

# Rotary Meeting Make-Up Locations

**Tuesday 12:00 pm**  
Pittsburg Club  
Smits Family Restaurant  
140 E. Leland Road  
Antioch, CA  
925-439-7648

**Wednesday 7:00 am**  
Delta Antioch Club  
Lone Tree Golf Course  
4800 Golf Course Road  
Antioch, CA  
925-706-4220

**Wednesday 12:15 pm**  
Concord Diablo Club  
Concord Sheraton Hotel  
45 John Glen Drive  
Concord, CA  
925-825-7700

**Thursday 7:00 am**  
Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise  
Oakhurst Country Club  
1001 Peacock Creek Drive  
Clayton, CA  
925-672-9737

**Thursday 12:15**  
Antioch Club  
Lone Tree Golf Course  
4800 Golf Course Road  
Antioch, CA  
925-706-4220

**Friday 7:00 am**  
Rio Vista Club  
Rio Vista Point Restaurant  
120 Marina Drive  
Rio Vista, CA  
707-374-6004

**Friday 12:15 pm**  
Concord Club  
Concord Hilton  
1470 Diamond Blvd.  
Concord, CA  
925-827-2000

Find more club meetings at [www.rotary5160.org](http://www.rotary5160.org) and click club info.



## 2009-2010 Rotary Board



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Dirk Zeigler

# Review

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## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FRED

### Fellow Rotarians:

Happy New Year! I can hardly believe the Rotary year is half over. Please accept my sincere thanks for making the job as your President a pleasure. Before we look to the balance of the year, a look back on our accomplishments in very telling of the QUALITY Club we have.

Each Rotary year starts with the Cornfest, a club fund raiser disguised as a club social. Theresa and Trevor set the Co-chair standards with a well run event in the best of Brentwood Rotary style. With the start of the school year we were again called to duty with the grill at several "back- to- school" events consistent with commitment to our area schools. The annual Back to School Shopping Spree was held in August, partnered with Kohl's Department Store and benefiting children referred to the project by the Village Drive Resource Center. Thanks to Vicki and Thais for a well planned event.

This year we again participated in the Art, Wine and Jazz festival, serving pancakes in the AM and grilled oysters in the afternoon. While not the money maker we hoped, our service did help fund Art programs in our schools and in the Brentwood community. With some great research Vicki was able to source an affordable school age dictionary that again allowed us to provide over 1,500 dictionaries to every 3rd grade student in the Brentwood, Oakley, Knightsen and Byron (with the Lion's Club) School Districts. Watching these young people politely receive their dictionaries is a delightful way to give Service to our community.

In the fall, Brentwood Rotary's Trade Club Show was held. Thanks to the leadership of Past President Dirk and virtually every member of the club we had a flawless event that was both fun and financially rewarding to the club. Already the proceeds have benefited several Community needs requests; PAL program, City Read program, Brentwood Union School District Education Foundation, Kaleidoscope, Opportunity Junction, FFA, LN-4 Prosthetic Hand project and the Aaron Tanner Foundation.

The calendar year has ended with Rotary Pancake breakfast at the Heritage High School Breakfast-with-Santa event and Rotary Pancake Breakfast at the Brentwood Regional Community Chest. This year the numbers served were at record levels and without fail Brentwood Rotarians and their families served those most in need from our community. At one point almost half our club was engaged in cooking, serving, cleaning and fellowship. A perfect way to end the first half of our year!

Welcome to our five new members, each bringing new talents and expanded enthusiasm to a club rich in both. We look forward to their contribution Brentwood Rotary's future. That future is well served by your Board within the areas of Membership, Foundation, Vocational (Interact and Rotaract), Community, Program Speakers, Public Relations and Outreach, Training and Member Retention, Recognition and Club Finances. Please thank these members for their selfless service to you and your club.

