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The Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Lamorinda Sunrise
Meetings Friday 7AM at Postino's Restaurant in Lafayette

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*"Rotary gives ordinary people the opportunity to do extraordinary things."
Sir Clem Renouf
Past President, Rotary International*

GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS:

- Rudy Reich – Orinda
- Chris Lane - Lafayette
- Larry Duson – President, Lafayette
- Kathy Deavers – SF #2
- Mike Taylor
- Carol Chaffey – methinks she's been here before
- Nancy Polis
- Katie Rose Ware – see remarks for Carol Chaffey
- Jessica – Zuzka's best Youth Exchange friend, from Spain
- Simone Raeth – se remarks for Kate Rose Ware

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Either there weren't any this week, or they were declared state secrets.



ZUZKA GOES MULTIMEDIA:

In addition to bringing her good friend, Jessica, a Youth Exchange student from Spain by way of Alcalanes High, Zuzka treated us to some photos of her recent doings. (They were presented in a great Power-Point show, set up by George and Carol Chaffey, with George demonstrating that computer set-up and fandango dancing are not mutually exclusive pursuits.)



Zuzka showed us photos from the recent Youth Exchange ski trip, including documentation of the District 5160 “Shovel-Snow-For-Your-Supper” policy on such trips, Zuzka snow boarding in dazzling checked pants (and no, it is not appropriate to claim they were “Czeched” pants because Zuzka is Slovakian, not Czech), and a group photo of all the D-5160 Youth Exchange students who made the journey to Tahoe.

Additional photos documented Zuzka keeping up with her homework. And another photo showed the newest members of the Chaffey family, Molly McGee and Maggie McGuire, two Norwich terrier pups, who in yet another photo demonstrated that George has less pep than a pair of dogs.

Finally, we were shown pics from Zuzka's excursion to Cirque du Soleil (no photos of George performing with the Cirque troupe, thank goodness). Many thanks for the presentation, Zuzka.

MORE P.R. FOR US:



Apparently, the local press thinks our mural project presentation at the Lafayette Library worthy of press coverage, although the consensus of The Lamorindan’s staff is that the real reason for the P.R. was the efforts (read: incessant nagging) of one Tom Black, Major-Domo in Charge of Publicity for Lamorinda Sunrise. Many thanks, Tom, for putting our good works in the public eye.

AUCTION UPDATE:

It's really pretty simple.

Get more auction items, fill in the auction item form (available on the website in Adobe Acrobat and Word formats) completely, legibly and accurately (this is very important – those forms are the only way the Auction Committee has of keeping track of all the stuff that comes in) and get it all to Ken Kosich.

Invite more guests, especially folks who are (a) likely to be willing to open their pocketbooks to help support our good works and/or (b) are potential members.

If you signed up for a territory and haven't hit the pavement yet, please do so.

Bring in a \$20+ bottle of wine for the Big Wine Barrel item.

See, that wasn't to hard.

AND SPEAKING OF GETTING AUCTION ITEMS:



Prez Paul Fillinger and Cal Lee are men of many talents. They are persuasive. They are persistent. They are completely out of their minds. What else can one conclude after hearing Prez Paul's shaggy dog story about Paul and Cal hitting the streets of Walnut Creek in search of Auction items. It was a tale that involved disappointment, success, lingerie, putting smiles on the face of the folks who usually don't, and wigs on Paul's head.

You had to be there, but trust me, it was a hoot.

PROGRAM:

This is one of those programs that this reporter can never hope to capture fully. We were treated today to a brief trip through the history of Lafayette, California, conducted by Mary McCosker and Mary Solon, the authors of the recent "Lafayette" addition to the series of town and city histories that you've likely seen at your local bookstore. (In addition to penning and gathering the photos for this volume, Ms. McCosker and Ms. Solon have also been consulted in the process of producing our Lafayette mural.)

Our speakers started with the Native Indians who once lived in the area. Unfortunately, the arrival of the Spanish meant that the indigenous peoples went elsewhere - to the mountains, to the missions, or to their eternal rest, and primarily the latter.

We also showed photos of myriad pieces of Lafayette history, from Elam Brown to the present day. We saw early settlers, old shots of downtown, pictures of the Kennedy tunnel, precursor to today's Caldicott Tunnel. Ranches, farms, the construction of the Lafayette Reservoir dam. We saw Lou's Bar, located where the Roundup now announces last call. We learned that what is now the Town Hall Theater was once the scene of dances that packed 'em in from as far away a Oakland, and that what became the Sacramento Northern Railroad (the roadbed for their tracks is what is now the Lafayette-Moraga multi-use path we all stroll and bike on) had special 3:00 a.m. trains to take people home.

