"Overview of Brookside Community Health Center"

MARGIE BOLEYN
Executive Director

Brookside Community Health Center is a licensed Federally Qualified Health Center providing primary care to families in West Contra Costa County, primarily Richmond and San Pablo. The Health Center opened as a department of Brookside Hospital in July of 1994 and became independent in October of 1996.

Currently the Health Center has about 1,000 patient visits a month. Over half of the patients have Medi-Cal and about 25% are uninsured and pay on a sliding fee scale. Our family practice physicians and nurse practitioner care for all ages and see a variety of health care problems as well as providing preventive services.

Chairman of the Day: JOHN MEDLOCK
Door Duty: DAVID KUNCHENTHAL & SUSIE VAN DE VEER

Meeting of 12/30/96
The informalities opened with a casual JIM BEAVER leading the pledge and gracing us with a reminder. Visiting Rotarians were Pete Campbell of Berkeley and Neal Wells from El Cerrito.

Announcements:
JOE BAGLEY updated us on the Salvation Army Bell Ringing success. Thanks to DAVE SMITH and his daughter, ERIE BROWN, JOE BAGLEY and TROY PEMITT for your time and efforts.

We still need fence builders for Richmond High School's infant center. TROY's phone number is being changed so I couldn't get the dates for the construction. I am sure he will read this and let us know next week.

Happy $$$'s
RICH BRANDES was pleased about the relocation of his homestead to Fairfax.

It was grandchild central as ROB NICOLLS, TED ABREU, JOE NUSBAUM and JOE BAGLEY all had donations to the cause.

ELIP is proud to call himself a Point Richmond resident.
ERIE BROWN was sad about the Bears, but what else is new.
JIM BEAVER was pleased about his holiday visitors visiting elsewhere and sad that the hospital merger has been delayed.

Today's meeting was a very friendly round table so let the program speak for itself.

Meeting of 1/3/97
So as not to cause any distractions, the almighty JB parted the skies and flooded the area with sunlight. A welcome relief to the Rotarians who dared to venture out after the storms. JIM SHATTOCK waxed at length poetically (no doubt priming himself for his presentation). Neal Wells from El Cerrito was the only visiting Rotarian to witness the fun.

Announcements:
Don't believe for one minute that the flooding in Reno is going to affect the annual Rotarians to Reno affair. As long as there is a car with libations heading East there will be Rotarians on board. According to JOHN NICOL, here's the rub...On January 12, 1997 Bloody's and Drivers will be served at 6:00 (that's a.m. folks) in
DAVE SMITH is happy that CHARLIE ORMAN chose him and his family for Chevron’s national publication.
DAVE NINOMIYA was pleased with Ohio State’s Rose Bowl victory.

Program
JIM BEAVER introduced our own tuba-MASTER JIM SHATTICK. If you know JIM at all, you know what the program involved. Without so much as a breath in between jokes, stories, anecdotes, illustrations, magic, poetry, song and verse the big man entertained us for the duration. JIM will be performing two special engagement performances on the Reno train on 1/12 and 1/13/97. Tickets available on the train...or just give him a drink and he’ll entertain you for free.

MARK THIBAULT, Editor

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Contra Costa County Health Department
Environmental Health Division

Our speaker this week will be from the Contra Costa County Health Services Department Environmental Health Division. CCHSD is a regulatory agency concerned with the proper handling, storage and disposal of hazardous material in CCC. They administer several programs including those that issue permits and monitor regulatory compliance with businesses, provide safe alternatives for disposal of household hazardous wastes and oversee the clean up of contaminated sites, including those resulting from leaking underground storage tanks. In addition, CCHSD is responsible for regulating acutely hazardous materials through the Risk Management and Prevention Program and also houses the incident Response Team, which responds to emergency situations such as chemical spills, illegal drug labs and dumping of toxic materials and may activate the community warning system.

Chairperson of the Day: JUDY LISKE
Door Duty: BILL LANSDOWNE and DOUG STRAUS

**LAST WEEK**

**PRESIDENT BEAVER** brought the meeting to order and led in the pledge to the flag. **MICHAEL BROWN** had no thoughts.

**Announcements:**

**TED ABEY** announced Kennedy High's "Girls Together" crab feed fundraiser on January 24. Tickets are $20.00.

**BEAV** mentioned that **TROY FENIT** is organizing a dance at Richmond High.

The Reno Trip is leaving early Sunday AM. There are seats available due to some cancellations; talk to **JOHN NICOL** about taking the place of the people who can't go.

**Recognitions:**

**DAVE BROWN** announced that there will be a discount day coming up soon for all those who missed being recognized during the past year.

**CYNTHIA's** birthday was December 24. She didn't want to sing but contributed to her hubby's Paul Harris.

**LOREN STRAUGHN** had a check for the Community Fund to celebrate his birthday.

**JOE NUSBAUM** was celebrating his anniversary and the birth of a new granddaughter born December 31 with a check to the Carl Buhfuss Fund.

**Happy $$$$**

**JOHN BROWN** is happy about his new job which is really the same as his old job except that he'll be working for Tenet who recently took over Brookside Hospital. He was sad that he couldn't go on the Reno Trip. He was also very happy about discovering Amazing Glaze, the Richmond Art Center's new glaze your own store at Hilltop Mall. "Very relaxing, better than taking a pill," he says.

**JEFF NICHOLSON** was happy that **BEAV** liked the store and was also happy that they will be opening a new cafe at the Art Center in cooperation with Rosemary's Bakery. He was also glad to be back at Rotary after several weeks.

**BILL WARE** was unhappy that he lost his job in 1996 to anybody hiring.

**JOHN NICOL** was happy to have his friends **SHAR GROVER** and **RALPH HILL** back at Rotary.
DAVE BROWN was happy to be six weeks smoke free.
DOUG STRAUS was happy for Stanford’s big win over UCLA. BOB NICOLOLS seconded the motion.

Program:
JOHN MEDLOCK introduced Margie Boleyn, Executive Director of the Brookside Community Health Center. It was started by Brookside Hospital 3 years ago because the hospital recognized the need for a facility for non-emergency treatment. The only other place besides an emergency room for a non-insured person to go is a county health clinic. It took six months to get up and running and immediately the center was busy. They recently became independent from the hospital which was the original plan.

They currently see over 1,000 patients per month, many of whom are emergency room referrals. Most are from the Richmond/San Pablo area. It is a very multi-cultural program. Much of the staff is bilingual and they provide services on a sliding scale. They are part of a federal program (FQHC) that pays higher scale on Medicare and Medical patients. They get much of their support through fundraising and grants.

The staff is very experienced and dedicated. There are two physicians, a nurse practitioner, a registered nurse/manager and other nurses and support staff plus the Executive Director (also a nurse) and her assistant. There is a non-member board, of which JOHN MEDLOCK is a member.

One half of the board are users of the center which is located across the street from Brookside Hospital.
Currently they are maxed out and can’t handle any more of a patient load. They are looking for ways to expand and are working on future plans which may include longer hours and increased space...maybe even other locations. There are services for all ages and they have cancer screening, immunizations, etc. The drop-in clinic is very helpful to the community and the need for the clinic is tremendous as there are not enough community clinics in the county.

It was an informative presentation on a very important community resource.

Raffle:
Tipper’s back! Won by GEORGE WACKER.
JIM SHATTOCK got movie passes and popcorn.
STANLEY GRYDKY got the other movie kit.

Notes taken by JEFF NATHANSON for MARK THIBAULT
LAST WEEK

With the precision of a surgeon, President Jim sliced through his perfunctory duties of calling the meeting to order and leading the pledge. The Reverend Brown finally had a thought albeit a rather cerebral one.

Visiting Rotarians included Gary Pokorny from El Cerrito and Shelly Ann Sanborn from San Pablo. Rotarians bringing guests included Donna McGinn with Dr. Candy Rose and Bob Arago with son Alec.

Announcements:

The fence building project for Richmond High is set for February 1st at 9:00 A.M. We still need 5 or 6 more volunteers to help erect the chain-link enclosure. Any or no experience required. See Troy Pekitt for sign-ups.

Apparently the Reno Trip was a success. John Nicoll testifies that he can't recall any details... an eloquent way of not incriminating himself. Thanks to Dave for all his help was as far out on a limb as John would go.

Happy to have finally learned how to play a real game of chance, Dave Brown donated ten dollars of his craps winnings to the happy dollar fund.

Recognitions:

Walter Wolfe enjoys 59 years of marriage and celebrated by donating to the Medlock fund. Katherine O'Donn Alexander and Dan Ready and your scribe all celebrated another year of living.

Happy $$$$:

Joe Kelman was pleased about finding some tequila on the train and even happier that upon his return home he found his car in one piece. Pete Bray is happy about his new business venture.

Erie Brown was pleased about his Reno experience but once again found sadness with Cal. The pigshill remain grounded.

Jeff Natheron is happy about his service award and cash donation from the Soroptomists as well as the success of RCA's Hilltop location.

Sydney celebrates 3 years of business success. Charles Ramsey, unlike Erie Brown, is happy about Cal's situation because more people can not attend UCLA.

Katherine O'Donn and Hank Coyle were pleased about their Reno experiences. Rumor has it that Katherine enjoyed a unique libation while away.

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Last Week (cont'd)
Care to elaborate KATHERINE?
LOYD HENRY had mixed feelings about Cal and the Niners.
JUDY MORGAN got a little testy about people "dissing" Richmond.
DONNA MCCAIN was pleased to report that Pixar will not be leaving Richmond.
JIM BEAVER was sorry he couldn't make the Reno Trip but thanked JOHN NICOL and JOE BAGLEY for pulling his weight.

Program:
JUDY LISKE introduced Contra Costa County Health Department representatives Lou Castelli and Tracy Hines-Silva. Speaking on the subjects of hazardous materials handling and disposal as well as the areas of risk management and prevention, Lou began the program. With the 1992 passage of State Bill 1082, or the CUPA bill as it is affectionately called, there are six programs under its jurisdiction which regulate hazardous materials. Geared primarily towards businesses which handle or generate these substances, the health department also has a household hazardous waste program to deal with toxic household waste. These programs are all designed to keep you safe and healthy...so sleep tight, big brother has your best interest in mind. Tracy addressed the issue of our community warning system. Designed to warn us of any impending doom from, god forbid, a toxic accident, the system is composed of several "tools". These include sirens, the community alert network, that is the auto phone dialing system, the media, emergency alert receivers, pagers, and as of next month, online capabilities. The system is tested on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. If you should hear the sirens at any other time, seek legal assistance immediately!...or check the windshield of your car. There should be a business card waiting for you.

Raffle:
JOE KEILMAN gets his chance at Tipper while DON LAU gets the suds.

MARK THIBAULT,
Editor
Last Week

Rotarian president and acting meteorologist Jim Beaver gave us the forecast before opening the show and leading the pledge. Rotarians bringing guests included John Lawlis with friend Stan, Rich Brander with his job shadow Gilbert, and Bob Nicolls with Nom Tad.

Announcements:
We still need volunteers for the Richmond High's fence building project. The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 1st but we need several folks on Friday, January 31st to do some preliminary work. See or call Troy Fenwitt ASAP.

Does anyone remember the Doctor who spoke at one of our meetings that specialized in musicians' hands. If you do, please give Tom McComan a call. He needs the name pronto.

Recognitions:
Tag teaming with big John Medlock, Barrister Brown did the honors today.

Joe Accoerado celebrated a birthday and gave no details.

John Nicol's birthday was cause for a resounding serenade.

Dave Brown was honest enough to recognize himself for his birthday with a hefty contribution to his Paul Harris.

Malcolm Lee was tagged for his "gawking" photo in the West County Times.

Judy Liske's lost and found badge cost her ten dollars. Don't let your husband read this Judy.

Happy $$$$s

Jim Beaver is finally pleased that the official word is out and the Brookside doors will stay open. However, he's a little unsure of who the hell he works for now. Regardless, his $200 donation to his Paul Harris is a clue to his real feelings. He's also pleased about sharing space with Doug Straus. Can't say Doug feels the same.

Happy second birthday to Charles Ramsey's daughter.

What do you bet Dave K didn't catch a damn thing on his annual sturgeon derby outing except a bad case of the squirts. Boy, I'm gonna catch hell for this.

John Lawlis was pleased he really doesn't owe the IRS.
At the Casino San Pablo the object is to keep the tables full. This is accomplished by offering food as well as drink to the players at the tables. To help cover the casino’s overhead, each player must also pay a fee per hand played. The casino is owned by two entities, Ladbrokes and SP Gaming. It employs over 650 people, is open 24 hours, seven days a week and covers over 71 thousand square feet of space. It boasts a new sports bar, shoe shine stand, arcade room, 24 hour shuttle, and valet parking. There are promotional activities routinely and future plans for an on site hotel.

Raffle:
DON LAU can stay home and get hammered while JUDY LISKE eats trail mix.

MARK THIBAULT
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Chairman of the Day: NORM FOLEY

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Feb. 14 - MAYOR CORBIN
Door Duty: JACK MATLIN & JACK MORMON

Feb. 21 - JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM
Door Duty: DAVID NINOMIYA & DAN SANDERS

"Service Above Self"

LAST WEEK

Exercising his presidential right to do as he pleases, JIM "hey, I'm still employed" BEAVER opened the meeting and gave a very quiet, thoughtful speech for the day. Any of you who did not participate in the Richmond High's fence building project know what I mean. By the way, a big congrats to TROY for spearheading this latest project.

Visiting Rotarians sharing in the fun this week included Gary Pokorny from El Cerrito, Paul Fisher, our soon to be District Governor from Walnut Creek, and our guest speaker from Pacificia, Steven Wright. It was a rather dismal contingent in attendance but not one of you felt the urge to bring a guest.

Announcements:
JIM BEAVER was sad that he had to miss the program and leave early.
DAVE K was sad about his inability to fish...OOPS, there I go again. I was almost sad about DAVE's inability to fish.
HANK COVELL was pleased about Cal's recent hoop success.
KATHERINE O'DOWD-ALEXANDER was pleased about her mom's recovery.
JOE BAGLEY was happy about his daughter's sweet sixteen party but sad that it will keep him from participating in the fence project.
MARKU PELANOE was pleased that his father-in-law's weight was to MARKU's advantage.

We were all happy about the Thank You notes sent to us by the Project Seed children.

Program:
JUDY LISKE introduced co-worker and bill collector extraordinaria Steven Wright. Rotarian Steve from Pacifica gave us some rather frustrating, albeit the law, advice on how to go about the happy chore of collecting bad debt. For those of you who missed out on the circulated syllabus of do's and don'ts I'll spare you the inexcusable details. Inexcusable only in the sense that Steve's information, as it pertains to...
Last Week (cont’d) us as business people, doesn’t give us much hope in collecting from those that owe us money. Apparently the law, in all its infinite wisdom, gives more protection to the people who have bad debt than to the people trying to collect (that’s you and me kids!). Basically, the only thing we can do is ask “Pretty Please” as we beg for payment on services we have rendered. The law is very precise on when, where, what time, tone of voice, etc. that we use in dealing with deadbeats...sorry, I mean, dealing with those poor souls that have been thrust into the unfortunate position of owing us their hard earned money. Steve says the rule of thumb for collecting is to utilize the Golden Rule and only treat debtors as you would wish to be treated yourself...Yeah, I’m sure that is just what the debtor feels too. I’m not criticizing Steve’s program one iota, I merely am frustrated at the lack of common sense and “one sidedness” that seems apparent in the law with regard to this issue. I guess the second rule of thumb is to “Just write it off, you won’t get paid anyway”.

Raffle:
It was ex-president day for luck as DAN TANITA won the wine and DAVE SMITH won the Scotch.

Editor-MARK THIBAULT...remember, you can e-mail me with your criticisms at MarkBean@aol.com but be sure to have the fortitude to leave your name.
PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1997

"From Brown Fields to Green Fields"

MAYOR ROSEMARY CORBIN

Brown fields are the opposite of green fields. They are empty lots or buildings which are either contaminated or perceived to be contaminated, and therefore hard to develop because of the fear of cleanup and liability.

Many efforts are being launched to return brown fields to productive use. A prime example exists in our community's Marina Bay. Mayor Corbin will tell the story of Marina Bay from the brown fields into green fields perspective using slides to illustrate.

Rosemary Corbin was elected to the Richmond City Council 1985, re-elected in 1989 and elected Mayor of Richmond 1993. She represents Richmond on the W.C.C. Integrated Waste Management Authority, West County on the Hazardous Materials Commission and East Bay Cities on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

Chairperson for the Day: JUDY MORGAN

Door Duty: JACK MATLIN & JACK MORMON

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1997

"JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM"

Door Duty: DAVID NINOMIYA & DAN SANDERS

Last Week

Past President DAVE SMITH filled in for JIM BEAVER and conducted the meeting with a flair that made us all nostalgic. TROY PEWITT had the thought for the day.

Visitors and Guests

There were no visiting Rotarians. WIN BOWMAN introduced his son Mark. DAVE ALMEIDA introduced his daughter Angel.

Announcements

TROY PEWITT gave an update on the Fence project. BART WALLACE asked for volunteers to host foreign visitors for the Group Study Exchange program. DAVID KUCHENTHAL asked that folks call him to let him know when things -- good or bad -- happen. He got a call from DON HARDISON that HANS SHAPER was in the hospital and was going home soon. Please call, or better yet e-mail HANS to wish him well. TED ABREU announced that he has a new yearbook from Camp Royal and passed a copy around. JOE NUSBAUM has many receipts for Paul Harris contributions. Please see him to pick yours up.

There were no Recognitions.

Who Am I

JONATHAN LAWLIS has had his red badge over a year. It's about time he did his "Who Am I". JONATHAN is originally from Maine and has lived all over the US. He has 2 brothers and 2 sisters. He has been happily married 22 years and has 2 great kids -- a 14 year old son and a 7 year old daughter. He came to Berkeley in 1975 and got a job at Harbor Plastics because his wife told him he was a bum and should go get a job instead of just hanging out. He describes himself as "the American Dream". He started working at Harbor Plastics in 1975 for $2.50 an hour. He now owns the company and have grown to have over 75 employees. His family used to call him the "black sheep" but now they call him the "industrialist". He says he's just a "regular guy".
Happy $$
BOB ARAGO was sad because he’s moving to Ashland and will be leaving us. He’s happy though because his son just got a job with PG&E -- and he didn’t help him get it! Also he sold his house quick. DAVID KUCHENTHAL says fishing rules...and hockey sucks!!! NORM FOLEY was happy for Cal. JOE KELMAN was sad because he can’t cease JON LAWLIS about the red badge anymore. He’s happy though, because he got a new truck. TED ABREU was sad that a great and loved teacher passed away recently. JIM SHATTOCK went to the SF Ballet with Willie Brown (hisses) and saw his daughter play in the orchestra. He was particularly happy because of all the beautiful women there.