The second half of the year will be no less eventful. Starting on Saturday January 16th the Robinson's will host our annual Holiday Dinner Party. On March 12th we will have our 1st Annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament, a new fund raiser that we hope will expand our ability to serve the Brentwood area. On May 10th we will hold the 17th Annual Brentwood Rotary Golf Tournament. This event, like Trade Club, is one that REQUIRES THE EFFORT OF THE ENTIRE CLUB. Just say, yes, when approached by President Elect Paul and Foundation Chair Bruce, our Co-Chairs of this event. During the second half we will continue to give back to our community by supporting organizations that we have supported in the past and those that we identify with a clear need to be included in our annual giving.

Remember, THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS.

Fred Ehler  
President  
2009/10

### HIGHLIGHTS

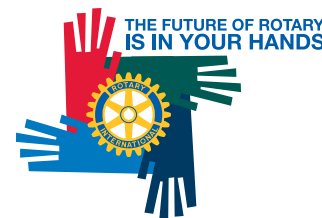
Activities and Updates  
from The Friends of Marsh Creek  
and the Cleanup Efforts

### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know tht the  
Brentwood Rotary has a  
virtual home?

### MEET THE MEMBERS

Peter Charitou, Eric Nova Lefebvre,  
Thomas Raniere, Rosendo S. Lopez  
and Leonard F. McCurley



## Rotary Regional Officers

Rotary International

**John Kenny**

**President 2009-10**

Rotary Club of Grangemouth, Scotland

www.Rotary.org

Rotary Zone 25

**John Blount, 2009-11**

Rotary Club of Sebastopol, CA

www.RotaryZone2324.org

District 5160

**Earl Kilmer**

District Governor, 2009-10

Rotary Club of Fairfield/Suisun

www.Rotary5160.org

[www.RotaryCoCo.org](http://www.RotaryCoCo.org)

## Revised Dues

Effective 07/10/09

	Current	Revised
Rotary International	\$47.00	\$49.00
Rotary Magazine	\$12.00	\$12.00
RI Council	\$1.00	\$1.00
District 5160	\$38.00	\$50.00
Subtotal	\$98.00	\$112.00
Club Dues	\$22.50	\$83.50
Club Insurance	\$4.50	\$4.50
Recognition (Min.)	\$75.00	No Min.
Subtotal	\$102.00	\$88.00
<b>Total Annual Dues</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

Dues will be billed in Quarterly Installments  
(Rotarian's wishing to pay annual dues contact Steve Gursky)  
Recognition will be assessed in "club friendly" manner.

 rotary club of brentwood

# Review

The Review is a monthly newsletter published by The Rotary Club of Brentwood, Northern California.

The Review welcomes submissions for publication consideration, including news releases, calendar events, photographs or other material.

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[www.BrentwoodCaRotary.org](http://www.BrentwoodCaRotary.org)

## Recent Highlights

### The Friends of Marsh Creek

In November Diane Burgis, who is chairperson of the Friends of Marsh Creek, brought us an update about the activities of the group. The Friends of Marsh Creek was started five years ago by an environmental law firm with the goal of encouraging residents to engage in activities that will promote the health of the Marsh Creek watershed.

Diane reported that the group was pursuing its goal by doing such things as by taking water samples to help monitor the creek, mapping areas of the watershed, reporting fish kills to the Central Valley Regional Water Board, and planting beneficial bushes at trees at Creekside Park. Diane said that volunteers from the Streets of Brentwood REI assisted them in their efforts at clearing, irrigating, and mulching.

Diane reported that last September 19 the Friends of Marsh Creek worked with the Marsh Creek Cleanup that during which they collected over 300 pounds of trash in less than three hours of work. Even though Brentwood has only eight percent of the total county population, the force of more than 600 volunteers that were cleaning up Marsh Creek that day comprised a full third of all the volunteers that turned out in the whole county for the waterway cleanup efforts; The 300 pounds of trash also comprised a third of the trash pick-up reported across the county.

Diane reported a major project that the Friends of Marsh Creek undertook in refurbishing a section of the Marsh Creek riverbed that flowed through in Oakley. At that point the stream had the appearance of a canal and they restored its appearance to where it once more looked like a stream.

Diane's team secured a \$1,100,000 grant to beautiful the stretch of water and even to make it more efficient as a run-off. They did this by creating a two-level terrace effect with the streambed that greatly improves the appearance of the channel as well as providing more habitation for wildlife.