And of course you knew that Lafayette was one of the "added stations" on the Pony Express route, right? You didn't? Well, you do now, thanks to Ms. McCosker and Ms. Solon.

Many thanks, Mary and Mary, for sharing your knowledge with us.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Our website Calendar (<http://www.rotarycoco.org/cgi-bin/caldisp.pl?club=53>) will have even more info, but here is a fair sampling:

Friday February 29, 2008 7:00am-8:15am: Meeting, Postino.
Expose Yourself!! Dan Herbert & tbd.

Friday February 29, 2008, 5:30pm -7:30pm : Last TGITLFOTM on a Leap Day till 2036, 28 years from now. This one will be at Chez Englehart, 16 La Cintilla, Orinda. Directions: Camino San Pablo north to Miner Road, turn right. (Stop Light) Go one mile to Camino Sobrante, turn right. Take first hard left turn on Dias Dorados. Take next right turn on La Cintilla. Park in upper and lower driveways, or on street. BYOB, Bring some finger foods, bring your favorite pool cue, bring good cheer.

Friday, March 7, 2008: Meeting, Postino, 7:00-8:15 a.m. Lisa Vordergrueggen, political writer for the Contra Costa Times, is here to give us the latest on California events, how they're spun, and who's who!!

Friday, March 14, 2008: Meeting, Postino, 7:00-8:15 a.m. Zuzka will tell us in words and pictures where she is from, where she is now with her cross cultural experience and what she plans to do in the future.

Saturday, March 15, 2008: The one, the only, THE Lamorinda Sunrise Annual Dinner & Auction. Great times, great auction items, a great chance to share what we do with friends, family . . . and maybe even some future Rotarians. Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church, Moraga.

Friday, March 21, 2008, 7:00a.m. - 8:15a.m.: Four-Way Test Speech Contest. The purpose of the contest is to encourage youth, Rotarians and the community at large to more completely understand, encourage and foster the principles of Rotary and the object of "Service Above Self". The speech contestants may speak on any subject to which they can apply "The Four Way Test".

Friday, March 28, 2008, 7:00 a.m.-8:15a.m.: Expose Yourself!! Skip McCowan & George Chaffey

Thursday, April 24 to Saturday. April 26, 2008: District 5160 Annual District Conference. Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento. More info, registration forms, hotel information, and event brochures are available on the District 5160 website.

<http://www.rotary5160.org/events/2008Conference.php>

Sunday, June 15 to Wednesday, June 18, 2008: Rotary International Convention, Los Angeles, CA. This is the high point of the Rotary year. Ask Pat Flaherty for info, or check out the Rotary International website.
<http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2008/index>.





Briefly Noted

Saturday, February 23, 2008

I forgot to do a promo for next week's meeting: It is **Expose Yourself** with Dan Herbert and a mystery somebody that George is lining up.

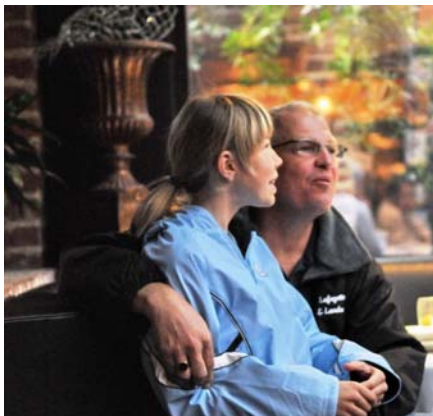
Also John Linneman was born on February 29 so next Friday will be his 16th birthday!

Another big event for next Friday is TGITLFOTM. It won't happen again on a Leap Day till 2036, 28 years from now. This year's great event will be held at Hays and Regina Englehart's at 16 La Cintilla, Orinda.

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Congratulations to Zuzka for one of our better power point presentations. Some members can learn a thing or two from her!!!

Paul





Courtesy of George Chaffey we are able to track the next phase of our prior exchange student Malte's life. These photos of Malte and Avril show their first house which was purchased in New Jersey — new baby Tais...named after Malte's brother Theis, (but spelled differently). Really cute house, and baby. Malte says with Avril's looks and brains, and his athletic prowess, the kid can't miss!