Program
NORM FOLEY introduced Gus Petsas -- CPA from Petsas and Hill. He talked about how miserable the changes in tax laws are. Tax “reform” or “simplification” acts really are “complication” acts. He passed around a book they’ve published and discussed standard and itemized deductions. He then introduced his associate Mila Coffey who talked about the new rules. She indicated that the IRS is cracking down on schedule “C” returns in an attempt to crack down on “hobby” businesses. She also talked about new rules about independent contractors.

Gus then talked about new changes: Spouses can get full IRA deductions next year. There are new “simple” plans. He also discussed medical savings accounts. Congress took a good concept and made it into a mess.

Other new rules: In July 1997 anti-discrimination rules will cover health plans. He mentioned that the new Adoption credit is a good new rule to address a problem in society. And, personal injury/emotional duress settlements will now be taxable. Mila then talked about new proposal -- items that are not yet law, but may be some day soon. They’re thinking about making changes to capital gains -- they want to impose an averaging system. Also real estate changes, child credit and education credit proposals.

Gus spoke about new audit guidelines. The targeted professions this year are restaurants and beauty parlors (tips industries). Also architects and ministers. There are also problems around social security numbers -- the new system will automatically take away deductions for anyone claimed on a return who doesn’t have a number.

This was a very interesting and informative talk on a complicated subject that affects everyone.

Raffle (Where’s his Tipper?)
Prizes were 2 Atlas Ale House gift certificates. Winners were STONEY and JOE KELMAN.

Notes by JEFF NATHANSON for MARK THIBAULT
Announcements:
President BEAV mentioned the Vallejo Rotary golf benefit on May 12 at a price of $110 per person. JACK MATLIN was glad to be back after 8 months. His job with Chevron Research was eliminated, but he has a new position with Chevron Technology which involves much travelling. He just got back from vacationing and visiting a Rotary Club in Antarctica. JOE BAGLEY reported on the District Governor’s Conference. He mentioned that WERNER did a fantastic job as one of the organizers. JONATHAN LAWLS got his Blue Badge. It’s about time! It turns out that BILL LANSDOWNE is being honored at the upcoming Exchange Club awards dinner.

Recognitions:
JOHN MEDLOCK recognized RICH BRANDES for a birthday and anniversary double header. LLOYD HENRY celebrated the "mostly good years" of his anniversary. It was GEORGE WACKER’s birthday. GEORGE, is it 39 years? Sergeant at Arms JOE ACCORNERO revealed that President JIM was not wearing his Rotary T-shirt for the Governor’s Conference and collected a fine for the offense. DON MILLER’s birthday was last month. JOHN wants to know who took his folder.

Happy $$$:
President BEAV was glad to see HANS SHAPER back after being in the hospital. HANS was happy to be back but was sad because the ambulance driver couldn’t find Brookside Hospital! DAVE BROWN was Happy that the family’s hound was recovering after surgery -- although he was trying to recover from the expense. JOE KELMAN was sad that his wife got injured in a fall. JEFF NATHANSON was happy that the Richmond Art Center’s store at Hilltop is doing well -- they hired a new manager and will be featured next week on KTVU television. JON LAWLS was pleased to have a blue badge and that no one threw tomatoes during his "Who Am I".

Program:
JUDY MORGAN introduced Mayor Rosemary Corbin. The Mayor spoke about Richmond’s success with converting "brown fields" to "green fields". She began with describing how Richmond introduced a new “Hold Harmless” rule to the federal government in 1994. This new rule releases new owners and
developers of inner city property from responsibility for pre-existing toxic contamination.

Marina Bay is a real success story. It was a marsh that had lots of contamination left from the increased ship building during World War II. Using slides to show where the old shipyards and new building are, she went through the history of Richmond's growth from a small city of less than 20,000 to a larger city of over 100,000 during World War II. Because the growth was not planned well we are still dealing with a lot of problems that occurred decades ago.

There was toxic landfill left from the Kaiser shipyards and from Santa Fe who owned the land. They didn't know about the problems with toxic waste then that we know about today. Both Santa Fe and the city agreed that the land would be good for mixed use development. The Redevelopment Agency took over several hundred acres. By 1990 25 “pockets” of contaminated land were discovered. Luckily no ground water was contaminated and the toxins were generally not terrible -- mainly petroleum. They developed an innovative cleanup program in which they spent only $1.2 million instead of $12 million it would have cost if they had used traditional disposal methods. Through a deal with Cal Trans and the Environmental Protection Agency, much of the “class 2” petroleum laced soil was used in the construction of 580 and under road ways. Through a court order Richmond then recovered over 70% of past and future costs which must be paid for by Santa Fe and Kaiser.

The Mayor then showed beautiful slides of the residential and commercial development now at Marina Bay. What they learned through the experience of converting the Marina Bay area is to stay calm and be creative. They involved the community in the planning process and had a great team of attorneys and consultants.

The next brown field conversion is going to be North Richmond which will be paid for through a grant which was recently approved. Sounds like Richmond is doing the right thing.

Raffle: DONNA BELL donated flowers and chocolates for Valentine's Day. They were auctioned off and JOHN MEDLOCK was the lucky high bidder.

Tipper's still gone. Where is she?

Prizes were 2 bottles of wine won by ELOF and champagne and chocolates won by JOE'S guest Ray Allen.

Notes taken by JEFF NATHANSON for MARK THIBAULT
**LAST WEEK**

Sportin' one hellacious post Valentine's Day hickey, PRESIDENT BEAV opened the weekly ceremonies. DONNA MCCAIN did the honors of presenting us with a thought to ponder. Visiting Rotarians joining the fun included Bill Candelario from Pinole and Lawrence Sandy from El Cerrito. Representing three generations of WONGs, CHARLIE brought his two sons to the fun.

**Announcements**

• Since there were no **formal** announcements I'll add my two cents.
• Thanks to JEFF NATHANSON for the great job of in-absentia editing for the past two weeks.
• Thanks to DAVE "tie me a fly" KUCHENTHAL for sharing his recent catch with all of us by providing the awesome sturgeon luncheon today. DAVE also informed us of the true dangers associated with full contact fishing. Don't try this at home!

**Recognitions**

• Be afraid DON LAU.
• DONNA McCAIN celebrated her birthday with a generous contribution to the community fund.
• Partner in crime JOHN MEDLOCK tagged his co-recoginizer DAVE BROWN for DAVE's recent letter to the editor in the West County Times.

**Happy $$$'s**

• JIM BEAVER was pleased that the stray golf ball he encountered careened off his car and not off his noggin.
• DON MILLER was pleased about his recent practice relocation.
• GORDON MYERS was pleased about his daughter's 13th birthday celebration.
• CHARLIE FENDER was happy about Cal's recent success.
Program
Via a very appropriate hockey reference, BILL REID introduced Bay Area Junior Achievement (JA) president and S.F. Rotarian Shawn O’Hara. Shawn has been involved in JA for many years and has traveled to many communities praising the benefits and starting new JA programs.

JA is the largest non-government funded program in the US today. Starting with children in kindergarten, the JA program involves children up through the 12th grade. The program reaches 2.5 million children nationwide. Forty-five thousand of those are in the Bay Area. JA’s goals are to teach children the difference between needs and wants and tools and skills. JA believes that kids need to stay in school, understand the difference between economics and government, and that they need the skills to become work force ready. With the shocking statistic that 3,400 children drop out of school each day, JA’s beliefs and goals are truly noble. Inspired yet? Well, you can have a hand in preparing our young people for a better future by volunteering as a JA sponsor. Sponsors go into the classroom and aid the teachers in conveying JA’s information. Sponsors are well trained by JA affiliates and the curriculum taught is spelled out in cook book fashion making the job very simple and predictable. The total time involved as a sponsor is two and one half hours, broken up into five classroom presentations of thirty minutes each. West County will have 2100 youngsters involved in JA next year. With a 1.3 million dollar Bay Area budget, JA needs our support both physically and monetarily.

Raffle
KATHERINE ALEXANDER wins the wine and DAVE BROWN wins the Bag-of-Beer.

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LAST WEEK
Looking secure in his position as Rotarian overlord, JIMMY B called us to order. He even had the presence of mind to quote a Raftian bit of philosophy. Visiting Rotarians were a short commodity as only Neal Wells from El Cerrito climbed the hill to join the festivities. Our own TED ABREU brought along his friend from Chevron, Mike Burlock (hope I didn’t do too much injustice to the last name).

Announcements
• Did any of you take DAVE ALMEIDA’s advice and make it to the Bay Area Outreach Program’s basketball tournament last weekend in Berkeley? Admission was free. I’m sure that had to lure some of you!
• The Carl Rehffuss fund has finally gotten to the point where it can be truly utilized to its fullest potential. Helping to aid Rotarians in their quest for their Paul Harris Fellowships as well as being a source for money for community projects, the fund now has three new trustees in charge of apportionment allocations. Congratulations and Thank You to CHARLIE WONG, DAVE SMITH and JOE NUSBAUM. The fund currently stands at $12,000.

Recognitions
Almost placed on hold for the week until MIKE DOWNER’s BIG picture in the Times drew an appropriate donation.

Happy $$$’s
• JIM BEAVER + Baseball = $20
• CHIEF BILL was pleased about the local dinner sellout.
• TOM BUTT is still pleased about HANS being well (as we all should be).
• BOB ARAGO has more time to spend with his now retired wife...was that a happy dollar BOB?
• LESLIE LEVY had mixed money for the nice weather and tax season.
Program

Doing the honors for JUDY LISKE, BILL WAHBEH introduced our adventurous and motivational speaker, James McCormick. Jim’s lecture was entitled “Exceeding Terminal Velocity”. Jim, a professional skydiver, has achieved goals that only a very few would ever consider.

Having skydived to the North Pole Jim has a thorough understanding of the four steps he considers necessary for all of us to exceed our own terminal velocity. The term terminal velocity, as used in skydiving, pertains to the constant speed one achieves after the eight second acceleration once you’ve left the safety of the airplane. It is this constant speed that allows for the formations which can be accomplished by many skydivers together. In life, Jim says, our terminal velocity is dictated by our comfort zones, or our own personal speed limits. The trick to attaining more in life is to recognize and deal with four steps to a more exciting and rewarding lifestyle. Jim says that the first step is to accept fear. Realize that fear can be constructive as well as destructive to one’s psyche. Once it is accepted you become in control of the fear. Second, take risks. Third, move beyond your barriers and boundaries. Were these barriers set by you or someone else? Is it time to expand the boundaries? Fourth, reap the direct and compound rewards which have been inspired by the first three steps.

Jim’s next challenge to himself is to climb the Matterhorn...see you at the top!

Raffle

BOB NICCOLLS wins the wine and TOM BUTT becomes a good friend with Mr. Beam.

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Editor
Dear Rotarian:

Enclosed is an outline of the various funds that we sponsor, where our collections go, and where you may designate your contribution.

1. Community Fund - The community fund sponsors many projects and events in our area such as Xmas in April, Kennedy and Richmond High day care centers, and gifts to many local organizations.
   a. Recognitions and direct contributions to the fund
   b. Happy and Sad Dollars
   c. Proceeds from the auction
   d. Raffle - door prize
   e. Your dues less amount sent to International and the District

2. Scholarship Fund - This fund sponsors Camp RYLA and Camp Venture, and supports exchange students.
   a. Recognitions and direct contributions to the fund
   b. The weekly jar collection

3. Carl Rehfuss Fund - This fund was started by a grant from Carl Rehfuss, past president and district governor, and long time secretary. There is approximately $12,000 in this fund. The club has agreed not to spend the corpus of the fund but accumulate the interest earned until such time we wish to use the earned funds for projects.
   a. Recognitions - may be matched for Paul Harris award¹
   b. Direct contribution - may be matched for Paul Harris award²

4. Paul Harris Award - These contributions, a total of $1,000, are made direct to the Rotary Foundation and may be obtained in the following manner:
   a. Direct contribution by a Rotarian of a minimum of $50 and must be completed in 10 years. The club may match this contribution.³
   b. Direct contribution for a non-Rotarian that must be completed in 3 years which may be matched.¹

¹ At the present time we have approximately $1,900 available for matching grants
² See footnote 1
³ See footnote 1
¹ See footnote 1
“Service Above Self”

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1997

“THE U.S. COAST GUARD - SEMPER PARATUS”

COMMANDER ROB LORIGAN

Commander Rob Lorigan will discuss his favorite topic...the U.S. Coast Guard. Rob is currently the Chief of Port Operations at Marine Safety Office San Francisco Bay in Alameda. He has 20 years of Coast Guard experience, having served at duty stations on the East and West Coasts, the Gulf of Mexico, Alaska and Hawaii. Rob spent 4 months in the Middle East during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Rob will present an overview of Coast Guard missions and activities in the Bay Area. He will discuss oil spill planning efforts, 1997 flood operations in the Delta and the recent CAPE MOHICAN spill.

Chairperson of the Day: RICHARD BRANDES

Door Duty: STEVE LUDWIG and JUDY LISKE

LAST WEEK

No doubt holding the meeting up until the scribe could arrive, JIM BEAVER called us to order. Gary Radich has nothing on HANK COVELL who gave a humorous “Sit Down” thought for the day. The only visiting Rotarian was one of our program speakers, Gary Buffon from El Cerrito. Rotarians with guests included BART WALLACE with all-star softball daughter, Amanda.

Announcements

• JOE KELMAN informed us that JOHN LAWLIS’ wife is recovering from recent surgery. We wish her well and hope for a speedy recovery.
• ERLE BROWN coughed up ten bucks to try and recall his recent drinking bender somewhere south of the border. Glad to have you back ERLE.

Recognition

• Did you know that ERLE celebrated a birthday while in Mexico? Neither did he! He gave a nice donation to the Rehfuss fund on principle though.
• STEVE LUDWIG had a quiet birthday dinner and pledged a few bucks toward his Paul Harris as a momento.
• The dapper LAU celebrates an anniversary with a donation to Mr. Rehfuss’ memory.
• JUDY LISKE’s birthday of the day drew an off key serenade.
• JOE KELMAN turned the tables on “the recognizer” DAVE BROWN, who gave up some pride money for his son.

Happy $$$

• JIM BEAVER + recent baseball hall of fame inductee=cash.
• JEFF NATHANSON is on his way into the rock and roll hall of fame with his recent band’s new CD release.
• DON MILLER had a mixed donation. Happy for his daughter’s new job but sad about her new locale.
• DAVE K was happy about TOM BUTT’s recent TV success.
• JOE BAGLEY was happy about TOM’s recent radio success.
• HANK COVELL was mixed about Cal.
• TED ABREU was pleased he’s finally not in the West County Times.
• Cal’s history pleases CHARLIE FENDER.
• JUDY LISKE’s daughter turns three and that pleases her.
Program

JUDY MORGAN introduced El Cerrito Rotarian and one of three committee chairpersons for the West County Image Improvement program, Gary Buffon. Gary shared the podium with Michael Fenley, and Jenny Kohler, who in conjunction with the Richmond Chamber are spearheading the image enhancement program of Richmond and the west county as a whole. Born of the 1996 business survey, the program has three objectives: Economic Development, chaired by Gary; Image Enhancement, chaired by Michael and Education, chaired by Jenny. The economic development aspect aims to not only draw new businesses to the west counties, but to retain them as well. Working to develop relationships with the media in promoting positive stories about Richmond and supporting local events to insure their success are the goals of the image enhancement phase. Getting the residents to perceive Richmond and west county cities as positive places to be is a major objective. Expanding the links between education and business and promoting the positive aspects of education, both public and private, to the community are the goals of the educational phase.

A public relations firm has been hired to aid with the "strategizing" and implementation of the program. Funding for the project requires donated money and a goal of 60K has been established with already more than 35K collected. Volunteers for the project are welcome and encouraged.

Raffle

DON MILLER wins gin; NORM FOLEY gets a pizza party.

** Special Bulletin **

There is a hefty reward being offered for the return of Tipper Gore! I can’t imagine who would want her for this long but that’s none of my business... just return her PLEASE.

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Editor
LAST WEEK

Getting a head start on the St. Patty’s Day festivities, incumbent president O’JEU BAGLEY let go of his shamrock just long enough to open the meeting. In her best Irish brogue Miss O’LEYEV gave a rather serious message of peace which has been reiterated a number of times and still goes unheeded. Visiting Rotarians included Bill Frank from Hercules. Rotarians with guests included DAVE BROWN with the honorable Judge Lindenbaum.

Announcements:
- Get well and best wishes cards are being circulated for JOHN LAWLIS’ wife Elizabeth and for RAY MARTIN. Please send your regards by signing them so that they may be delivered.
- A very brave TROY PEWITT reminds us that St. Patty’s day can only mean one thing...that’s right kids, XMAS IN APRIL is only a few short weeks away, April 26th to be exact. The house and projects associated with it for this year are still being determined. Stay tuned for details!
- NORM FOLEY’s said a few words about the 27 year old YMCA carp in Garberville. Visitor Bill Frank followed with the details. It seems that the 66 acre camp known as Camp Ravencliff, which has programs for the youth of Richmond, is up for disposal. The West Contra Costa Board of Supervisors AKA Camp Ravencliff Corporation, needs our support to maintain the property and perpetuate the future of our young people.
- Board Meeting scheduled for March 20th at Baker’s Square at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome!

Recognitions:
Not seeing anyone in particular on which to unleash his wrath, DAVE BROWN abused only those who decided to attend the meeting pinless.

Happy $$’s
- TOM BUTT is pleased he found an honest JOE.
- JOE ACCORNERO was happy about BILL REID’s golf score.
JUDY LISKE was happy she had a dollar.
DAN TANITA's daughter's softball prowess makes him happy.