Now the Friends of Marsh Creek are throwing their support behind the installation of a salmon ladder, which will provide an additional seven miles to the migration route that the salmon follow.

The group is planning a series of Salmon Walks, coming up. Bird specialists; plan specialists.



# STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

### LUHSD December Rotary

#### Students of the 4th Quarter:

Fred Ehler  
Jessica Hodson - Freedom  
Paige Isaacson - Heritage  
Brandon Castinado - Liberty  
Kelly Victor - Independence  
Mallory Jones - La Paloma  
Jerry Glen



### LUHSD March Rotary

#### Students of the 1st Quarter:

Fred Ehler  
Katie Dias - Independence  
Joseph Drake - Liberty  
Monica Lehmann - Heritage  
Joshua Newman-Baptista - La Paloma  
Gianna Pacini - Freedom  
Jerry Glen



## The Paul Harris Foundation

Undoubtedly the most important step to promote voluntary giving to The Rotary Foundation occurred in 1957, when the idea of Paul Harris Fellow recognition was first proposed. Although the concept of making \$1,000 gifts to the Foundation was slow in developing, by the early 1970s it began to gain popularity. The distinctive Paul Harris Fellow medallion, lapel pin and attractive certificate have become highly respected symbols of a substantial financial commitment to The Rotary Foundation by Rotarians and friends around the world.

The companion to the Paul Harris Fellow is the Paul Harris Sustaining Member, which is the recognition presented to an individual who has given, or in whose honor a gift is made, a contribution of \$100, with the stated intention of making additional contributions until \$1,000 is reached. At that time the Paul Harris Sustaining Member becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.

By 1994, more than 450,000 Paul Harris Fellows and 160,000 Sustaining Members have been added to the rolls of The Rotary Foundation.

A special recognition pin is given to Paul Harris Fellows who make additional gifts of \$1,000 to the Foundation. The distinctive gold pin includes a blue stone to represent each \$1,000 contribution up to a total of \$5,000 in additional gifts.

Paul Harris recognition provides a very important incentive for the continuing support needed to underwrite the many programs of The Rotary Foundation which build goodwill and understanding in the world.



#### New Paul Harris Fellows.

Trevor Frey, Sophia Gursky (Steve's daughter), Jackie Hanel, Bill Horn, Donna Landeros, Eric Metz, Bob Roche, Vicki Sexton, David Wahl and Dirk Zeigler. (Not pictured) Don Giacomini, Henry Lonsdale, Roger Strauss and James Barnhill (Don's son)

## Every Rotarian an Example to Youth

In much of the official literature of Rotary International relating to service to young people, a special slogan will be found- "Every Rotarian an Example to Youth." These words were adopted in 1949 by the Rotary International Board of Directors as an expression of commitment to children and youth in each community in which Rotary clubs exist. Serving young people has long been an important part of the Rotary program.

Youth service projects take many forms around the world. Rotarians sponsor Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, athletic teams, handicapped children's centers, school safety patrols, summer camps, recreation areas, safe driving clinics, county fairs, child care centers and children's hospitals. Many clubs provide vocational counseling, establish youth employment programs and promote use of The 4-Way Test. Increasingly, drug and alcohol abuse prevention projects are being supported by Rotarians.

In every instance, Rotarians have an opportunity to be role models for the young men and women of their community. One learns to serve by observing others. As our youth grow to become adult leaders, it is hoped each will achieve that same desire and spirit to serve future generations of children and youth.

The slogan accepted over 40 years ago is just as vital today. It is a very thoughtful challenge-"Every Rotarian an Example to Youth."

## Installation Dinner

Celebrate the successes of the 2009/10 year and participate in the installation of the incoming leaders for both Clubs and District. Come in early to enjoy a round of golf or other activities (below).

### District 5160 Installation Dinner

Rolling Hills Casino, 2655 Barham Ave., Corning, CA  
Saturday, July 10  
Doors open w/ no host bar @ 5:30 PM  
Dinner @ 7 PM

Tickets are \$45 per person

**Rooms** are available at the two hotels at the site:

Vagabond Inn the Lodge-Lisa Dowd 530-824-3220  
Request the Rotary rate of \$92.65

Ramada - Cheryl 530-824-8300  
Request the Rotary rate of \$93.60

## The ABC's of Rotary

January is Rotary Awareness month. Let's take big steps to make Rotary better known in our communities and around the world.

