Club Reporter Henry Hoge

MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY: Belmont THE VAN'S
Burlington SHERRYTON GALLERY
Central Marin THE LEFT BANK
San Rafael SHERATON FOUR POINTS TERRA LINDA

TUESDAY: Marin Evening 6:30 pm MCINNIS PARK
Mill Valley MILL VALLEY GOLF COURSE
Millbrae GREEN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
Novato Sunrise 7:15 am MOYLAN'S BREW
Pacifica 7:15 am SHARP PARK RESTAURANT
Peninsula Sunrise 7:30 am PETE'S HARBOR
Redwood City SEQUOIA CLUB
San Francisco #2 OLYMPIC CLUB, SAN FRANCISCO
SF Golden Gate 6:30 pm ALFRED'S STEAKHOUSE
SF Glim Mission 7:45 am DOUBLE PLAY WEST
SF West 7:30 am LAKESIDE CAFE
San Rafael Harbor WHISTLESTOP TAMALPAIS AVE
Terra Linda MARIN BUILDERS ASSN.

WEDNESDAY: Daly City MARIE CALLENDER'S
Foster City CROWN PLAZA FC
Marine Sunrise 7:15 am CORTE MADERA INN
Menlo Park MENLO PARK REC CENTER
Ross Valley DEER PARK VILLA
San Bruno TERRACE CAFE, EL RANCHO INN
SF Bayview 7:00 am BONANZA RESTAURANT
SF Chinatown TOMMY TOY'S RESTAURANT
SFO International Airport Firewood Cafe Intl. Terminal
Tiburon-Belvedere SF YACHT CLUB
West Marin 8:00 am POINT REYES STATION
Woodside 7:30am WOODSIDE VILL CHURCH

THURSDAY: Fisherman's Wharf 7:30am FRANCISCAN REST
Half Moon Bay METHODIST CHURCH
Ignacio THE INN MARIN
Mission San Rafael SAN RAFAEL JOE'S
San Mateo DOMINIC'S RESTAURANT
Sausalito SAUSALITO YACHT CLUB
So. San Francisco BASQUE CULTURAL CNTR.
Tiburon Sunset 6:15pm SF YACHT CLUB

FRIDAY: Novato MARGARET TODD SR. CTR.
San Carlos 7:30 am PEACERS RESTAURANT
San Mateo Sunrise 7:30 am DOMINIC'S AT POPLAR CREEK

MAIL MAKE UP CARDS TO:
SSF Rotary, P.O. Box 653, SF, CA 94083

June 11, 2009
Today We Are Meeting At The GreenV Sustainable Center
David Xepoleas, Director Will Be Showing Us Around!
A young lady from Moscow, Russia was our speaker this day. She is in the Bay Area as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, attending Golden Gate University where she intends to receive a Masters Degree in Marketing Communications. She earned a Bachelor Degree in Journalism in Russian Philology at Volgograd University in Russia. She was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Moscow, a club of about 25 members.

The Ambassadorial Scholarship is the oldest and most known of the Rotary Foundation programs. Since its founding in 1947, nearly 36,000 men and women from about 100 countries have been awarded and over 60 grants. Today, it is the world’s largest privately funded international scholarship program. 500 million dollars has been devoted to this work.

The purpose of the program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among the people of widely different countries. The Scholarships are open to undergraduate and graduate students and young professionals who desire to broaden their outlook. The scholars serve as good will ambassadors to the host country and share with Rotarians the experiences obtained.

Volgograd is a city in the middle of Russia, located on the most famous of Russian rivers, the Volga. The Volga flows from near Moscow and empties in the Caspian Sea. The city was originally called Tsaritsyn, but during Stalin era, it is was known as Stalingrad and was the location of the bloodiest war ever during the German Hitler invasion in 1942 and 1943. It is estimated that about 2 million soldiers were killed. The ultimate victory by Russian forces began the decline of German victories in World War II. Soon after the death of Stalin, the name was changed to what it is know today.

Volgograd has been the site of many earlier battles and conquests. It was founded in 1589 and was established to defend the southern border of the Tsarist Empire. It was captured twice by Cossacks in 1670 and 1774. Under Stalin the city became a heavy industry and transportation center. There are few points of cultural interest in the city today.

At the present time the population of Russia is about 150 million and is 80% ethnic Russian. The literacy rate is 89% It has shed most of the non Russian countries put together by Stalin when he formed the Soviet Union. Russia is called a democracy today, but there are many questions as to whether this is really true.

There are about 70 Rotary Clubs in District 5010, which is partly in Russia east of the Ural Mountains and partly in Alaska and Yukon, Canada. This is thousands of miles from one end to the other. There are 2,441 members.

The extension of Rotary into Russia seemed totally inconceivable in 1969. Since Rotary Clubs were being introduced in Hungary, Warsaw and other cities in Poland. Premier Gorbachev saw no security problems and agreed to clubs forming without government interference which continues today.

There is also about 30 Clubs in the western part of Russia including 7 in Moscow.

We hope that Naida obtains a favorable impression of our country and demonstrates this when returning to Russia.

**ROTARY WORLD WIDE NEWS Deadline For Contributions To Rotary Foundation Approaching**

The deadline for 2008-09 contributions to The Rotary Foundation is approaching. To become a Sustaining Member, you must have contributed at least US$100 since 1 July 2008. If you haven’t yet reached your annual giving goal of $100, *contribute now*. Checks must be postmarked by Tuesday, 30 June, and received by Tuesday, 7 July. Wire transfers must be initiated before Tuesday, 30 June, and received by Friday, 3 July. *Credit card contributions* made through the RI Web site must submitted before Tuesday, 30 June at midnight. All other credit card contributions must be received and authorized by end of business on Tuesday, 30 June (to ensure processing, please submit as soon as possible). Reclassification and redistribution requests must be received before 15:00 on Monday, 6 July. Requests for credit card contributions made through the RI Web site will not be accepted.

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

June 25 BASQUE CULTURAL RESTAURANT
Jonathan Wang, Corporate Work Study Mgr. Cristo Rey H. S. Sister Lily, director of Transport “Schools That Work”
June 22 Inauguration of New President, Mark Barradas
July 9 BASQUE CULTURAL RESTAURANT
Jim Mahon, Attorney “Gun Violence”
July 16 BASQUE CULTURAL RESTAURANT
History League, Foundation Chair New Paul Harris Recipients
July 23 BASQUE CULTURAL RESTAURANT
Kathleen Kay, Historian, City of So San Francisco. “Down Memory Lane”
July 30 BASQUE CULTURAL RESTAURANT
Belia Rennells Author, A Gift Not Wasted “Organ Donation Awareness”
August 14 BASQUE CULTURAL RESTAURANT
Bruce Wright, Rotarian “Cruise Thru Panama Canal”