Program:
RICH BRANDES introduced Coast Guard Commander Rob Lorigan. Commander Rob was on hand to explain why the Coast Guard's motto is "Always Ready, Always There". Founded in 1790, the Coast Guard of today is part of the U.S. Armed Forces and the Department of Transportation. Its many functions, both nationally and internationally, include the patrolling of our waterways, peace missions, law enforcement, environmental protection, search and rescue, commerce, illegal entrance, drug enforcement and nature issues. In recent years the Coast Guard has had to deal with governmental budget cuts and has done so without compromising its integrity to service. Honor, respect and pride seems to be the overall theme for all of its members. Protection is its main goal. Commander Lorigan finished his presentation with slides detailing the Guard's role in managing the recent Cape Mohican oil spill. A very informative program. Where do I sign up?

Raffle:
Honest JOE KELMAN wins the Bombay and BILL REID can celebrate his golf score with some vintage.

WHERE'S TIPPER!!!??!!

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1997

“GAINING & MAINTAINING CUSTOMER LOYALTY”

Scott Switt

Scott Switt, a member of the National Speakers Association, has assisted many companies and organizations in thinking beyond the competition. As a speaker, Scott has addressed over 3000 people in 50 seminars across the Western United States. As a trainer and consultant, Scott has worked with over 100 companies in the last three years to empower employees to succeed. His message is intertwined with stories, humor, ideas, questions and sheer enthusiasm!

Chairperson for the Day: JUDY LISKE

DOOR DUTY: CHARLIE ORMAN & REYNOLDS PARTRIDGE

LAST WEEK
With a better than normal turnout standing at the ready to grasp every word of profound wisdom he would surely bring forth, President JIMMY proclaimed the games open. Never having a thought before, JOE KELMAN was “successful” for his first time. (That didn’t come out the way I wanted it to JOE.) Visiting Rotarians included John Fleming from El Cerrito and Bill Van Dyk from San Pablo. JOE KELMAN was happy about his second thought, his guest, Kevin Vance. (There I go again.)

Announcements:
• Sign up sheets for Xmas in April are being circulated. The date is April 26th.
• Watch your mail. Letters are on the way regarding available money to be credited towards your Paul Harris Fellowships. Your questions can be fired at ERLE BROWN.
• BART WALLACE reminds us of the GSE team coming in from India. Thanks to TOM McGOWAN, DAVE BROWN and TOM BUTT for volunteering as hosts.
• JOE NUSBAUM informed us of the Carl Rehfluss fund happenings. The trustee board has met and the almost $12K in the fund will be transferred to a CD shortly. The goal is to get $50K in the fund and utilize the interest for projects. So please be generous and specific to Carl for your donations.
• The District Conference is scheduled for May 1st thru May 3rd in Red Bluff. Get there if you can. Printed information is readily available.

Recognitions:
• DAVE BROWN hopes that the “couple ALEXANDER” had fun celebrating their anniversary because the recognition sure won’t be…on a similar note…be afraid HANK KELMAN…be very afraid.
• CHARLES RAMSEY’s anniversary was worth a donation to his Paul Harris.
• NORM LUNDBERG celebrated a birthday and...
anniversary with a solicited Carl Rehfluss donation.
• Being way too honest and feeling way to guilty, several Rotarians ‘fessed up to bailing on the door duty when DAVE offered a one time only discounted missed duty fee.

Happy $$$’s
• JIM BEAVER was happy about Bill Van Dyk’s presence.
• CHARLES was happy about UCLA.
• LLOYD HENRY was happy about Cal.
• JEFF NATHANSON was happy about Cal and RAC’s upcoming party at their Hilltop store on Thursday 3/27.
• PETE BRAY was happy about his new Walnut Creek position but fears he may have to join the Rotary over there...we hope he doesn’t mind the commute back here on Fridays.
• BOB NICCOLLS was pleased about Stanford’s efforts.
• TOM McGOWAN was happy about CHARLES’ solicitations.
• DAVE ALMEIDA was also very happy about MR. RAMSEY’S advertising campaign.

Program:
JIM BEAVER introduced political columnist for the Contra Costa Times, Daniel Borenstein. Dan says we are in for some very interesting political times in California. With the uncertainty of term limits, campaign funding, and open primary reforms hanging in the balance, those running for office are not quite sure how their futures may stack up.

The issue of term limits affect the voter as well. Such restrictions will affect the voter’s rights to pick who they want and open primaries will allow the voter to jump from one party to another. The 1998 election year will be unique and bring considerations we have not seen before. If they stay on the books, the new rules will make for a very interesting game. Needless to say, this type of program was cause for some heated questions and disconcerting looks from many of our own.

Raffle: JOE NUSBAUM and DAN READY split the wine and Mexican food.
PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1997

“THAT’S ENTERTAINMENT”
HOWARD ZUGMAN
KARAOKE CLASSICS

How about some good old-fashioned entertainment? Howard Zugman will present a program of great music from the swing era and other classics for our enjoyment. Mr. Zugman is a karaoke entertainer who founded One-World Entertainers several years ago and plays for many groups, including senior centers, throughout the Bay Area. So sit back and enjoy some great music.

Chairman of the Day: WIN BOWMAN

DOOR DUTY: TROY PEWITT & CHARLIE WONG

SPECIAL BULLETIN

The meeting location will be changing effective April 11, 1997. The new venue will be the Bermuda Room of the Richmond Auditorium. The room at Mira Vista is going to be undergoing a face-lift. Please make a note of the new venue! You have been duly warned.

Upcoming Programs: MARK YOUR CALENDARS
4/11 - GSE group from India
4/18 - Warrick Liang - RICHMOND YOUTH PROJECT
4/25 - Gary Sloan, CEO - BROOKSIDE/DRS-Pinole Joint Meeting with Soroptimists
5/2 - Mark Oman - SECRETS FROM THE 19TH HOLE
5/9 - Joint Meeting with Berkeley at Richmond
5/23 - R.C. Owens - SF 49ers
5/30 - PAUL HARRIS PROGRAM - rescheduled from 4/4
6/6 - OLD TIMERS DAY
6/27 - PRES. JIM - DEMOTION!

LAST WEEK
A glorious Good Friday and a smilin’ JIM BEAVER welcomed us all to the pre-Easter festivities. Staying in harmony with the season REVEREND BROWN did the honors with the sermon for the day. A special guest from the Albury West Rotary Club in Australia, Rob Meers, exchanged banners with our club in the familiar Rotary tradition. Neal Wells, from the distant El Cerrito club, also decided to pay us a visit. Rotarians with guests included CHARLIE WONG with his son and STEVE LUDWIG with his job shadow.

Announcements
• With chocolate bunny remnants dangling from the corners of his mouth, JIM reminded us of the District Conference slated for May 1st through May 3rd in Red Bluff. Printed material is available for your perusal.
• Xmas in April is April 26th. We need bodies. Sign-up sheets are being circulated.
• JOHN MEDLOCK informed us that the Teachers in Excellence annual banquet sponsored by the West Contra Costa County School District is May 16th. Tickets are $30 each or $300 for a table of eight. (Shouldn’t that be $240...hummm...Teachers in excellence...math error...just a thought.)

Recognitions
Only lucky DON HARDISON got the call as he donated to his wife’s Paul Harris in celebration of his recent birthday.

Happy $$$s
• JIM BEAVER was happy about jelly beans, springtime and the smell of love in the air...not really...more like opening day and the new diamond lane of Highway 80.
• JOHN LAWLIS had a self recognition for his anniversary and an even more important happy $100 for his wife’s successful recovery from her illness. We share your excitement JOHN.
Happy $$$$ (cont’d)
• JOE BAGLEY was sorry BENNY BARNES is no longer in our club...but we are working on changing that.
• DOUG STRAUS questions the DAVE SMITH fund.

Program
JUDY LISKE introduced sales trainer and consultant from the National Speakers Association, Scott Swift. Scott
was on hand to discuss his ideas on making our personal and business lives more productive and successful. Through
anecdotes and stories Scott’s steps to a better future involved the following: We must realize that each situation
we are presented with is unique. We must be flexible and rely on instinct more than logic and practicality. We must
be persistent in our efforts to succeed and continue to move forward despite any adverse or failed past
attempts. We must be consistent in our efforts and listen to our customers or our target audience. We must have the
desire to succeed. Sounds simple. So what are you waiting for?

Raffle
Feeling like the Easter Bunny, spreading good cheer, DONNA BELL provided Easter treats for five lucky winners. They were ERLE BROWN, JOHN NICOL, DON LAU, PETE BRAY and DAN READY.

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Former member GERRY STANLEY passed away in Arizona on March 15, 1997. Gerry had been District Manager of
PG&E and our club President 1968-69.

There will be a Memorial Service Saturday, April 5th, 1997, 2 pm at the Pinole Valley Baptist Church.
(2885 Pinole Valley Rd.)
**SPECIAL NOTICE**
The meeting venue for this week is at the Bermuda Room at the Richmond Auditorium.

**JOINT MEETING WITH SOROPTIMISTS**

CEO APPOINTMENT MADE FOR BROOKSIDE HOSPITAL
GARY Sloan

On February 4, 1997, the 13 member Advisory Board of Brookside Hospital in San Pablo approved the appointment of Gary Sloan as their Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Sloan continues as Chief Executive Officer of Doctors Hospital in Pinole, a post he has held since July of '92.

Mr. Sloan has worked in executive management at diverse and varied hospital organizations over a twenty year span including Doctors Hospital in Pinole, Alvarado Hospital, La Palma Intercommunity, Valley Hospital, UC Davis Medical Center and Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital.

He was awarded the Circle of Excellence from Tenet in 1994; was Administrator/COO of the Year, NME Western Division 1992; and Rotarian of the Year, Pinole 1994. He graduated from UCLA in 1978 with a Masters of Public Health degree specializing in Hospital Management. His father is a physician and he is married to a pediatrician. They reside in Fairfield.

Tenet Health System and the West Contra Costa Healthcare District finalized an agreement for Tenet to lease and manage Brookside Hospital in San Pablo, formalizing a partnership to provide quality healthcare. The 30-year lease became effective at 12:01 a.m. on January 24, 1997.

In Northern California, Tenet operates Doctors Hospital of Pinole, San Ramon Regional Medical Center and Golden State Rehabilitation Hospital in San Ramon, Community Hospital of Los Gatos, Doctors Hospital of Modesto and Central California Rehabilitation in Modesto, and Redding Medical Center and Redding Specialty Hospital.

Chairperson of the Day: JIM BEAVER

Deer Duty: TED ABREU and DAN TANITA

Upcoming Programs:
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- 6/6 - OLD TIMERS DAY
- 6/27 - PRES. JIM - DEMOTION!

LAST WEEK

President JIM B was at a loss in opening because once again there was no flag. He moved on right away to his own thought for the day by welcoming the GSE team members from India. The presence of the team from India caused him to reflect on how many fine programs Rotary has internationally. Rotary is truly amazing! Visiting Rotarians were Glenn Fuller from Berkeley, Bill Van Dyke from San Pablo and John Clinton from San Rafael. Guests: JEFF NATHANSON's guest was Souta Saachao, his job shadow from Richmond High. DAVE BROWN introduced his wife Cheryl Black, Dr. Semi Seti from New Delhi and the Honorable Laurel Lindenbaum. TOM McGOWAN introduced Vafi Cooper and BOB NICCOLL's guest was Joe Greene, the new Librarian.

Announcements:
- DAVID SMITH announced that the Richmond Museum is throwing a party for the SS Red Oak, the Victory Ship to be anchored in Richmond. The event will take place on Sunday, April 27 at 2 PM at Shipyard #3. $5 for Museum members, $7 for non-members.
- TROY PEWITT reminded us that Christmas in April is Saturday, April 26. If you haven't signed up, talk to TROY.
- RICH BRANDES reported that the Vocational Services Committee met with Superintendent Herb Cole and they are planning a job interview event on May 19 and 20 at Richmond High. Volunteers are needed who can give three hours of their time to conduct mock job interviews with students.
• BOB NICCOLLS asked for donations of old auto feed computer paper for the Library.

Recognitions: None
Happy $$$$:
HANK COVELL was happy about his new granddaughter; JIM BEAVER was happy about the Giants; DAVE SMITH was happy for his daughter’s dancing, the new Noah’s Bagels and a bunch of other stuff.

Program:
BART WALLACE introduced the GSE group from New Delhi, India. They started the program with the singing of the Indian national anthem and went on to show slides and sing other songs. Each team member talked about their own professional and personal life. Professions and personal interests included medicine, English lit., sociology, engineering, art, substance abuse prevention and counseling, etc. They described some interesting family living situations like one delegate’s situation in which he lives in a joint family house with 36 people and the family owned business. This kind of close knit family life generally has helped to reduce the amount of drug abuse in the country, but things are changing in recent years. They did mention that they were impressed with DAVE BROWN’S family — maybe all is not lost for U.S. family ways. Way to go DAVE!

They told us about the recent polio vaccine program in which over 120 million children have been inoculated. Also, they discussed India’s history of going, in the last fifty years, from a nation without enough food to a self sufficient food economy that produces enough wheat, coffee, sugar, rice and other foods to feed the country and become a major exporter in the world.

They showed slides of various Indian gods, temples and sites. It was an educational and fascinating program. At the close of the question/answer period they exchanged Rotary flags with PRESIDENT BEAV.

Raffle:
DAVID K and visiting Rotarian John Clinton were the winners.

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Phaeng Toonmatl has been a counselor with the Richmond Youth Project since 1994. She was born in Laos and attended school in Thailand until the age of 10 at which time her family immigrated to the U.S. Phaeng graduated from El Cerrito High School and has a bachelor’s degree in Psychology from U.C. Davis. She is fluent in Khmu, Lao and Thai.

Sochay Saehan has been both a participant and an employee of the Institute’s Richmond Youth Project since 1994. He is in his senior year at Richmond High School and has been accepted to attend Hayward State University this coming fall. Sochay was born in Thailand and has lived in Richmond since the age of 6. His parents are from Laos and are of the Mien ethnic background. Sochay is fluent in Mien.

Chairperson for the Day: JUDY LISKE

Door Duty: JOHN NICOL & BILL REESE
Achievements success in four schools in West County. Junior Achievement still needs eight more volunteers for the K through 3 classes. Time commitments are only one hour a week for five weeks. Training is only 45 minutes at the Richmond Chamber office and takes place on 4/17/97. Call KATHERINE for more details.

Recognitions:
Put on hold until more victims can be found.

Happy $$$s:
- JIM BEAVER was happy to be back from “DizzyLand” and happy he saw TED ABREU’s friendly face there too.
- JOHN MEDLOCK is happy about his new lounge lizard status.
- STONEY and DAVE BROWN, however, are not sure what to think.
- Congrats to CHARLES RAMSEY and his wife on their soon to be new arrival.
- BART WALLACE was happy JEFF NATHANSON was there to bail him out.
- DONNA McCAIN and TED ABREU were happy also but I’m not sure why...sorry.
- JEFF NATHANSON was pleased to have Rotary at the RAC.

Program:
JEFF NATHANSON used his marketing skills wisely to promote the RAC. JEFF showed a short video expounding the variety of benefits and programs the RAC has to offer. Special emphasis was placed on the center’s “Art Reach Program” which teaches upwards of 1200 students onsite per year. That number tops 4000 students if the community programs which RAC sponsors are included. RAC’s annual budget is just under 500K of which half of that goes towards youth programming. A truly integral part of the community, the RAC should continue to be supported for another 60 years.

Raffle:
STONEY and RICH ALEXANDER win the cows.

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THE ED. FUND
(The West County Public Education Fund)

SUSAN J. WITTENBERG
Executive Director

For the past five years, Ms. Wittenberg has been the Executive Director of The Ed. Fund, and a member of the Board of Directors of The Ed. Fund since its beginning in 1983. As Executive Director, she has worked to expand the impact of The Ed. Fund from merely a provider of annual mini-grants to teachers throughout the district, to a respected community organization that provides not only mini-grants and school-wide grants, but also annual Teaching Excellence Awards and an array of supplementary programs. Since 1993, she has dedicated much of her time to developing free After School Enrichment Programs for students at the district's five junior high/middle schools.

In addition to her role as Executive Director, she owns Wittenberg & Associates, a consulting business specializing in designing and providing business and technical writing training to employees in corporations and federal, state and municipal agencies.

For more than 25 years, she and her husband have lived in El Cerrito where they raised two daughters, both of whom attended district schools and graduated from Kennedy High School.

Education: Susan completed her undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of California, Berkeley, where she taught in the French Department for three years. She taught in the English Department at Contra Costa College for 13 years before starting her own consulting business.

Chairperson for the Day: JOHN MIEDLOCK

DOOR DUTY: TOM McGOWAN and CHARLIE FENDER

Upcoming Programs: MARK YOUR CALENDARS
5/9 - JOINT MEETING with Berkeley at Richmond
5/23 - R.C. Owens - SF 49ers
5/30 - PAUL HARRIS AWARDS PROGRAM
6/6 - OLD TIMERS DAY
6/27 - PRES. JIM - DEMOTION

LAST WEEK

PRESIDENT BEAVER would like to apologize to all members who may have been confused in thinking that he was the noontime program and not Gary Sloan.

Guests:
ERLE BROWN'S guest was his wife Phyllis and JoAnn Moczulsit, the president of Soroptimists. TOM McGOWAN’S guest was Joe Greene, Richmond's new Librarian. Fourteen members of Soroptimists attended this joint meeting. We were happy to have you.

Announcements:
RICH BRANDES: The Vocational Services Committee needs volunteers who can give three hours of their time to conduct mock job interviews with students at Richmond High.

Recognitions:
In recognition of their birthdays, WALT ZERA, JIM SHATTOCK and DAN TANITA contributed to the Community Fund.

Happy $$$:
• JIM BEAVER was happy that his son Chris won the grand prize at his school's science fair and that he had a chance to see KUMAR;
• HERB COLE was happy for the good press the School District is receiving from the West Contra Costa County Times.
• DOUG STRAUS was happy that Friday marks the one
Happy $50s (cont'd) year anniversary that he and his wife adopted their daughter Jocelyn.