### Definition of Rotary

How do you describe the organization called "Rotary"? There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club as well as the activities of more than a million Rotarians. There are the features of service, internationality, fellowship, classifications of each vocation, development of goodwill and world understanding, the emphasis is high ethical standards, concern for other people and many more.

In 1976, the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to the three men who were then serving on the RI's Public Relations Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

*"Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build good will and peace in the world."*  
*Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is a Rotary club?"*



**Rotary Firsts**  
The first Rotary convention was in Chicago in 1910.

## STAR (Special Training in Action for Rotary)

### STAR MOVES TO REGULAR MEETINGS

By Dave Wahl

As many may recall, in late 2007 and early 2008 our club experienced a tremendous increase in membership. In order to strengthen and streamline the membership process a number of improvements were put into place including the implementation of the Special Training in Action for Rotary (STAR) program.

Beginning in May 2008 monthly morning meetings were conducted for the purpose of helping new members learn more about the world of Rotary. Topics included the Principles of Rotary, the Rotary Foundation, each of the four Avenues of Service and others.

On behalf of Membership Director Susanne Wahl and past-presidents Lisa Bass and Dirk Ziegler, whose terms both spanned the one-year program, I would like to thank all those who found time in their busy schedules to attend the training sessions, most notably Rotarian **Bill Foster** who attended every single one of the twelve STAR Committee meetings.

New for the 2009-2010 Rotary year and upon request of Club President Fred Ehler, STAR will morph into bi-monthly club training for all members. Beginning in October and continuing every other month through June a "best of" selection of STAR topics will be presented to the entire membership.

We look forward to sharing not only the rich history of the programs and services of Rotary but also in looking forward to how our club can become more a part of the new ideas and initiatives of the world of Rotary.

## Interact



### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS OF THE INTERACT CLUBS

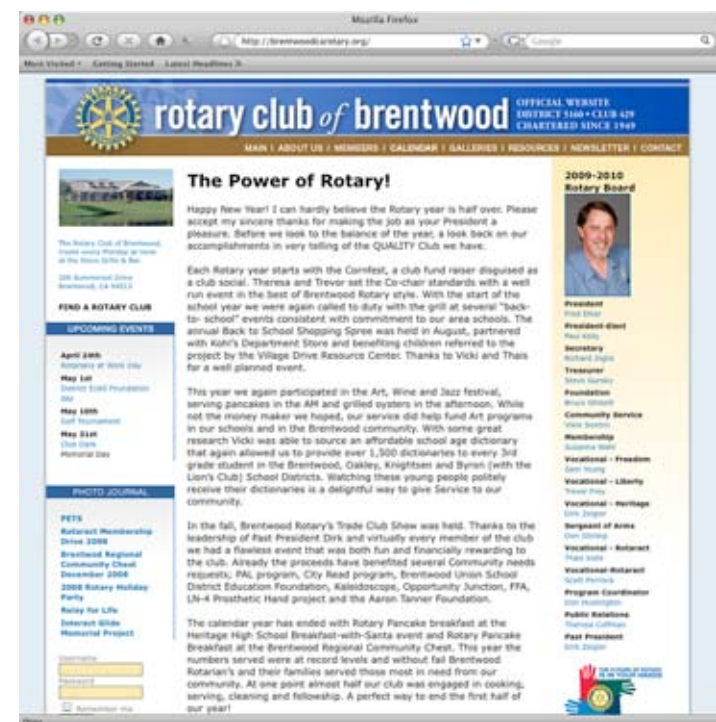
By Dirk Zeigler

The Interact Club held their 2nd annual Babysitting day on December 5th in conjunction with Liberty and Freedom High schools. We had over 25 interact students help with Arts & Crafts, games, pictures with Santa and watching holiday movies. Although it was not attended as well as they would have liked, it did allow the kids to plan a large scale event. Coordinating between three schools and making sure all the details were covered. There leadership and drive for success was great! They raised about \$200 for the P.A.C.E program. A program that helps to keep young girls from being driven into prostitution.

