for the boys included going to the Guatemala City Zoo. Also, fireworks are readily available and it's very common for kids to play with fireworks.

Lafayette Rotary made a donation in Diane's name for 4 prosthetic limbs. Thank you, Diane, for your work and your speech.

- Peggy Harbarth won \$2.00 in the raffle, Bob Aguilar won \$5.00.

Cory Lerner  
Equity Planner  
Metrocities Mortgage

Photography by John Sherry



**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

## **Rotary Int'l Calendar Of Events**

<u><b>DATES</b></u>	<u><b>EVENT</b></u>
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>
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>
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
Roland Schumacher, Lori Beath	Friends Outside of Incarcerated Persons	2/22/07
Mr. Freeman, Acalanes HS	Speech Contest	3/01/07

## **Special Celebrations**

<u><b>BIRTHDAY</b></u>	
Tim McKinley	2/3
Cory Lerner	2/4
Anna Connolly	2/6
AC Webb	2/6

<u><b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b></u>	<u><b>WEDDING/CLUB</b></u>
Charlie Vitale	2/11

### **SCHEDULED GREETERS:**

**February 8 No Meeting**  
**February 15 Peggy Harbarth**  
**February 22 Mike Heller**  
**March 1 Mike Henn**