- PETE BRAY was happy that his father-in-law is out of the hospital.
- HANK COVELL was happy about his new granddaughter.
- JUDY MORGAN happy about her daughter at the meeting and about being a grandmother.
- STONEY was happy about her daughter’s 28th birthday.

Program:
PRESIDENT JIM BEAVER, Chairperson of the Day, introduced the afternoon’s program, Gary Sloan, the CEO for Brookside Hospital. Gary outlined the plans and visions Tenet has for Brookside Hospital. He also addressed some of the issues surrounding the proposed consolidation of Brookside and Doctors Hospital of Pinole.

Raffle:
Joyce Neal, member of the Soroptimists, and JOHN MEDLOCK were the winners. In fact, Joyce won twice!

JOHN IRA MEDLOCK, JR.
Acting as an Editor
LAST WEEK
The flag was back, order was restored, and all was well with the world as a casual JIMMY B led the weekly vow. RICH ALEXANDER borrowed a thought from George Patton. Visiting Rotarians included Al Lindenbaum from San Francisco, and Gary Buffon and Janet Hildebrand from El Cerrito. Rotarians bringing guests included STONEY with his Citibank guest, DAVE BROWN with LAUREL "I am now official" LINDENBAUM, MIKE BROWN with his lovely wife Lynn, and TOM McGOWAN with Point Richmond business owner, Bob.

Announcements
• A huge THANK YOU to TROY PEWITT for his efforts and contribution to Xmas in April. There are still several small projects left to finish and 5 or 6 volunteers would be appreciated for about three more hours of work. Please see TROY.
• DONNA MCCAIN is taking sign ups for a benefit evening at Golden Gate Fields on 5/16.
• TOM McGOWAN reminds us of the Pt. Richmond Stroll taking place on 5/14 from 5-7 p.m. Live bands and free wine...who could ask for more?
• Congratulations to our newest Rotarian LAUREL LINDENBAUM. Not only was she warmly received by the masses, but her father was in attendance to bestow the Rotary hardware to its proper position...speaking of welcomes, it was also a pleasure to welcome back the newly reinstated past member GARY BELL. GARY liked that red badge so much he wanted to have it again. Welcome back and Congrats to our newest members!

Recognitions
• It was anniversary day as JOE ACCORNERO and JOHN NICOL celebrated 20 and 44 years respectively.
• CHARLES RAMSEY must have been feeling guilty so he had a self recognized birthday contribution.

RICHMOND YOUTH PROJECT
WARRICK LIANG

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Happy $$s Lots of smiles as the cash flew fast and furious. JOE ACCORNERO was happy about his wedded bliss, JOHN LAWLIS is happy JOE KELMAN made it a year with him, JOE concurs. CHARLES RAMSEY has his priorities straight and is happy about the success of Xmas in April...and...oh yeah...he's happy about his new baby. WIN BOWMAN finally retires, think he's not happy? MIKE BROWN had several Xmas in April happy dollars. BOB NICHOLLS was happy about his recent political success. MARKKIU is happy to be home, JOE BAGLEY is happy for TROY, JUDY LISKE is jealous of WIN, BART is still happy about his daughter's softball success and DAVE ALMEIDA is pleased about the new attorney influx.

Program
JOHN MEDLOCK introduced West County Public Education Fund executive director Susan Wittenberg. Ms. Wittenberg was on hand to give us some history about the Ed fund and share its successes and growth information with us. The fund was started as a collaborative effort with Berlex Biosciences. Their initial $10K donation to the pilot program at Helms middle school took place in 1993. The goal was to institute an after school program aimed at getting kids off the street and place them in an environment conducive to education, arts, tutorial and self esteem. It didn't take long to realize that this service was needed throughout the district and with the help of many various agencies, providing both money and services, the program has expanded greatly. By 1996 there were 800 students involved and all five junior high schools. Expansion of services, programs, money and instructors have allowed the Ed fund to now award scholarships for its children participating as well as internships with Berlex for the instructors. The internships offer a stipend and allow the instructors to work in the corporate world as well as return to their students to share the wealth of science knowledge they have received. Ms. Wittenberg says that the program not only offers the kids a feeling of safety and well being, but it provides them with the knowledge that they are surrounded by adults who genuinely care about them.

The Ed Fund is having their annual Teaching Excellence Awards Banquet on May 16. All are invited. Tickets are $15 or $300 for a table of eight.

Raffle
BILL WAHBEH wins the cooler and JOHN MEDLOCK goes off his diet with the cookies.

MARK THIBAULT
Editor
**SPECIAL NOTICE**
This week is a JOINT MEETING with BERKELEY ROTARY at the Bermuda Room, Richmond Auditorium.

SHIRLEY DEAN
MAYOR OF BERKELEY

Shirley Dean was elected Mayor of the City of Berkeley, assuming office on December 13, 1994. She was recently elected chair of the East Bay Public Safety Corridor Partnership composed of Mayors, City Manager, County Administrators and School Superintendents of cities along the I-80 corridor from the Carquinez Bridge to Fremont. She is an active member of the Alameda County Conference of Mayors where she currently serves on the Executive Committee. She is also on the Executive Board of the Economic Development Advisory Board for Alameda County, a member of the East Bay Conversion and Reinvestment Commission, Berkeley’s representative to the East Bay League of Cities, Chair of the joint Berkeley City-School District Committee.

Mayor Dean also serves on the Congestion Management Agency’s Committee on the San Pablo Corridor and she has initiated regular meetings between the mayors and key staff of Berkeley, Oakland and Emeryville to work on finding mutual solutions to joint problems.

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DOOR DUTY: RICH BRANDES and DONNA McCAIN

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Paul Harris recipients are asked to RSVP with Jim Beaver:
Daytime 243-9594 * Evening 223-9645
Please note, due to the number of recipients, the May 30th meeting will begin no later than 12:45 p.m. Members are asked to arrive early and start lunch. LADIES INVITED.

LAST WEEK
Sensing his demise, President JIM could only ponder the "serendipitous confluence" which thrust him into his current position of power. CHARLES RAMSEY quoted another well known democ... with the help of a crib note. Visiting Rotarians included Judith Samson and her guest Dick Hater, both from San Francisco. Another visitor by the name of TED SMITH was in attendance but no one knew where he was from or where he belonged for that matter. Rotarians bringing guests were RICH ALEXANDER with Richmond High CEO, DAVE ALMEIDA with his daughter, STONEY with Sharon Anderson.

Announcements
- LLOYD HENRY says to bring a friend to the annual golf tourney at Richmond Country Club on 5/15. Tee time is 12:30 p.m.
- The Point Richmond Stroll is on 5/14 from 5-7 p.m. Free wine! All are welcome.
- On 5/21 from 5-8 p.m. the Richmond Trade Show will take place at the Richmond Auditorium. Your own Rotary Club will have a table represented. We are in need of 5 or 6 volunteers to help out and do some PR for our club. See JOE BAGLEY or JIM BEAVER for sign-ups.
- PETE BRAY invites us to the Salvation Army's 90th
birthday anniversary celebration of 5/20 at the Richmond Salvation Army Corp. Your $30 ticket gets you dinner, the tour and dancing.

Happy $$$s
• CHARLES RAMSEY is pleased about his PH status.
• JEFF NATHANSON celebrates his daughter’s first birthday and had a self recognized anniversary.
• ERLE BROWN is happy about going to Ireland, loving Cal and seeing TED SMITH.
• MIKE BROWN’s skills makes DAVE K take notice.
• DAN TANITA is happy about his real estate success.
• PETE BRAY was happy he found his way home.
• DAVE ALMEIDA (who apparently has no real feelings either way about attorneys) was happy his daughter was in attendance and salutes his colleagues in arms.
• WERNER SCHWARZ is happy to be back.
• TED SMITH is happy ERLE is leaving the country.
• JIM BEAVER is happy to be a TED SMITH fan.

Program
Chair JUDY LISKE introduced International Institute of the East Bay representative Warrick Liang who was on hand to discuss the Richmond Youth Project (RYP). The RYP serves Richmond, North Richmond and San Pablo. It began in 1989 as an education and peer counseling group for Southeast Asian refugee children. It has expanded to include comprehensive youth development programs of support groups, individual and family counseling, case management, conflict mediation, academic instruction and recreation for 90 middle school students and 45 high school students. Similar services are also provided to elementary youth and youth incarcerated in local juvenile detention facilities. RYP is also engaged in community organizing and advocacy efforts to increase youth services in local communities and reduce substance abuse and other destructive behavior. Warrick brought along several guests who have successfully risen above such destructive behavior to become positive influences in the lives of other young people.

Raffle
JOHN NICOL wins the cooler and DONNA BELL gets the flowers for mom.

MARK THIBAULT
Editor
PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1997

*** SPECIAL NOTICE ***
Meeting will be at the Bermuda Room, Richmond Auditorium.

"HISTORY & FUTURE OF THE S.F. 49ers"
R.C. OWENS

Following an outstanding National Football League career as a wide receiver for the San Francisco 49ers, Baltimore Colts, and New York Giants, R.C. Owens rejoined the 49ers in 1979 in an administrative capacity. The following year R.C. was promoted to the position of Director of Training Camp and served in that capacity from 1980 until 1993. He has been a major force in helping establish the organization's desire for a strong alumni network by coordinating alumni functions, Alumni Day at Candlestick, and the road trips for many former Niner greats.

R.C. first joined the 49er roster in 1957, after being the 14th player drafted by the team in 1956, while a junior at the College of Idaho. He attended the school on a dual football/basketball scholarship. Owens is best remembered by the "49er Faithful" for the "ALL-LY-OP" receptions he made famous while teaming with Hall of Fame quarterback Y.A. Tittle during the late 1950s. He remained with the Niners from 1957 through 1961, having his best season in 1961 with 55 catches for 1,032 yards (7th in NFL stats that year).

After playing out his option in 1961, R.C. joined the Baltimore Colts for the 1962 and 1963 seasons. It was during the 1962 campaign in a game versus the Washington Redskins that R.C. again made a place for himself in NFL lore. He became the first player to block a field goal on its ascent over the cross bar, in the manner of a basketball center playing defense. After being traded by the Colts to the New York Giants in 1964, in a deal that reunited "OP" with his former teammate Y.A. Tittle, he completed his playing career in New York that fall.

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LAST WEEK

It was a virtual Rotarian love “test” as the Berkeley contingent joined our own and the honorable JIMMY B in the pledge to the flag. JEFF NATHANSON had a “blank canvas” thought for the day. The Berkeley visitors were too numerous in this pictayne publication with the exception of their club’s prez, Glenn Fuller and speaker Shirley Dean. Neal Wells from El Cerrito was the only other visitor. Rotarians of our own club with guests for the day included DONNIE WOLCOTT with Joe Greer, CHARLES RAMSEY with Mary Wainwright, DONNA McCAIN with Jim Bates, JUDY MORGAN with Mark Lochman (I hope that’s the right last name), and HERB COLE with son Herb the third.

Announcements
• LLOYD HENRY had golf tourny highlights... "NORM FOLEY Wins"...now there’s a headline you don’t see every year. Does NORM "own" that course or what?
• The Business/Trade Fair for Richmond is scheduled for 5/21 from 5-8 p.m. Richmond Rotary will have a PR table present. If you would like to hang out and answer questions about your club and do a little "Rotary horn blowing" feel free to volunteer. Call JIM BEAVER and let him know you are available. After the trade show be sure to visit the Art
Center's two new exhibits opening on the same day.

Recognitions
- HERB COLE celebrated a birthday a while back and still had enough fond memories worth a donation to his wife's Paul Harris.
- DAVE K's anniversary was good for a community fund donation.
- CHARLIE ORMAN and LLOYD HENRY had birthday money for the community fund and Paul Harris.

Happy $$$

JIM BEAVER had kudos for MIKE MCDONALD's help with his son's science project which netted first place, and how could you not be happy about JOHN NICOL's shoes. DAVE BROWN was happy about the great times with the GSE Team. JEFF NATHANSON was happy about the recent public arts ordinance. WILF BÖWMAN was please about his daughter's wedding. KATHERINE ALEXANDER is now a TV personality. JOHN LAWLIS was happy to see WES SEAPY. HERB COLE was pleased about Shirley Dean's efforts with the 180 effort. AND, DAVE K found time to turn off the hockey play-offs and catch a fish. (Actually, he caught a 51 inch, 49lb. Sturgeon, from the shore no less!) Now that's a contact sport!

Program

Berkeley Rotary President Glenn Fuller was guest chairman and introduced fellow Berkeley Rotary member and Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean. Mayor Dean's topic was the East Bay Public Safety Corridor Partnership (PSC). The alliance was born in the City of Richmond three years ago as a response to a series of drive-by shootings that injured 23 people. In November of that year the Mayors of Richmond, Berkeley and Oakland came together to sign an agreement to affect a solution to the problem of teen violence in the area. Today the alliance has grown to involve 27 cities ranging from the Carquinez Bridge to Fremont and boasts 1.5 million people coming together with a common ideal—the abatement of crime, drugs and violence. Composed of seven committees, the PSC uses a regional approach focusing on prevention from an early age and searches for comprehensive solutions utilizing the participating city. Hope for the future to make our cities more livable is the goal.

Raffle

RICH ALEXANDER wanted the tart but KATHERINE forced him to choose the gin. DAVE SMITH brings home the sweets.

MARK THIBAUT, Editor

Correction: Last week I erred (imagine that). RICH BRANDES brought the Richmond High guest, not RICH ALEXANDER...Sorry.
PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1997

*** SPECIAL NOTICE ***

Meeting will be at the Bermuda Room, Richmond Auditorium.

ROTARY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
Bring Your Spouse and Guests to this Special Event

This Friday's luncheon will be devoted to The Rotary Foundation. More than 30 Paul Harris Fellowships will be awarded to members of the Rotary Club of Richmond, their spouses and families. The program will confirm our club's dedication and support of The Rotary Foundation and its goal of world understanding and peace.

We will be honored by the participation of our District Governor Joe Chiappino and our District Governor Nominee George Chafee.

Don't miss this opportunity to salute Richmond Rotary's contribution to The Rotary Foundation.

In order to expedite things, please plan to start your lunch at 12 p.m. so we may commence with the program before 12:45 p.m.

Chairman of the Day: WERNER SCHWARZ

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1997

"OLD TIMERS DAY"
100% Attendance Day

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1997

DEMOTION

LAST WEEK

President JIM BEAVER opened with the pledge to the flag and had a thought for a new stadium in SF.

Visitors and Guests

There were no visiting Rotarians. JOHN NICOL's guest was his sister Donna Nunes; RICH BRANDES had two guests, Al Acuna and Anthony Gutin; WIN BOWMAN's guest was Edmund Fong, the dentist taking over his practice.

Announcements

- RICH BRANDES announced that the mock interview program at Richmond High was a great success. He thanked Rotarians who participated.
- DAVE SMITH announced that the Chamber of Commerce Trade Show was also a success. It took place last Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at the Richmond Auditorium. Thanks to Rita Bagley for the idea that Rotary should have a table and special thanks to JOE for paying attention and making it happen. Also thank you to all the folks who volunteered their time.
- Next week's meeting will be the Paul Harris program on May 30. WERNER SCHWARZ will be emcee.
- On June 6 is "Old Timers Day". That means it's 100% attendance day and we will be taking the annual Rotary picture. Be there!

Happy $$$

DAVE SMITH was happy for the football autographed by today's guest. JIM B. pointed out that our guest "Alley Oop" was singing everything around, including JUDY LISKE's shirt. JOHN NICOL was happy because he has two ties signed by RC "ALLEY OOP" Owens.

CYNTHIA BRATTESANI was very happy to be ending her stint as president of the Dental Association. HANK COVELL had $$$ for the Bay to Breakers. JEFF NATHANSON was happy about the new Graffiti show "Piece Makers" at the art center and was sad because Amazing Glaze, the RAC store at Hilltop, is closing. RICH

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ALEXANDER was happy about something to do with 30 years (I can’t read my own writing and RICH was sitting right next to me!). STEVE LUDWIG was happy for his wife’s and son’s birthdays and for the Bay to Breakers. DAVE ALMEIDA was happy for the wheel chair caterpillar in the Bay to Breakers that included his son and is starting a Paul Harris for his son. BILL LANSDOWNE was happy because Richmond PD made a humongous drug bust. BILL WAHBEH was happy for his new contract and JIM B. was happy because of our guest, RC “Alley Oop”.

Program

JUDY LISKE introduce RC “Alley Oop” Owens, who needed no introduction after JIM BEAVER and others had been talking about him so much already. He recounted his early years as a high school student at Santa Monica High. He has always remembered the words of his coach who advised that education must always be the #1 priority. Sports and extra curricular activities are a secondary consideration. He was very active as a student in addition to his focus on academics and sports.

He received several scholarship offers to college and ended up at the College of Idaho. He described how strange it was to be in Caldwell, Idaho after growing up in Southern California. Because of an injury he reduced his class load to be eligible for football in his fifth year. He described it as a big mistake and he ended up dropping out to join the US Olympic basketball team. After the Olympics he went to play for the 49ers, but was advised to go back to school to finish his college degree. After one year he went back to college and completed his education. He described his college diploma as more important than any trophy or championship.

After graduating he went back to play ball and described the “Hail Mary” play in with the defense’s “make a wish” comment gave birth to the “Alley Oop” exclamation. RC Owens went on to describe the different types of fans and told us how he loves his job. He talked a bit about Steve Young and some of the changes going on including some of the new players who he thinks are strengthening the team. An informative and very entertaining talk!

Notes taken by

JEFF NATHANSON
for

MARK THIBAULT
LAST WEEK

It was a virtual feast for the eyes. A Rotary extravaganza of biblical proportions. No, I'm not talking about JOHN NICOL'S wardrobe, I'm talking about the record setting Paul Harris Fellowship program that was held on this day. I'm talking big name guests here folks...a little name dropping if you please...how does Joe Chiappino and George Chaffey strike you for starters? Wanna talk wardrobes? You haven't lived until you've seen Joe's brick red sport jacket. Ah, the room was a buzzin' with excitement as our own MIKE BROWN delivered an invocation with a segue into the pledge that, correct me if I'm mistaken, brought a tear to George Chaffey's eye.