Heritage H.S will be taking a group of kids to Glide Memorial on February 20th, 2010 to feed the needy.

We will have 4 kids from Heritage attend the Interact Winter retreat that is being held on February 27 -28, 2010 at the Marin Headlands Institute.

## Did you know that the Brentwood Rotary has a virtual home?



Thanks to Jim Aster for updating and renovating our website.

Please visit us at [www.BrentwoodCARotary.org](http://www.BrentwoodCARotary.org)





**17th annual**  
**rotary club of brentwood**  
**golf**  
**tournament**

**Monday, May 10, 2010**  
 Brentwood Golf Club  
 100 Summerset Drive, Brentwood

*This tournament benefits Rotary Club of Brentwood and the Charities it supports. Including: Brentwood Community Chest, FFA, LMC Foundation, Children Shopping Spree, Police Activities League, Relay for Life, Sutter Delta Memorial Hospital, Habitat for Humanity, East County Historical Society, Dictionary Distribution, A Place for Learning, L.U.H.S.D. Scholarships and so much more.*

*For more information, call 925-813-2699 or visit [brentwoodcarotary.org/golf](http://brentwoodcarotary.org/golf)*

## End Polio Now

All Brentwood Rotarians are asked to support a major Public Image project which is taking place on February 23, 2010. Various Public Image initiatives will be happening around the world from February 16, until March 2, 2010. These will include the now successful lighting of iconic buildings with the message End Polio Now. Leaders of governments will also receive from Rotary an End Polio Now postcard.

Our club is being asked by Rotary International President Paul Kenny to be seen doing something visible to promote the End Polio Now campaign.

It can be anything from spending an hour one day handing out leaflets about Rotary and polio to having a booth at your local shopping mall collecting money to help pay for polio immunization for the children.

It really is up to our club's imagination to do what we can to support the project. Imagine the impact of every club in the world taking part to help End Polio Now around our organization's 105th anniversary.

For ideas and outreach materials to highlight February 23, please visit: <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/RotaryLeadership/RIpresident/Pages/PublicImage.aspx>

## March is Literacy Month

A time for clubs to develop their own literacy projects and raise awareness of Rotarians' efforts worldwide to eliminate illiteracy.

### Save The Date: Saturday, May 22nd.

It will be a Fun Day for the Whole Family!  
 Details coming very soon.....

From the Foundation Day Committee  
 Harry Bower, Chair  
 PDG Candy Pierce, Foundation Team Leader



## The District Assembly

In view of the annual turnover of Rotary leadership each year, special effort is required to provide the 27,000 club leaders with appropriate instruction for the tasks they will assume. The annual district assembly is the major leadership training event in each Rotary district of the world.

The district assembly offers motivation, inspiration, Rotary information and new ideas for club officers, directors and key committee chairmen of each club. Some of the most experienced district leaders conduct informative discussions on all phases of Rotary administration and service projects. The assembly gives all participants valuable new ideas to make their club more effective and interesting. Usually eight to ten delegates from each club are invited to attend the training session.

Another important feature of a district assembly is a review by the incoming district governor of the program theme and emphasis of the new RI president for the coming year. District goals and objects are also described and plans are developed for their implementation.

The success of each Rotary club is frequently determined by the club's full representation and participation in the annual district assembly.

## Saturday - April 17

**8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
 Vallejo Center, Solano Community College  
 (Near Six Flags Discovery Kingdom)  
 545 Columbus Parkway  
 Vallejo, CA 94591

**Map & Driving Directions:**  
<http://www.solano.edu/vallejo/directions.html>  
 707-642-2010 Installation Dinner July 10

**All incoming board members are encouraged to attend. Mark your calendar!**

## Calendar of Events

### March

12th 1st Annual Texas Hold-em Tournament  
 26th TGIF  
 27th Historical Society Open House

### April

17th District Assembly  
 Solano Community College  
 24th Rotary @ Work Day  
 27th Rotaract Blood Drive  
 LMC - Brentwood Campus