Guests, primarily spouses, were the order of the day. All there to celebrate a record 30 Paul Harris Fellowship awards all from one club! Rotarians bringing spouses included RICH BRANDES, ERLE BROWN, RALPH HILL (ask RALPH who invented the to!!et ceat!), WERNER SCHWARZ, Joe Chiappino and new DG George Chaffey. TOM McCOWAN brought as his guest, Joe Green, and RICH and KATHERINE ALEXANDER brought along their daughter to play with DOUG and Donna's daughter. I think I got everybody...I'm sure I'll hear it if I missed someone.

Announcements

- DAVE K put down his fishin' pole long enough to circulate a card for my idol NORM FOLEY. Seems NORM has been dealing with a bit of a ticker problem but is on the road to a full recovery. Best wishes NORM.
- Don't forget to bring your hearing aids for "Old
Timers Day” on June 6th. As usual it will be a fun program...I'm joking about the hearing aid thing...I think.

Program
WERNER SCHWARZ, who's never at a loss for a joke...or a kiss for a female Rotarian, joined our outgoing DG Joe Chiappino to honor those many individuals who have donated at least one thousand dollars to Rotary and have become Paul Harris Fellows. I hope that I've not excluded anyone from the following list.... The recipients, in no logical order, included: RICH and KATHERINE ALEXANDER, JOE BAGLEY, JIM BEAVER, RICH BRANDES, DAVE BROWN, ERLE BROWN, CHARLIE FENDER, ELOF GRANBERG, DON HARDISON, JOHN LAWLIS, JUDY LISKE, LESLIE LEVY, RALPH HILL, (3 sapphires), JOE KELMAN (1 sapphire), TOM MCGOWAN, DONNA URIUY, BOB NIGCOLLS, NORM LUNDBERG, DOUG STRAUS, DAN TANITA, WALT ZERA, CHARLIE WONG (and family).

Ralfie
DAN READY saves $50...when the bond matures, and BART WALLACE drinks the suds.

MARK THIBAULT
Editor

In fond memory of Carl Rehrfuss, without whom this record setting program would not have been possible.
"Service Above Self"

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**PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1997**

***SPECIAL NOTICE***

GROUP PICTURE DAY
100% ATTENDANCE REQUIRED
PHOTO TO BE TAKEN AT 12:30

**"BEAR TERRITORY - GO BEARS!"**

JAMES R. BURK

Jim Burk joined the California Alumni Association staff as Executive Director in 1994. Prior to this, he was with UC Berkeley Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports for four years. His last assignment was as the Director, Cal Friends, with fund raising responsibilities for the 21 non-revenue producing sports.

On Campus, Jim is member of Beta Gamma Sigma National Honorary Business Fraternity and teaching assistant. At Stanford: Baseball (1958-60), Captain and Most Valuable Player (1960); All Conference Team (1959-1960); All NCAA District Eight Team (1960); president, Block S Society (1960); member, Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Chairman of the Day: CHARLIE FENDER

**Door Duty:** MICHAEL MCDONALD & PETE BRAY

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

JUNE 20 - RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
JUNE 27 - DEMOTION
JULY 4 - NO MEETING (HOLIDAY)

**LAST WEEK**

Consider this...the average number of years of Rotarians membership per table at last week’s “Old Timers” meeting exceeded 100. Now that’s dedication! A very young JIM BEAVER quickly dispensed with the formalities and let the older, more experienced set have the run of the place. JOHN NICOL’s very appropriate thought for the day came to him while in the shower...maybe he should shower more often...wait, you know what I mean.

Rotarians with guests included LESLIE LEVY with Tom Bates, STONEY with Shannon Anderson, CHARLIE WONG with Jean and Gary, TED ABREU with Camp Royal and Camp Venture participants, JUDY MORGAN with Joe Green, NORM FOLEY with his wife Borine, and NICK PETSAS with his son Gus.

**Announcements**

- **DAVE K** informed us that recent Paul Harris Fellow MARKU PELANNE just recently lost a family member. Our deepest sympathies go out to you MARKU. A card of support has been circulated.
- **REMEMBER...6/13 is Picture Day!** Please try to make this meeting so that your mug will live in infamy.
- **The word from above reminds us that there will be a meeting of July 4th. Fire up the Bar-B-Q!!**
Program
DAN READY missed his calling. Taking charge of Old Timers Day like a man with a mission his wit and timing made for great entertainment. DAN did the honors of introducing the Widows of the Old Timers, the Old Timers themselves...and all of the anecdotes associated with them.

Notes from Old Timers sending their regrets, and of course introducing our oldest Rotarians, the distinguished 61 years active Rotarian, WALTER WOLFFS. Congratulations and Thanks to All.

ELOF GRANBERG, a fine Old Timer himself, introduced our guest speaker John Nejedly. Past Senator Nejedly got his start in Richmond and was instrumental in establishing Camp Holly, a Sierra camp designed to bring the joys of the outdoors to the handicapped. With the Rotarian ideal of Service above Self, John showed an inspiring video about Camp Holly and shared some anecdotes about some of our own members who joined in the efforts to make the camp the success that it is.

Raffle
DAVE NINOMIYA eats at the Mac while MIKE WINTER eats candy.

MARK THIBAULT
Editor

Special Thanks to DAVE NINOMIYA for his help with the day’s program.
"Service Above Self"

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1997

"RONALD MCDONALD HOUSES"

STEVEN H. LAWRENCE
Executive Director

Steven Lawrence has been involved with nonprofit organizations for over 25 years. He has always worked to assist children and their families in a variety of settings. He has been the executive director of the Ronald McDonald House of San Francisco since it opened in 1989. Steve also is a member of the board of directors for Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Bay Area and is a member of the Local Operations Advisory Council for all Ronald McDonald Houses and RMHC chapters nation wide.

Steven will give us the history of the Ronald McDonald Houses and Ronald McDonald House Charities and a description of Ronald McDonald Houses services. He will tell how the changing face of the medical community impacts on the Ronald McDonald House.

Chairman of the Day: STONEY STONWORK

Door Duty: BOB NICCOLLS and DAVID BROWN

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:
JUNE 27 - DEMOTION
JULY 4 - NO MEETING (HOLIDAY)
JULY 11 - The United States "SECRET SERVICE"
JULY 18 - NEW DIRECTORS REPORTS on what is planned for our Club during the 1997-98 year.
Bring a Friend.

LAST WEEK
Superstitious? Apparently some of you were. Or perhaps you ignored this fine publication and weren't aware that it was club photo day and you were supposed to be there. In any case the theme for the day was Go Bears, much to the dismay of the Stanford alum...I'm sure you'll get your chance soon enough. President Jim opened with the pledge and the Golden logo. Visiting Rotarians and program speaker Jim Burk from Berkeley was our only out of towner. However, a long lost Bessie Dreibelbis found her way home for a visit also. Rotarians bringing guests included Ted Abreu with teacher Luis Knox, Stoney with Shannon Anderson, Judy Morgan with the West County rep for George Miller...sorry! didn't catch the name Judy, and Tom McGowan with Bob Peckham from the Santa Fe Market.

Announcements - On Hold for the week

Happy $$$'s
JOHN LAWLIS was pleased about baseball's interleague play albeit not a Dodgers fan...which was cause for a sad dollar from guess who.
MIKE BROWN celebrates his 5th child's college
graduation.

JOE BAGLEY had his own theme for the day...Go Bulls.

Yours truly is pleased that the 42 year drought is over and Lord Stanley’s Cup is in its rightful location...You non hockey fans have no clue what the hell I’m talking about do you?

BESSIE DREIBELBIS was happy to be back and so echoed the President.

Program

CHARLIE FENDER, a Bear backer from way back, introduced speaker and fellow Rotarian Jim Burk. Jim joined the Cal Alumni Association staff as Executive Director in 1994 and was on hard to relish and reflect on the greatness that is The Bears. ERLE BROWN is probably tearing up right about now. Jim stated some facts and comparisons about Cal focusing on Admissions, Academics, and Athletics. He says that the mean SAT scores for applicants is on the rise and applications have jumped 36% in the past five years. With almost 30 thousand undergraduate and graduate students, no wonder it takes six years to graduate. Jim also shared some thoughts on Prop 209 and says it’s too early to tell its affects on the future enroll-

ment. With a new Chancellor coming in Jim is optimistic that Cal will maintain its unsurpassed quality and commitment to education and athletics.

Raffle

Thanks to OSCAR LUGO for the fine jewelry as a raffle prize. The silver money clip went to the lucky CYNTHIA BRATTESANI.

MARK THIBAULT
Editor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This year’s
“Christmas Holiday Party”
will be Saturday, December 13th,
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More info to follow.

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First Class
PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1997

“DEMOTION”

JIM BEAVER

He’s had a hard life. Growing up in the streets of Los Angeles. The gritty job of reporting the daily news. Spokesman for the pained and suffering.

Now, the saddest part of all: leaving the helm of the Richmond Rotary Club.

Come one, come all to help PRES. JIM celebrate the conclusion of the happiest twelve months of his life.

The fun starts at one...and it promises to be good!

Chairman of the Day: DAVID SMITH

Door Duty: MARKUJU PELANNE & ERLE BROWN

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REMEMBER

JULY 4th - NO MEETING

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

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LAST WEEK

The flaps are down, and he’s coming in for a landing. PRES. JIM showed all the regular signs of a President in June: exasperation and euphoria all wrapped up into one. TROY PEWITT had a Twin-ish thought for the day.

No Bermuda this fine afternoon...where were we anyway? Enough found us though, including Jennifer with TROY PEWITT, Shannon the Banker with STONEY and Mark from Rubicon with JUDY MORGAN. It was also nice to see Papa HANS (welcome home!) and TROY GROVE. This TROY is off to Africa to compete in the Senior Olympics (20K marathon at age 79!) See what Rotary can do for you?

A brief announcement was made by Jennifer (TROY’S guest) about “Center for Citizen Influence”. This is a private program similar to the GSE whereby exchanges are made with people from Russia. If you are interested, see TROY P.

DAVID BROWN rounded up some year end recognitions. The following Rotarians are June babies: BILL WAHEH, TROY GROVE, WIN BOWMAN and JOE NUSBAUM.. The June brides and grooms included: DAVID BROWN, CHARLIE ORMAN and DAVID....

Happy Dollars were plentiful: from PRES. JIM himself, some dollars for Dodgers (they split, JIM...big deal!). DAN TANITA is very happy to report that the free dental clinic that he founded as our club president has a new life under the auspices of Brookside. JEFF NATHANSON
misses the demolition this week (sad) but will be at the dedication of a new community mural (happy).

KATHERINE ALEXANDER is happy her mom is better...and RICHARD is officially Captain RICHARD now. CHARLIE ORMAN’s son graduated from college and DAN READY is happy ELOF and JOHN NICOL made it home from Scotland in one (very tired) piece. Good grades go to daughters Bagley and Almeida...also something in there about Juneteenth and the Bulls and...oh, lots of stuff. LESLIE LEVY says she has turned over a new leaf and GEORGE WACKER was happy to be in such a friendly place.

Program:
STONEY introduced Steve Lawrence, executive director of Ronald McDonald House of San Francisco. STONEY gave such a complete and informative introduction, he practically gave Steve’s talk! Ronald McDonald House began in Philadelphia as a home for families from a distance to stay near the hospital while a child has a serious illness received treatment. The Philadelphia Eagles were generously involved.

Today the same basic principle continues. There are now 180 Ronald McDonald Houses. Each one is a project of the community it serves. McDonald’s provides start-up money, but most of the funding comes from local charitable contributions. Families who stay there may pay no more than $10 per day, but very often that fee is waived as the burden on the family when a child has cancer or leukemia, both financially and emotionally, can be devastating. The SF RM House can serve 10 families at a time. There is a huge waiting list and it is very difficult to decide who gets in. They’ve been at maximum capacity and only 6 out of 10 families actually get to stay there. There is a new RM House opening in Palo Alto and so there are only two in the Bay Area.

Steve read a letter from a father which was very positive and indicated the great home-like and supportive environment the House provides. The history of the RM House is interesting. The first one was funded from milkshake money and since then McDonald’s has established the Ronald McDonald Foundation which even gives funds to other organizations for kids. A very inspiring presentation.

Raffle:
Winners were HANK COVELL and STONEY (again!!!).

Acting Editors: DAVID SMITH & JEFF NATHANSON

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1997

"THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE"

FRANK CHRISTIAN
Special Agent

A Special Agent for 17 years, Frank Christian is currently with the United States Secret Service in San Francisco. Prior to being assigned to the San Francisco office he worked SS in Washington D.C., in which 3 years were spent protecting then President Gerald Ford. He also spent time at JFK in La Guardia working SS Protection & Criminal Investigations. Secret Agent Frank Christian now works from the San Francisco Office. He will include a short video presentation "Today's Secret Service!"

If there is, maybe or had been a time, that you wanted to ask: HOW DID THEY? WHAT DID THEY? WHY DID THEY? Then come this Friday and ask Special Agent Frank Christian. Bring a friend.

Chairman of the Day: JOE BAGLEY

DoD Duty: CHARLES RAMSEY & MICHAEL BROWN

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1997

PROGRAM: 1997-98 Board of Directors

DONNA BELL.....Programs
MARK THIBAULT.....Membership
TROY PEWITT.....International Service
TED ABREU.....Club Service
MICHAEL BROWN.....Vocational Service
RICH BRANDES.....Community Service

LAST WEEK

Soon to be ex-PRESIDENT BEAV opened the meeting...happy to be anywhere on this bright sunny day in Richmond. Thought for the day was some obtuse thing about being lucky...lucky there's a guy named BAGLEY, I presume.

Visiting Rotarian for the day was Gary Buffon from El Cerrito and Past Richmond Chamber Chair. Rotarians with guests included DAVID SMITH with John Zieshenhene of M.A. Hays and current Richmond Chamber Chair; DONNA BELL with Carol Seliger, an attorney from Pinole; soon-to-be JOE BAGLEY with creative partner Rita; and soon-not-to-be BEAV with son Chris and wife Jane.

1997 Rotary pictures are available for $7 from ELOF...don't stick him with the bill for unclaimed photos.

Recognitions:

DAVID "Bad Barrister" BROWN was up for his final Recognition's call. Gentleman RALPH HILL honored us with a recognition for his May birthday and April anniversary with a Rotary Foundation check. Captain RICH ALEXANDER let another birth year go by, DOUG STRAUS and Donna celebrated another year of wedded bliss...but the deal between attorneys that the check was forthcoming was shaky. DON "I know the date's right" HARDISON paid for his and Betty's anniversary. Honest JUDY MORGAN paid for a March birthday.

KING BEAV recognized his hard working Board who gave him much needed support in his year of professional disarray. BAGLEY, ALMEIDA, NUSBAUM, SMITH, ORMAN, BELL, PEWITT and WALLACE were given the presidential gift...those not there...and you know who you are...will get yours later. Special recognition also to ERLE BROWN for his foundation work.

Happy $$$s

$100 from the BEAV...for just being happy, BART WALLACE for daughter's academics and son's soccer, DAVID K for Giants beating Blue Heads, LAURIE
SMITH for one of the most creative and humorous demotions this reviewer has ever seen!!! TWO THUMBS UP!!!

BEAV...with much reservation...pinned our new leader JOE BAGLEY and the transition was complete. JOE then pinned JOHN NICOL as heir apparent. JOE indicated that we were in for a "TWISTED" year and promptly poured 2 martinis, turned on some Chinese-Italian music by Louis Prima and planted a wet one on the BEAV's cheek as they sang and held the gavel together...rang the bell...and that was it!!!

There was a raffle, but I have no idea who won!!! Happy 4th of July!!!

da Motion Editor: DON LAU

ROSTER CHANGES
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MICHAEL BROWN.....Vocational Service
RICH BRANDES.....Community Service

What will be happening this year? Come to this week's meeting as each of the above directors gives a report on their plans for the 1997-98 year.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1997

“GATEWAY OBSERVER PROGRAM”

MARGO NOBEL

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

AUG. 1 -- “OAKLAND A’S”, Danny McCormack

AUG. 8 -- “REACT - EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS”

LAST WEEK

Let the new regime begin, as the meeting was called to order by our new leader President JOE BAGLEY in a room right off the Richmond Main Library. Past President DAN TANITA gave us our opening “presidential” thought from JFK. So what are you going to do for YOUR Rotary Club?

There were no visiting Rotarians...since even our own couldn’t find us. Rotarians with guests included HERB COLE with Eva the School Finance person, CHARLIE WONG with son Gary, and PRES. JOE with partner Rita, daughter, mother-in-law and nephew-in-law.

Announcements:

• HANK COVELL announced another annual Night at the Masquers for Sept. 18 (?) $30/person...seats are limited so get them while you can.
• ERLE BROWN announced a whale of a time coming up on Sunday, Sept. 14 at Rotary Marine World Day...remember the free drinks and we’re not talking fish water.
• Always reliable JOE NIUSBAUM reminded us about roster updates...get those new numbers to him ASAP so we know where to find everyone.
• Our own Scotsman JOHN NICOL gave us a report in full uniform on the Rotary International Convention in Scotland. His presentation was given even more color when he was joined by ELOF “The Red” GRANBERG. I think we were well represented.

Recognitions---were handled by our leader JOE. Honest police guy BILL LANDSOWNE fussed up to a missed birthday and anniversary. JOE had pictures of DAVID SMITH and CHARLIE ORMANN at the Richmond Chamber Trade Show, but since they were covering the event for us...no financial assessment was made.

Happy $$$

There was no one happier than JIM BEAVER for his back
row seat...except for JOE NUSBAUM who was glad to not have to look at the BEAV. To share his happiness, KUMAR BELUR sent in a happy $2 with PRES. JOE.

Program
PRES. JOE introduced our guest speaker from the Secret Service...who was not the scheduled speaker...and he was so secret we didn’t get his name, but he is the #2 guy in the San Francisco office. He dispelled the image of the Secret Service being upright guys, who don’t smile, and talk into their sleeves. The Secret Service was started in the 1860’s when one third of the money being passed was counterfeit. After President McKinley was assassinated in the early 1900’s, the Secret Service was assigned the task of protecting the President...and later the Vice President...and later Presidential candidates. They currently protect all ex-presidents and spouses. They also protect visiting heads-of-state while in the United States. The San Francisco office’s biggest challenge this fall will be protecting Chelsea Clinton who will be attending Stanford. It was an informative and entertaining presentation.

Raffle
The raffle prizes went to RICH BRANDES the BBQ tools and to our favorite nut DAVID BROWN, the cashews.

LAU, SMITH & BEAVER, INK

BOARD MEETING
There will be a Board of Directors Meeting this Thursday, July 17, 1997 at 7:30 a.m. at Bakers Square Restaurant. Officers and Directors are urged to attend and members are welcome.

ROSTER CHANGES/PHOTOS
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1997

"GATEWAY OBSERVER PROGRAM"
MARGO NOBEL

Gateway Observer Training is carried out with community groups and business employees to help them be aware of signs of decline in seniors and to link them with help.
Training helps to identify certain danger signals in the elderly, such as increased confusion or disability. One phone call to SENIOR INFORMATION & REFERRAL can link needy seniors in need of help: 374-3943.
Participants include bank and fire department employees, postal and PG&E workers. The training takes only a half hour and Rotary Club members will be a welcome addition.

The Gateway Program began locally in 1989 and serves a real need, since seniors are a rapidly growing part of our population and the most frail individuals are often quite isolated and are least able to reach out for help. The City of Richmond funds Gateway Training.

Family & Community Services ("FACS"), a nonprofit agency serving seniors in Contra Costa County, is the local program sponsor. Margo Noble, M.A., is one of the two Care Managers at the Richmond office of FACS, which serves seniors in West County. Her social service background is extensive, and she is the area trainer for the Gateway Program.

Ms. Noble also is Coordinator for the Money Management Program, which is recruiting for additional volunteers.

Chairperson of the Day: DONNA BELL

Door Duty: BILL REID and HERB COLE

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1997

“OAKLAND ’S, Past, Present & Future”
DANNY McCORMACK

LAST WEEK

Well, at least I found the meeting, albeit late for the pledge and general introductions. I assume that new President BAGLEY followed suit and kept the order as it is accustom. If I am wrong, may God have mercy on me for any and all omissions. The higher ups said there were no visiting Rotarians but I did see at least one guest, of whom I confess I do not know...even though he did come through with a happy dollar later in the meeting.

Announcements

• JOHN NICOL did his part to promote the annual DAVE CALFEE Weekend in the Mountains slated for August 24th. See JOHN for signups.
• Dinner theater at the Mac and the Masquers is back and scheduled for September 11. See HANK COVELL ASAP, tickets will go fast.
• Last year’s very successful Rotary Day at Marine World is back and takes place on September 14th from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Let’s continue what has started to be a very entertaining and enjoyable tradition.
• CHARLIE WONG has the pictures available from the Paul Harris program several weeks ago. Immortalize your acceptance of this prestigious award by picking yours up ASAP.

Recognitions

• GORDON MYERS and HENRY KELMAN celebrated birthdays and were both pleased to donate a little...at least GORDON seemed okay with the idea.
• TROY PEWITT self recognized himself for making it through two years of marriage.

Happy $$$s

• ERLE BROWN red a rambling letter from the vacationing DAVE BROWN, who donated a happy two dollars for being part of this fine clan...and ERLE matched it for being happy DAVE wasn’t here.
• HERB COLE was pleased about the golf touney success and did his part to snatch on PRESIDENT JOE who felt
obliged to contribute for being busted.
• Our guest, whom I did not have the honor of meeting, had a happy dollar for just being able to hear HERB speak.
• JEFF NATHANSON was happy about the current show and sad about the recent NEA incident.
• DOUG STRAUS was pleased about his daughter's hiking prowess to the top of Vernal Falls.
• MARKKU was happy to be back but sad about his recent loss. As are we MARKKU.

Program

PRESIDENT JOE presided as chair for the meeting as this year’s Board of Directors gave their reports and pleaded for participation from one to all and to make this year’s reign fun and successful for all. JOE wants District Governor Chaffey’s theme of “Go For It!” to run rampant through our club so that all who haven’t been involved in the past will have the honor and the understanding of what being a Rotarian really means when you honestly contribute. Fellowship and involvement are JOE’s goal for us all. Sounds more like fun than work! JOE introduced our officials which this year will be an official club greeter...who else but GEORGE WACKER. The Sunshine Chair will again be headed by DAVE K, the Sergeant at Arms will be JOHN LAWLIS, yours truly continues as Editor...until impeached by the masses, DON LAU

spearheads Public Relations, and the Board of Directors’ names can be found weekly on the back side of this fine publication. The District wide project this year will be chaired by PAM JONES and will consist of handing out quality dictionaries to every third grader in the district. An awesome chore, but one that should provide some much needed PR and recognition to our club and to Rotary as a whole.

The Board of Directors each gave their reports and you can bet that they will be in touch with you for invitations to join their various committees. Please Help by saying Yes!

It promises to be an exciting and busy year. If you can’t find a way to have a good time in the club this year then I venture to say you’re either dead or you don’t belong! Let’s have fun and GO FOR IT!!!

Raffle

JOHN LAWLIS wins the candle and KATHERINE ALEXANDER wins the wine.

MARK THIBAULT, EDITOR

Roster Changes/Photos

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LAST WEEK

JOE BAGLEY is beginning to look way too comfortable behind that podium. Leading the pledge as if he wrote the Constitution himself, JOEY B opened the meeting. TED ABREU realized he wasn’t in Kansas anymore as he relayed a Midwestern thought for the day. Several visiting Rotarians graced us with their presence. Bill Van Dyk from San Pablo, Pete Campbell from Berkeley, and very friendly El Cerrito visitor who's accent was so thick I didn't catch his name. Rotarians with guests included GORDON MYERS with his son Ben, BOB NICCOLLS with Mark Lochman, DON LAU with Mike Fenley, DAVE ALMEIDA with son Christopher and JOE BAGLEY with Tim Chambers.

Announcements

• WERNER SCHWARZ invites you all to the gala welcoming event at the Cossa fairgrounds to honor Rotary's newest club in Williams. The event is scheduled for 8/16. WERNER is playingเสน่ห์ so you know the entertainment is in good hands. The event is casual and we are presenting them with a banner sans JOE BAGLEY's business.
• Pete Campbell gave details for the upcoming Rotary Day at Marine World slated for Sunday 9/14. The price is right at only $20.95 which includes parking and an all you can eat Bar-B-Q.
• Door prize tickets for $20 are available and money spent is credited towards your Paul Harris. All are invited...You need not be a Rotarian to attend! Sign up with ERLE BROWN ASAP.
• Thanks to DR. DON MILLER for clearing up my concerns with my stoma with his ejaculatory report. I feel like a real man again...I'm sure many of you are also relieved...no pun intended.

Recognitions

TED ABREU celebrates a belated birthday. Yours truly celebrates six years of wedded splendor but that pales in comparison to WERNER’s 45 year mark. He gave a dollar for each year of happiness which he said totaled $1.98. The pinless were also manhandled by recoginator JOE.

Happy $$s

• DAVE SMITH’s wife and daughter’s dancing prowess makes him very happy.
• ERLE was happy he was not reduced to blubbering idiot status after his incomprehensible ramblings of one week ago...you asked for that one ERLE, and he’s still happy that DAVE
away...Be afraid DAVE...be very afraid.
• BILL WAHBEH is very happy to be going on a three week vacation.
• GORDON MYERS was happy to have his award winning son in tow.
• TED ABREU was sad about leaving his position at Kennedy High but happy about his new position on the CC College campus.

Program
DONNA BELL introduced Money Management Coordinator for the Gateway Observer Program, Margo Nobel. Margo was on hand to discuss the Gateway Program and educate us on becoming observers ourselves. The program began in West Contra Costa County in 1989. Its function is to provide needy seniors with the resources they need in order to continue to thrive in our community. Many seniors lack the capacity, be it physical, mental, social, or economical to survive in today’s society. Many are confused or disoriented and cannot provide adequately for themselves in what we might consider to be the most basic day to day rituals. Many are frail and simply cannot access their needs. It is these individuals which the Gateway Program aims its efforts. As a trained observer we can assist these people by providing them with a phone number, or calling for them, which will put them in touch with the resources to get them their needed help. As is Margo’s specialty, the program also offers a money management aspect which aids seniors in managing their finances and helps to prevent the all too frequent habit of taking advantage of the elderly and unsuspecting. Margo handed out reference cards so that we all can play our part as observers and begin to help those seniors who are less fortunate.

Raffle
BILL WAHBEH has some wine to start his vacation and DAVE K reaches for the Skyvodka that is.

MARK THIBAUT, EDITOR

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**MR DONALD HARDISON**

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Last Week

You would have thought the meetings were going underground or that there was some underlying and clandestine meaning to it all as we met in a very dark Bermuda Room venue this week...or maybe our newest member has something to hide that we just don’t know about yet. (Welcome to my twisted little world AL.) Anyway, PRESIDENT JOE was still trying to maintain his decorum and pretended he didn’t notice that the drapes were closed and led the pledge per usual. DONNA BELL had a Swiss thought very reminiscent of the cheese. Visiting Rotarians were nowhere to be found. Guests included TOM McGOWAN’s friend from Florida, a fifty year Rotarian, and his son, MARKKU with his lovely wife, RICHARD ALEXANDER with Michele Pickney, GARY BELL with Lavelle Spence, and DAVE ALMEIDA with his very hungry son.

Announcements

- A very articulate and handsome ERLE BROWN eloquently reminded us of the upcoming Rotary Day at Marine World scheduled for September 14. Your $20.95 must be in by August 12. See ERLE ASAP. (He paid me to be nice this week...the script can be bribed!)
- Don’t forget about the huge gala to celebrate the newest club in Williams, CA. The event is on August 16 and a show of support from our club is welcome. The dinner and dance is $40 per person. See JOE BAGLEY for sign-ups.
- Was that JIM BEAVER sitting next to me? All I kept hearing was “Dodgers, Dodgers, Dodgers”. The newest tradition of welcoming our new members was begun as JOHN LAWLIS rolled out the red carpet to help sponsor RICH BRANDES welcome AL ACUNA (I hope I spelled that correctly AL). We are looking forward to your contributions and welcome you to the club. Congratulations.

Recognitions

Could be you? The victims were all conspicuously absent...be afraid...be very afraid.

Happy $$$

- DON LAU was happy about baseball and realizes that the system really can work.
- ERLE BROWN was happy to see AL in the club.
and he hopes the pigs will fly this year.
- JOHN NICOL echoes the football glee.
- JIM BEAVER doesn't need to be specific...just think south land...need I write more?
- JEFF NATHANSON made a vague attempt to curb what will certainly he a hefty recognition with his announcement of his upcoming TV appearance.
- CHARLES RAMSEY is happy about Chevron's help.
- JOHN LAWLIS is very happy about his business' success...so happy he donated JOE KELMAN's bonus to the community fund.

Program
Chairperson DONNA BELL introduced Oakland Athletics Area Sales Manager Danny McCormack. Danny has been with the A's for two years. His job is to sell group tickets to companies, groups and organizations at group rates. The big news on the agenda today, however, was the state of the game now that Big Mac is a Cardinal. Danny, being the good salesman that he is, has nothing but praise for his boss Sandy Alderson and feels the trade was inevitable and that with young talent available, the A's will rebound. It may take several years but the boys will again make a run for a title. (Hey, I waited 42 years for a Stanley Cup...stop your bitchin')

Raffle
If ELOF falls over from drinking all of that wine DAVE NINOMIYA can patch him up with his first-aid kit.

MARK THIBAULT, EDITOR

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**PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1997**

**“PIECE MAKERS: COMING TO TERMS WITH GRAFFITI”**

ERIN McCUSKEY

and

GERARDE GUTIERREZ

Erin McCuskey and Gerarde Gutierrez are the co-curators of the Richmond Art Center’s recent exhibition “Piece Makers” which explored many sides of the graffiti issue. Both Erin and Gerarde are recent graduates of El Cerrito High School and both have plans to start college in the fall. They have both been involved in the Richmond Art Center’s ART 10 program for teens during the past two years. Erin has spent this summer as an intern at RAC.

They are both gifted artists and honor students. They were given the opportunity to organize the graffiti exhibition after they visited the Richmond Rotary Club last year with a teacher and a group of students. After their presentation, they felt they would like to address the issue of graffiti in greater depth because they did not have the time to answer the many questions being posed by Rotary members. The exhibition they organized ran through the months of May and June and gained considerable attention in the media. Although it raised important issues in our community, the feedback received was almost entirely positive. They will present slides of the project, discuss the issues and answer questions.

Chairperson of the Day: JEFF NATHANSON

**Door Duty: HANS SHAPER & MICHAEL DOWNER**

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**PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1997**

**“EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE”**

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**PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 1997**

**“TONY LA RUSSA’s AREF/ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION”**

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**LAST WEEK**

An almost giddy JOE BAGLEY opened the meeting per usual with a salute to old glory. DAVE SMITH followed with a Marxist remark..."I'm talking Groucho here...don't worry. Rotary hasn't gone communist...yet. Two of El Cerrito's finest felt guilty about missing a meeting at their own club and joined us, Neal Wells and Gary Buffon. Guests accompanied DONNA BELL, DON LAU, JOHN LAWLIS and DAVE ALMEIDA.

Announcements

- Did any of you make it to Mervyn's to help GORDON MYERS and the kids shop on 8/9/97? For those of you who did...Thank You!
- Monday 9/14/97 is the Rotary Day at Marine World. Your money MUST be in with ERLE BROWN by Monday 8/12/97...by the time you read this and realize it is past the due date you are out of luck...ERLE will not have any sympathy for your pathetic excuses!

Speaking of Marine World...what's wrong with this scenario...DAVE BROWN is volunteering to help with the silent auction taking place on that day at the park...Am I allowed to use silent and DAVE BROWN in the same sentence?

8/16/97 is the gala (doesn't that sound festive?) to welcome the Williams Club to Rotary. A very proud PRESIDENT JOE showed off his fine work...the banner which will be donated to the Williams Club sans Graphix Depot...nice work JOE and Rita. See JOE if you would like to attend the festivities.

Did you sign up for a committee yet" Please do...coercion can be so humiliating.
Recognitions

It was birthday contribution time for JOHN MEDLOCK and WALTER WOLFFS...I forget who is older. Hey, did you know WALT has been a Rotarian since 1936?

DAVE ALMEIDA and MICHAEL WINTER weren’t too specific but it sounded as if their anniversaries were very stimulating.

Happy $$$s

PETE BRAY...always nice to see ya PETE...was happy about his new Grandpa status. JEFF NATHANSON and DON HARDISON were pleased about RAC’s recent good press. DAVE BROWN was happy to be back in the good fellowship of his Rotarian brethren. TED ABREU wasn’t sure if he was happier about his job or his recent jaunt to New Orleans. Congratulations to DONNA BELL for her new management status. JOE BAGLEY was happy about me...and I’m tickled about you too JOE.

Program

JOE BAGLEY introduced Emergency Services Coordinator for the Richmond Emergency Action Community Teams (R.E.A.C.T.) Kathryn Aguirre. What we once knew as the West County offices of emergency services is now REACT. Reopened in 1994 after budget problems shut down the emergency services division in 1992, the REACT program, thanks in part to Chevron, serves to teach self-sufficiency in the event of a major disaster. Realizing that in the event of a catastrophe, such as the devastating earthquake predicted to strike the Hayward fault sometime in the next 30 years, emergency services will be so tied up that community residents are going to have to fend for themselves for up to three days. The REACT program teaches the skills needed to survive. It is the knowledge of such skills as damage assessment, first aid, utility control and fire suppression that will enable survivors to make it through the first 72 hours after the disaster.

The REACT program consists of four classroom courses of two hours each followed by a hands-on disaster drill. The skills are taught by volunteers within our own community and is free to all participating Richmond residents. The program is funded by local business donations and its sale of emergency kits. Its volunteer workers also aid in keeping costs down. The video Kathy showed reminds us of the harsh reality of the state in which we live and its shaky consequences which we all need to be prepared for.

Raffle

HANK COVELL can get drunk while DAN READY reads.

MARK THIBAULT
Editor

Reminder: Sat. Dec. 13 - Richmond Rotary Christmas Dinner & Dance, Salesian High School Cafeteria. (More information to follow.)
PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1997

“MELLO-ROOS INITIATIVE”

FLOYD T. JOHNSON
City Manager

Our Speaker for this week is Mr. Floyd Johnson, City Manager of Richmond. He will be speaking to us on the pending legislation surrounding the Mello-Roos Initiative.

Floyd Johnson joined the City of Richmond as City Manager in January 1994. In addition to his duties as City Manager, Mr. Johnson serves as Chief Executive Officer of the Richmond Redevelopment Agency and Richmond Housing Authority.

Mr. Johnson brings more than twenty years of public and private sector experience and visionary leadership to Richmond where he is responsible for providing executive leadership and direction to all City departments which provide a full range of services including police and fire protection, parks, library, recreation, employment and training, land planning and development and major public works and redevelopment projects. Mr. Johnson's responsibilities also include oversight of a major City Port, Human Resources Administration, Financial Management, Facilities and Fleet Management.

Before joining the City of Richmond, Mr. Johnson was District Administrator, Florida Health and Rehabilitation Services Department, from 1991 to 1993, and in 1982 became the first and only Black County Administrator in Broward County, the second largest county in Florida. In Broward County, Mr. Johnson oversaw the design, financing, and construction of a new County Airport and managed, the implementation of the county’s first general obligation bond issue of $250 million for capital improvements.

Chairperson of the Day: MICHAEL BROWN

Door Duty: JIM SHATTOCK and CHARLIE FENDER

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 1997

“TONY LA RUSSA’s ARF/ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION”

LAST WEEK

President JOE “Wrong Way” BAGLEY opened the meeting with the Pledge once he got his bearings straight. The thought for the day came for DAVID K from his aunt Ann Landers in regards to fathers of brides and how “inexpensive” it is to give away daughters. Visiting Rotarians included Rick Betts from Berkeley and regular visitor Bill Van Dyke from San Pablo. Rotarians with guests included CHARLIE RAMSEY with Jeffrey Boyd, JUDY MORGAN with Mike Davenport, brother JOE KELMAN with better half Cindy.