### May

10th 17th Annual Rotary Golf Tournament  
 22nd Rotary Foundation Day

### June

19th Demotion Party  
 Hosted by the Zeigler'sd



## CRAZY HAT DAY

**First Monday of the month**

**"TGIF" Party!**  
**March 26, 2010**



**at the home of**  
**Wes & Robin Olson**  
 Details to follow

# DAVID AND KAREN WAHL JOIN OTHER ROTARIANS IN BENIN TO FIGHT POLIO



On November 3–12, 2009 Brentwood Rotarian David Wahl and wife Karen joined a group of 38 Rotarians from across the US and Canada to take part in a polio Sub-National Immunization Day in the Kmpasse region of Benin, West Africa. The group of 50, including spouses and North American Rotarians already in-country, collectively immunized 3,313 children five years and under.

On another day, the group divided up and joined Benin Rotarians to take part in local humanitarian projects throughout the city of Cotonou. Each Rotarian present gained a first-hand look at the work of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation and its part in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative spearheaded by the World Health Organization, Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Additionally, the group participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> West Africa Project Fair showcasing humanitarian projects presented by 48 different Rotary clubs from the West African nations of Benin, Togo, Nigeria, Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire. The 2-day event included seminars and workshops focused on Rotary's Future Vision Plan due to take effect in the next fiscal year. The adventure, consistent with the mission of the Rotary Foundation, was to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Although the entire Western hemisphere was declared polio free in 1994 the countries of Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria remain endemic and if the virus is left unchallenged children everywhere remain at risk. All Rotarians are encouraged to continue their commitment to global polio eradication by remaining knowledgeable about Rotary's historic support of this public health initiative and by participating in the PolioPlus program.

Rotarians are encouraged to direct a portion of their annual Foundation giving to help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants pledged by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

For further information visit, [rotary.org/endpolio](http://rotary.org/endpolio) or [polioeradication.org](http://polioeradication.org).



## Welcome New Members



### *Peter Charitou*

Chef  
Sweeney's Bar and Grill  
301 Oak St.,  
Brentwood, CA 94513  
Bus: 925-634-5192  
Birthday: August 3rd.

He was sponsored by Greg Robinson. He was inducted on November 30, 2009.

Peter and his wife Veronica were married on March 13, 2001. They have two sons, Matthew and Demetri.

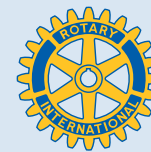


### *Eric Nova Lefebvre*

CEO / Owner  
Delta Roofing  
838 Olympic Ct.,  
Brentwood, CA 94513  
Bus: 925-513-8759  
Birthday: December 10th.

He was sponsored by Gene Clair. He was inducted on November 30, 2009.

Peter and his wife Nancy were married on May 12, 1979. They have two daughters, Michelle and Sarah and one son, Matthew. His hobbies include skiing, riding motorcycles and working on old muscle cars



### *Thomas "Tom" Ranieri*

Sales Manager  
Arco Energy  
Oakdale, CA  
Bus: 925-917-0641  
Birthday: February 8th.

Sponsored by Don Giacomini. Tom married Nancy, they have five children. Tom served in the U.S. Air Force from 1973 – 1988. In his spare time Tom enjoys flying, golf and family.



### *Rosendo "Ross" Lopez*

Agent  
State Farm Insurance  
71K Sand Creek Rd.  
Brentwood, CA  
Bus: 925-634-0330  
Birthday: October 25.

Ross is married to Ammala, they have three children. Ross comes to us from the Stockton East Club. In his spare time he enjoys golf and fishing.



### *Leonard "Len" McCurley*

Owner  
National Flooring and Supply of  
Brentwood  
8890 Brentwood Blvd.  
Brentwood, CA  
Bus: 925-634-4111  
Birthday: May 25th

Len is married to Linda, they have three children. Len served in the U.S. Navy. In his spare time he enjoys sailing. Len is a Paul Harris Fellow and active member of Golden Hills Church.



# The Rotary Trade Club Dinner



# The Rotary Holiday Party



# Community Chest 2009



Thanks to the Robinson's for hosting the party!