Announcements

• PRESIDENT JOE gave a reminder on JOHN NICOL’s behalf (hope your back is feeling better JOHN) about the upcoming romp at DAVE CALFEE’s scheduled for August 24th. Contact JOHN or HANK COVELL.

• BOARD MEETING is this Thursday, August 21 at Baker’s Square. Red badgers be there!

• ERLE BROWN, Mr. Whale of a Time, indicated that if you don’t have your tix for Marine World...you can’t go...but you can still purchase raffle tickets for some glorious prizes including trips to places like Waimea, Hawaii. See ERLE.

Recognitions

PRESIDENT JOE administered his justice swiftly. Past Pres. DAVID SMITH can now officially run for President of the USA with the passing of a birthday. STONEY did a “two-fer” by owning up to 33 years of marital “happy meals” and an upcoming birthday. A special recognition for incognito TOM BUTT for his picture in the paper cutting no deals with Richmond’s Sister City Zhoushan...it was worth all the money he had on him.

Happy $$$s

BOB NICCOLES took a shot at Chi-Town JOE and political ethics, ERLE BROWN was happy about Pigs flying in Turlock, guest Bill Van Dyke announced that the San Pablo Rotary is now meeting at the
Casino, BART WALLACE was just happy to be with us, and CHARLES RAMSEY was happy about 1st graders reading at grade level.

Program
Program Chair JEFF NATHANSON opened the program by showing a video on the Richmond Art Center that aired on Channel 7. JEFF introduced Erin McCluskey, who along with Gerarde Gutierrez, organized the Art Center's recent "Piece Makers" exhibit which featured graffiti art. Erin shared with the group slides of the actual work as it was displayed at the Art Center which was done by graffiti artists, as opposed to taggers or vandals. All of the art work was done with spray paint and the quality of the art as presented was excellent. Erin explained there is a real technique to quality graffiti art and there is also a set of rules of respect among graffiti artists. The presentation showed that there are positive programs that can channel vandalism into a constructive activity. The hope is this will be a regular show of the Art Center.

Raffle was won by DAVID BROWN and BART WALLACE.

DON LAU
Friend of MARK THIBAULT
PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 1997

"Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation"  ARF  DAVID STEGMAN

David Stegman, Executive Director of the Community Services Group, a mid-range non-profit organization providing human services to the greater South Contra Costa Community, will be speaking to us about ARF.

Thousands of dogs and cats, puppies and kittens are euthanized each year in Contra Costa County simply because there are not enough homes for them. Many more, abandoned and left to fend for themselves, are hit by cars or die of starvation, disease or injury. ARF Adoption and Rescue programs are designed to give animals a second chance at a safe and happy life.

ARF believes that education is the key to tackling the pet overpopulation, abuse and neglect problems. They have a number of education programs developed to heighten public awareness of pet-related issues.

ARF feels that involvement in the community is crucial to the success of their humane efforts. They see animal problems as a community concern and feel that they play an integral part in their community. They believe that by working together and sharing resources, we can make a larger difference in the community. They are involved in many programs with other human services organizations to help people as well as animals.

ARF offers free spay/neuter surgeries for the pets of low-income families and senior citizens. Each year they spay and neuter hundreds of animals who would otherwise not be altered, preventing thousands of unwanted puppies and kittens.

Chairperson of the Day: JIM BEAVER

Door Duty: DAVID SMITH and NORM FOLEY

LAST WEEK

...So this Panda walks into a bar...if you missed it last week see BILL REID! JOEY B opened the meeting with the salute and had the Reverent BROWN do the honors of a thought dating back to 1795. Ray Barton from the N. Oakland club was the only visiting Rotarian and guest Cheryl Mayer accompanied KATHERINE ALEXANDER. Although not introduced, I also saw DAVE ALMEIDA's son Christopher in attendance.

Announcements

• JOE outlined some of the recent Board Meeting highlights.
  Committee, Committee, Committee!! Please see a board director to sign up for one ASAP, otherwise you will find yourself assigned to one which may not suit your best interests.

  Start grooming now to prepare for the District Governor's visit on October 3rd.

  The Christmas Party is now being chaired by the trio of LLOYD HENRY, CHARLIE WONG and ERLE BROWN.

  God help us...well at least there will be Scotch available! The trouble is scheduled for December 13th...details as they become available.

  Our club is being asked for volunteers for the "Read Aloud" program. This is a program which asks one hour of volunteer time a week to read stories to young children at several participating schools throughout our community. For all you grandparents out there this should sound very appealing! See MIKE BROWN for sign-ups.

  ATTENTION: Your dues are now past due...if you have not paid...well, let's just say you'd better ask someone else to start your car in the morning.

  Now the regular announcements:

  • Even though troubled by some pesky medical problems the gala at the Williams club went off without a hitch. The banner was a hit and our thoughts go out for a speedy recovery to the Williams club's president.

  • On February 2, 1998, our speaker will be Cliff Dochterman...mark your calendars now!

Who Am I

Starting a new tradition, some of the "old timers" have graciously volunteered to replay their stories for those of us who have not heard them...This week's submission comes from VP JOHN NICOLI: Born off a tiny island in the Pacific...oh no, that was someone else...sorry. Born in San Leandro...a tiny island south of San Francisco, JOHN
spent his formative years in Richmond. After graduating from Richmond High in 1941, he joined the Air Force. Having dabbled in the gaming trade for some time (legalized) JOHN joined forces with our own “BUD” MARTIN and has been in the auto trade for over 30 years. JOHN has a lovely wife, Felicia, two children and two grandchildren.

Recognitions
Birthday kudos to DAN SANDERS, ELOF GRANBERG, “BUD” MARTIN and TED SMITH (Who?). Anniversary congrats to JIM BEAVER who just recently broke his son’s ankle...way to go JIM!

Happy $$$s
DON MILLER was mixed in his feelings about his office mess.
ERLE BROWN and TED SMITH were elated to see each other again.
DAN TANITA got a lump in his throat talking up the legal profession...I swear I saw LESLIE LEVY wipe a happy tear away after hearing that JOE NUSBAUM was pleased that his grandson has decided not to seek the law as a profession.

Program
Chair MIKE BROWN introduced Richmond City Manager Floyd Johnson. Mr. Johnson was on hand to talk about the upcoming November proposal for a special tax levy to pay for much needed public safety improvements. Hey, this sounds somewhat political...aren’t we a volunteer organization? Well, just in case you thought the same way, Mr. Johnson was quick to interject that the purpose for his talk was strictly educational and meant only to provide the necessary information so that you (add you name here) can make an informed decision for your community come November. Known as the “Mello-Roos Initiative” the tax will be collected from property owners based on the square footage of their homes. In the cases of developed commercial parcels the acreage is the tax basis. The plan is to raise 3.4 million dollars annually with the overall total not to exceed 24 million. The money is to go to the residents of our fair city...no, no, that was just a silly thought, I for one want to pay more taxes...I digress...The money is to go towards seismic retrofitting of City Hall, the Hall of Justice and various fire stations. Furthermore, it will be used to build an emergency operating center which is to house the communications systems needed to tie together all of the City’s public servants associated with safety.

Please ignore any snide commentary you may have thought you encountered while reading this. I am your servant and portray the facts of the meetings only. You may reach me at my resident in Stepford. (If you need to ask, never mind!)

Raffle: JOE BAGLEY and ERLE split the vino.

MARK THIBAULT
Editor
LAST WEEK

Mein Fuhrer JOHN "Adolf" NICOL opened the Reich party with his own thoughts of life. Holding true to strict Rotarian scheduling I can only say to hold on for some unadulterated fun during his reign next year. (Got something to say...be brief, be concise, give up the dough and sit the hell back down!) Rotarians from elsewhere missed the fun but several of our own brought guests. Included were HERB COLE with Adrian Pitts (hope that's right HERB), ERLE BROWN with wife Phyllis, DON LAU with daughter Haley and DAVE ALMEIDA with son Chris and daughter Gabriella.

A very special welcome to our newest Rotarian MIKE FENLEY. Rolling out the new tradition red carpet, MIKE was dually initiated with all of the rights and privileges not forfeited by our own DON LAU. A standing ovation and not one dry eye could be seen in the whole place. Congratulations MIKE! Hey, there’s an opening on the membership committee if you are interested. See me!

Announcements

• Remember how adamant ERLE was about the Rotary Day at Marine World and how you had to buy your tickets by a certain date? Well, apparently he was just blowin’ hot air (God I love ya ERLE!). Tickets are not available at the Park. ERLE says you should still give up $20 to buy a raffle ticket...but don’t give him cash! Picky, picky, picky. Dale is 9/14.
• Oh yeah, ERLE also says that the upcoming Xmas Party should be kept to about $50 per couple so start saving your pennies now.
• HANK COVELL reminds us that the Rotary Night at the Masques is sold out...but the lovely Phyllis Brown has two tix left. Want ‘em? Hurry up and call her!

Recognitions

BOB NICCOLLS celebrates a birthday while ERLE BROWN and DICK NELSON celebrate anniversaries. DICK decided to have a birthday as well.

Happy $$s

DAVE NINOMIYA was happy and sad for the close of his operation and the opening of the other. RICH ALEXANDER was pleased about his son’s birthday. LAUREL LINDENBAUM was happy about her upcoming vacation...but don’t try to reach her. HERB COLE is delighted that the kids are going back to school. JEFF

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NATHANSON has nothing but kudos for the mural completion. WALT CONNOLLY must have an “in” with Chief BILL LANDSDOWNE because apparently his “problem” was resolved with the right payoff...I mean explanation. DAVE ALMEIDA echoed HERB’S thoughts about kids and school. JOE KELMAN was sad for JOHN LAWLIS and his problems with is mother. We hope all turns out well JOHN. For some reason JOE was happy about brushing his hand at a Giants game.

Program

JIM BEAVER introduced Executive Director and Development Director from the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF), David Stegman and Kathy McCracken. ARF began six years ago in response to the 18K animals that were being euthanized yearly in our county. Animal advocate and Bay Area favorite Tony LaRussa has been instrumental in making ARF what it is today. With proper spaying and neutering programs ARF has helped to reduce the number of euthanized animals to 13K. The program handles over 100 animals a year. Currently, the animals are kept in foster homes throughout the county. A new facility is planned for Walnut Creek in which animals can be housed. The cost of this private adoption center will be $7 million. The animals are more than pets according to Kathy. They play a very important part in therapy and rehabilitation for children, the elderly and other who are sick. Various pet assisted programs exist now and are being planned to continue at the new facility. There is even a “Rotary to the Rescue” program being set up for assistance to help raise money and awareness for the plight of the animals in our county. Currently, the ARF program is handled by almost three hundred volunteers who handle an estimated 150 phone calls about animals daily. ARF’s current budget is 700K.

Raffle

GEORGE WACKER and JUDY MORGAN can get loaded together on the brandy and sherry...oh boy!

THINK SNOW!!

The International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians is having their annual meeting at Breckenridge, Colorado, January 30-February 6, 1998. The 1998 Rotary Ski Challenge, an annual event at Alpine Meadows, will be February 27, 1998. For further information contact BOB NICCOLLS.

MARK THIBAULT
Editor
**APARTHEID**

REV. SAM MOONSAMY

Sam and Sue Moonsamy and their family of six children, second and third generation South Africans of Asian Indian origin, were introduced to Christianity by American missionaries in South Africa. Since then, for over thirty years, they have been involved in a ministry of Evangelism and Discipleship, establishing churches and developing leadership among the people of their homeland.

They are now settled in the ethnically diverse San Francisco Bay Area, where they have started an International Church in Richmond and are working with people from twelve different nationalities. The Moonsamys can communicate in English, Afrikaans (Dutch) and Tamil (an Indian language). Sam is also learning Spanish.

The Moonsamy Family have spoken in several countries and many states in America and have appeared on television and radio. Rev. Sam will speak on the System of Apartheid and how it affected them in South Africa and will be open for questions afterwards.

Chairperson of the Day: WIN BOWMAN

Door Duty: LOREN STRAUGNTH & JOE GREEN

**LAST WEEK**

Attempting to deal with a not so perky week of international news, PRESIDENT JOE opened the meeting and allowed DON HARDISON to convey some thoughts about the late Queen of Hearts and the Nobel Laureate of Calcutta. Not a visitor from another club could be found so CHARLES RAMSEY introduced his guest Adrienne Pitts and MIKE WINTER followed suit and introduced his mother.

Announcements

- It was a typo last week that may have confused you. Not that I don’t just love typing ERLE BROWN’s name all the time...but...Tickets for the Rotary Day at Marete World CAN be purchased on the day of the event that’s September 14th, at the park. It will cost you $5 more than if you purchased earlier but what the heck is $5 to a Rotaryian? Raffle tix are also available for $20 and some great prizes are in the offering.
- PRESIDENT JOE read letters from Mayor Corbin thanking us for our donation making it possible to provide medical supplies for our Sister City in China. The second letter was a thank you from the Williams Club for the banner JOE’s business so graciously constructed.
- MICHAEL BROWN introduced Dr. Marilyn Nye who expounded the benefits of the Read Aloud Program for the elementary children and who seeks volunteers for this very minimal effort, very big rewards program. Written literature on the program was made available.

**Who Am I**

Who is GARY BELL? GARY BELL is now a Blue Badger, that’s who he is. With GARY’s third requirement we learned that he was born in Kansas, one of ten children. Raised by his mother only, GARY went on to graduate from Wichita State. He was the youngest member of the Wichita City Council and moved to California in 1989. GARY has two children of his own and works for The Bank of the West. Oh yeah, GARY would certainly appreciate your vote since he is also running for a seat on our own City Council.

**Recognitions**

- Forget your pin? You’re $3 lighter.
- Happy Birthday to JEFF NATHANSON.
DON HARDISON was guilty by association.

Happy $$5s

• CHARLES RAMSEY is pleased about his Paul Harris status.
• DAVE K is happy...oh I mean sad, about the state of the Niners.
• JOHN NICOL is always happy.
• TOM BUTT is pleased about his dad’s new bride.
• JOE BAGLEY has mixed feelings about the state of both Chicago and SF.

Program

DON HARDISON introduced in absentia speaker for Lois Boyle, Captain James S. Nolan. Capt. Nolan is the director of the restorative efforts for the U.S. Victory Ship, the Red Oak. Built in 1944 at the shipyards here in Richmond, the Red Oak is one of only ten Victory Ships built by the Navy. Used for various duties up until the 1960’s the total wear on her engines in only about five years. The refurbish effort is a long process and plans to move her to Richmond are tentatively scheduled for sometime next year. Volunteers who have been working on the restoration have provided parts, artifacts, supplies and manpower with some very impressive results according to Capt. Nolan. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

Raffle

DON LAU and DAVE K win the wine.
PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1997

"RUBICON-WELFARE To WORK"

MARK LACHMAN

Rubicon Programs is a $6 million social service organization based in Richmond that provides affordable housing, vocational training and placement and mental health services. Its vocational program serves all of Contra Costa County. As a national leader in a movement called Social Entrepreneurism--Rubicon creates training opportunities, jobs and businesses for individuals who are homeless or who have mental disabilities. Rubicon Bakery is receiving rave reviews by Bay Area media and its gourmet desserts are available in over 60 grocery stores throughout the Bay Area. Rubicon's long term development plan includes starting a third business that will create upwards of 100 new jobs and training opportunities for hundreds more.

Mark Lachman is Associate Director of Development for Rubicon. He lives in San Francisco and began his career as a writer and graphic artist and started working with the homeless ten years ago. He has worked and volunteered for a variety of organizations, including Raphael House, a family homeless shelter in San Francisco, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of San Francisco and the Palo Alto Ronald McDonald House. Mark has worked as a Volunteer Coordinator, Shelter Manager and as a Fund Raiser. He has been at Rubicon since October of 1996.

Chairperson of the Day: DONNA BELL

Door Duty: DOUG STRAUS & DON HARDISON

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1997

"LEGAL REFORM IN FORMER U.S.S.R."

DOUGLAS N. FREIFELD

Chairperson of the Day: JOE NUSBAUM

Door Duty: DAN TANITA & LLOYD HENRY

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1997

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT

GEORGE E. CHAFFEY

Governor

District 5160

LAST WEEK

Pulling double duty, as is so often his style, President JOE opened the meeting and gave the thought for the day, thanks in part to his daughter. Putting a spin on the usual order JOE began with announcements, but so as not to confuse you readers, I will adhere to the proper format and tell you that no visiting Rotarians were present and two of our own brought guests. However, I only heard RICH ALEXANDER introduce Michelle Pickney. My apology to the other Rotarian and his guest. Please chastise me to the fullest next week.

Announcements

• Club photos are now available! If you ordered one see ELOF and cough up the $7 for your chance to have a picture of me in the front row.

• Reviews are in on the recent Masquers dinner/theater production and according to ERLE the show was "F...Great!" Hey, the guy is never at a loss for an adjective. Thanks to HANK COVELL and PAM JONES. The success netted the club some $500.

• A Board Meeting is scheduled on Thursday 9/18 at 7:30 a.m. at Baker's Square, all red badgers are encouraged to attend...so is anyone interested in becoming the new Membership Chair, as I have had to respectively step down from that position.
• JOE NUSBAUM conferred three new senior active badges upon those members who have either reached the age of 65 or have served the club for 15 years. Congratulations to DAVE ALMEIDA, OSCAR LUGO and MARKKU PELANNE.

Recognitions
• A happy birthday greeting to DAVE K who celebrated in style by catching fish...very big fish...very, very big fish... You are quite a man, MR. K!
• JONATHAN (is my name spelled correctly this week) LAWLS also celebrated a birthday.
• LOREN STRAUGHN thought someone forgot about his anniversary and was just aching to give up some money to celebrate.

Happy $$$
CHARLES RAMSEY was pleased at a Paul Harris standing but sad about the state of the city’s swimming status.

JOE KELMAN was happy about DAVE K and ERLE BROWN.

DAVE ALMEIDA had 20 happy reasons for his new career status.

JIM BEAVER is happy there are other Dodgers in the house.

WIN BOWMAN was sad to announce that he will be leaving the club to move to Oregon...Thanks for the service here WIN...we will surely miss your presence.

DAVE BROWN is happy that albeit an LA boy, he does not wear the colors.

DAN TANITA is happy about his daughter’s tennis prowess.

Program
WIN BOWMAN introduced the Reverend Sam Moonsamy and his wife Sue. Second and third generation South Africans, the Reverend, his wife and six children moved to the United States in 1985. Reverend Sam was on hand to tell us about the various governing systems in South Africa, namely, Apartheid, which affected him and his family and finally caused them to move to this country. The history of South Africa’s government is indeed fascinating. Its ethnically diverse population, intense history of racial discrimination, rise and fall of its activists and leaders, and affects of its new defunct ruling have had a significant impact on Sam and his family. Sam told of his own fights to succeed and raise a family through the ugly laws of segregation. The next time you decide to knock the U.S. system, remember, you could be somewhere else just where thinking that way could get you thrown into jail or worse.

Raffle
RICH ALEXANDER and JOHN MEDLOCK win the alcohol...drink responsibly boys!

MARK THIBAULT
Editor
LAST WEEK
Always with a smile, President JOE opened the meeting with the pledge and DONNA BELL had a thought for the day.

Announcements:
JON LAWLIS described the fun times at the Marine World event—he said most everyone enjoyed the beer cart. Several others concurred. MARKKU didn’t have his badge. It turns out that he is now a “Senior Active”. You know MARKKU, you don’t look a day over 64! Actually, JOE NUSBAUM explained that senior status is given to any Rotarian who has been in the club for 15 years, regardless of age. At 65 years, you receive the “senior active-excused” designation.

Copies of this year’s Rotary photo are sold out. If you wish to try and get a reprint, talk to JOE. JIM BEAVER (is true ex-prez fashion) informed President JOE that he neglected to recognize visitors and guests. So...MICHAEL WINTER’s guest was Sonya Weyland who is visiting from the San Pablo Club. MARK T is too busy with his practice to continue as membership chair (in fact, he’s too busy to write this Flywheel) so, PAM JONES is the new membership chair. The goal is 15 new members this year. Thanks PAM. JOE announced that trustees of the Carl Rehfluss Fund will be meeting soon to discuss investing the $12,400 currently in the fund. Interest goes to the community fund. Trustees are JOE NUSBAUM, DAVID SMITH, CHARLIE WONG and ERLE BROWN. The Masqueer’s fundraiser was a big success. $500 was raised and it will go to the school dictionary project in which dictionaries are distributed to local schools.

JOE (always aware of signs) complained that there are no signs at the main entrances into the City of Richmond for Rotary or any other service club. He will look into changing that. The international project this year will focus on orphans. TROY FEWITT is coordinating that effort. MICHAEL BROWN gave an update on the Read Aloud program. The Interact Club will be reintroduced at local high schools. The directors are currently working on setting it up.

DAN READY gave a very informative and entertaining “Who Am I”. This new program of having senior active Rotarians present “Who Am I” talks is going great. Happy $$s

JOE skipped recognitions and went directly to Happy $$s. JOE reminded everyone that Happy $$s contributions go the community fund. JOE gave a sad $5 for the death of his daughter’s schoolmate who died suddenly at only 14 years old. He gave another $5 in
honor of how well the school handled it for the students and parents. ERLE had a $1 for JOE and the beer at Marine World. JIM BEAVER gave $5 for a missed meeting. Note: it is traditional for Rotarians to make up missed meetings at another club or to voluntarily give $5 to our club. Thank you MR. BEAVER for your generous honoring of tradition. The BEA also gave a buck for the great baseball this past week. He also put up $20 for the Dodgers...anyone for the Giants? TED ABREU loves the new “fish” public art piece at the Richmond Art Center plus $5 for baseball. And, following right in step, JEFF gave $88 for baseball, the fish at RAC and the opening of the new shows at the Art Center. JUDY LISKE said she’d put up $20 for the Giants. I know there were others in on this baseball pool, sorry I missed you.

PROGRAM:

DONNA BELL introduced Mark Lachman, a new Rotarian and the Development Director at Rubicon Programs. Mark began by giving us an overview of the many needed programs at Rubicon. He has been Development Director there for only 8 months and keeps finding out more and more exciting things. He mentioned that DAN READY was first director. He also complained that REACT got theme music, why not Rubicon!!!

A video provided a very good introduction to how vital and effective Rubicon is. Mark continued with an explanation of Rubicon’s entrepreneurial approach. They work with homeless, economically and mentally disabled people. They began as a mental health facility in 1973 when government programs were being closed. Many patients were out on the street. Originally all volunteer, Rubicon is now a $6 million operation.

Individuals in the work program earn credits that they may use for fun activities. They have an affordable housing program and their mission is to help people become stable and self-sufficient. To this end, housing units are linked to services. He also discussed welfare reform and how Rubicon and the community copes. Rubicon is an expert in addressing issues and problems. Through their employment services they do job assessment, training, placing and job development.

One half of their budget comes from earned revenue through their businesses -- the bakery and landscaping services. They are now planning to open a third business, Rubicon Home Healthcare. Through this service they will train and place healthcare workers in private homes. Rubicon successfully serves as a job placement agency as well as training facility.

They are a very important presence in this community and are currently recruiting board members, volunteers and donors. A great place to do some good!

RAFFLE: TOM BUTT got the delicious Rubicon chocolate cake. JON LAWLIS and MIKE WINTER each got a bottle of wine.

Notes taken by JEFF NATHANSON, pinch hitting for MARK THIBAULT
GOVERNOR
George E. Chaffey
DISTRICT 5160
1997-98
OFFICIAL VISIT

George was a 1987 charter member of the Rotary Club of Lamorinda Sunrise (classification of Attorney - Employment Law). He served as President (1991-92), has been District GSE Chair (1994-96) and was the District’s Rotarian of the Year (1995). He and Carol regularly host exchange students, and have visited students’ families in Australia, Denmark and Brazil. Both George and Carol are Paul Harris Fellows and Benefactors.

George was reared in Vallejo, and then attended the University of California at Berkeley, where he was active in the Cal Band and Boalt Hall School of Law. Following graduation, he and Carol were Peace Corps Volunteers in Liberia, West Africa, where George taught law and Carol taught elementary school. Upon their return, George directed a legal services program and then joined Littler, Mendelson, Fastiff, Tichy & Mathisson, a San Francisco-based law firm representing employers in labor and employment matters. He practices law in the Walnut Creek branch office, while Carol teaches elementary school in Pittsburg.

George is an Executive Committee member of the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce, and served on many boards.

Chairperson of the Day: JOE BAGLEY

Door Duty: STAN TEADERMAN and PAM JONES

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1997

"WE REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR, THE CIVILIAN SIDE"

Chairperson of the Day: BOB NICCOLS

Door Duty: MARK THIBAULT and HENRY KELMAN

LAST WEEK
Finally getting a clue and using a cheat sheet as so not to let the weekly excitement confuse the order of things, President JOE led the pledge. JOE GREEN gave us a Marxist thought that made us chuckle. (Groucho not Karl) No visiting Rotarians were to be found and only DONNA BELL was astute enough to bring a guest, lawyer Carol Sellecker (hope I came close to the right spelling).

Announcements
• HANK COVELL reminded us that on Saturday, October 4th, at Pinole Valley High School, there will be a free car show and various forms of entertainment. Admission is free so bring your family.
• The Carl Ruhfuss endowment fund needs your donations.
• Break out your fancy-go-to-meetin’ clothes next week cuz the Gov. be a comin’. Yes, that’s right, our own District Governor George Chaffey will be in the house and rockin’ to the Rotarian beat. JOE encourages you to bring your significant other...or your spouse, whichever is more handy.
• A hearty Thank You to PAM JONES for taking over that low life THIBAULT’s job as membership chair, seems the pressure was just too much for the guy and heaved, wow, who invited that loser in the club anyway?”
Are we looking forward to PAM’s contributions.
• JOE read a brief letter from Rotary International expounding the positive effects RI has made on the world. Let me summarize..."Give up the dough!"

Recognitions
JOE must have a quota or something...the guy was brutal this week!

WALT CONNOLLY, HANK COVELL and BART WALLACE were all tagged for birthdays. JIM SHATTOCK, MARKKU PELANNE, CHARLIE FENDER, BOB NICCOLS, CYNTHIA BRATTESANI, MIKE DOWNER and JUDY LISKE were all hit up for anniversaries, most of which had already been forgotten. MIKE DOWNER was happy to self recognize for the birth of his new daughter. Congratulations! CHARLES RAMSEY had to give it up for his recent picture in the paper due to his political clout. JOE KELMAN was trying to take odds on the Giants/Dodgers race and you more gullible Rotarians took the bait. Don’t look here for the names, I’m not your bookie.
Happy $5s

- BART WALLACE is happy that he now has a real job.
- ERLE BROWN was happy about his winnings at Marine World and has nothing but optimism that it will be anything but safe-sex this week on the gridiron as he predicts the Pig will fly and the Bears will punch holes in the Rubbers.

- DAVE BROWN is happy about the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts but is sad that our club has yet to lend its support.
- JEFF NATHANSON was like a proud Daddy when he read the positive comments in the SF Chronicle about RAC’s recent efforts.
- TOM McGOWAN was happy for anyone who recently helped with the Many Hands Project and contributed to the “Adopt a Class” campaign at Washington school. TOM is looking for five more volunteers who will put up $200 each to sponsor more classes.
- JUDY LISKE is pleased about her new job status but fears it will cause her to be tardy on many a Friday.

Program

Chair JOE NUSBAUM introduced labor and employment law expert, Douglas Freifeld. Doug’s topic for the day was legal reform in the former USSR. Having lived with his wife in Belarus, Doug was able to see first hand the changes in the Soviet legal system since the dissolution of the USSR in 1991. Prior to this, the Soviet Nations were ruled from a central leadership base. No private lawyers existed. Regulations existed but were meaningless. There was no jury system and basically anyone accused of a crime against the state was found guilty. Ironically, however, Communism, by its very nature, forced many to break the rules and regulations set forth by the government, just to survive. Since 1991, changes have occurred in the legal system but as yet have made a true impact. There currently exists a new constitution in the Ukraine, private lawyers can now be found, legislation is now being drafted, legal education formats are changing, and Democratization is allowing for free elections to take place. The problems still remain however. The Russian Mafia is still very strong and payoff money is still the way of preservation for most.

Doug says that he will never look at our system of justice with a jaded eye again after experiencing the state of affairs with the Soviet system.

Raffle

Staying in synch with the program, WALT CONNOLLY wins the Stoli and DAVE SMITH wins the Dry Sack.

MARK THIBAULT
Editor
“We Remember Pearl Harbor” ... the civilian side of the story

LAWRENCE R. RODRIGGS

Our speaker this week is Lawrence “Larry” Rodriggs, author of We Remember Pearl Harbor, the only book exclusively about the civilian side of the Pearl Harbor story and World War II life in Honolulu under Martial Law. His book was self-published in 1991, in time for the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Larry was featured in newspapers and on national and local radio and television programs commemorating the December 7th event and in the promotion of his book. He is invited to Pearl Harbor each December. The book was called one of the best new books (1991) on the subject by the book reviewer at the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Larry has his own writing and publishing business.

Hear little-known facts about the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941; actual radio transcriptions of broadcasts and police reports from that fateful day; civilian deaths by “friendly fire”; the military takeover of civil government, including schools, buildings and homes; American citizens living under martial law with censorship, curfew, military courts, control of currency; the panic felt as invasion and occupation by Japanese forces was anticipated. Hear the never-before-told civilian side of the Pearl Harbor story.

Chairperson of the Day: BOB NICCOLLS

Door Duty: MARK THIBAULT and HENRY KELMAN

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1997

LAST WEEK

Chicago JOE deviated from the mundane to the original as he let his patriotic flag fly (no doubt to impress the Gov.) and spun several musical versions of the pledge to start the show. Segue DON HARDSHON with a comedic thought and you can guess the tone for the rest of the meeting. A very late Neal Wells from the El Cerrito club was the only visiting Rotarian to show enough courage to attend. Rotarians from our own domain bringing a guest included JIM SHATTUCK with his daughter Cheryl, DON HARDSHON with his wife Betty, BILL WAHBEH and son William, MARKKU accompanied by his wife Mary, ERLE (let them eat pork) BROWN with both his wife Phyllis and CHIEF BILL’S wife Sharon...hmmm. JOE BAGLEY with his significant other Rita, and of course GOVERNOR CHAFFEY and his wife Carol.

Announcements

A hearty Thank You to all of you who helped with making this meeting possible.

• Hey, did you hear the one about the past District Governor who was working on his roof and took a header? Well it’s no joke, JIM BEAVER read a letter from our Past D.G. Joe Chiappino and that’s exactly what happened. Suffering multiple injuries Joe’s letter was a detailed version of his accident combined with a humor unique to the man himself. He thanks all of you who have wished him well and have assisted in his recovery. We all wish you the best Joe! I wonder if he was wearing his brick-red jacket at the time of the accident?

• BILL WAHBEH tried his hardest to bring peace to the Middle East on his recent visit but could only bring back a Rotary banner for all his efforts....that’s okay BILL, I’m sure Israel is now a better place since you’ve been there.

• Taking full advantage of his auspicious presence, JOE had GOVERNOR CHAFFEY do the honors of bestowing four of our own members (or family members) with the coveted Paul Harris Fellowship. Congratulations to MARKKKU PELANNE, STAN TEADERMAN, William Wahbeh (BILL’S son), and PETE BRAY.

Old Timer and ladies man, GEORGE WACKER, continued the “Who Am I” tradition with a brief synopsis of the man, the myth, the legend.

Recognitions

Happy in-absentia birthday to DAVE (the check’s in the mail) CALFEE. GARY BELL’s birthday and recent public photo shoot
was conspicuously noted.

STAN TEADERMAN celebrates a birthday with a memorial to his father.

JOE BAGLEY somehow forgot his own birthday but fortunately GOVERNOR CHAFFEY was there to lead the group in a serenade to celebrate JOE’s big day.

The bets were collected by those rubes who were gullible enough to bet on the Dodgers.

Happy $$$$s

DAVE K...blah, blah, blah, 49ers, blah, blah, blah...hey pal it’s hockey season! (God I love ya buddy) PETE BRAY now has someone else in the family who can drive.

Although temporarily set back ERLE and the pig will fly again! USC musta greased the little bastard last week, huh ERLE?

JIM SHATTOCK was happy to have his daughter by his side and also pleased about his recent success in Reno. ELOF was a bit stressed that his vacation was cut short. JONATHAN LAWLIS just can’t give this club enough money. His business prowess just won’t allow him to keep it. Thanks JON.

Program

JOE BAGLEY introduced our District Governor with a musical number only outdone by the two babes in leather who escorted THE MAN to the podium. GEORGE CHAFFEY is a man of motivational wisdom...and apparently he reads this newsletter. Lovin’ ya big guy! GEORGE was on hand to remind us of what we are, what we do, and what we stand for. His goals for this term are simple, “Have Fun”, “Help People”, “Go For It”, and “Do It Together”. Thanks to Rotary, he reminds us we can and have made a world of difference. Consider this, by the year 2005, polio, as we know it, will be eradicated from the world, thanks to the efforts of Rotary. Impressed? You should be! An open mind and a fresh approach can solve any problem. GEORGE’s only concern with our club is its lack of alcohol as raffle prizes...we’ll work harder for you Governor...hey, do you know ERLE BROWN by chance?

Raffle

It wasn’t hard liquor but...the wine goes to HANK COVELL and THE CHIEF’s wife Sharon...didn’t ERLE bring her?

MARK THIBAULT
Editor
LAST WEEK

Like a bad penny you just can’t get rid of the nightly mighty boos tone himself, JAMES CARLISLE BEAVER, once again took control of the podium, albeit only as a stand-in for the conspicuously absent JOEY B. BOB NICCOLS gave us the thought to ponder. Visiting Rotarians missed an enlightening program as none were present, and three of our own brought guests. MARKUK and his lovely wife Mary, TROY PEWITT with Glen Price and PETE BRAY with Melanie Sansom.

Announcements

• GORDON MYERS reminds us of the Salvation Army Harvest Festival on 10/13. An auction will be held and the fun gets underway at 7 p.m.
• HANK COVELL hasn’t missed a YMCA Pancake Breakfast in a very long time and he isn’t going to this year. The annual event is scheduled for 10/25. A raffle will be held also and for a mere $5 you can enter.
• JOE NUSBAUM reminds us to save the club some postage expense and pick up your roster updates at the meetings. JOE is also plugging for pledges for his annual Hunger Walk...JOE’s idea of a hunger walk is a slow stroll to the corner burger joint for some lunch.
• Hey you red badge procrastinators! Get with the program and get rid of that ugly thing by attending the Board Meeting on Thursday 10/16 at 7:30 a.m. at Bakers Square.
• It’s a train ride time again and JOHN NICOL is again spearheading the annual Reno Trip. The dates are January 11-12th. The train leaves Emeryville at 8:5 a.m. on the 11th and returns on Monday the 12th. Single room rates including the train ride go for $210, Doubles are $200 and Suites are $300. Remember, it’s coed so bring someone fun! Money must be in by November 7th. Checks are to be made payable to Rotary Inner City.
• BOB NICCOLS is looking for a roommate for the International Fellowship of Skiing Rotarians function happening in January. See BOB if you want more details.

Recognition

Only DOUG STRAUSS got the call today and he was all smiles talking about his 42nd birthday...his oral joke was a Father’s worst nightmare...and very funny!

Happy $5s

DAVE K always happy to be talking about sea life was not disappointing today as he was pleased about the Big One painted on the mural.
Dandy DON LAU was happy about the Y's grant to extend services.

JIM BEAVER is happy to be sharing a floor with the likes of DOUG and LESLIE and was also happy to be filling in for Chicago JOE.

BOB N ICCOLLS was pleased X4 for the Cardinal.

Program
Chair BOB N ICCOLLS introduced third generation Hawaiian and author of the book "We Remember Pearl Harbor", Lawrence "Larry" Rodriggs. Larry wrote his book as both a tribute to his father and as a reminder to the world that the event of December 7, 1941 was one which deserves not to be forgotten. Using actual radio transcripts of broadcasts and police reports, Larry recounted how he, as a nine year old boy, felt and reacted to the news that his home was being invaded and destroyed as he watched and listened. Many civilian casualties were the result of "friendly fire" Larry says. His research and first hand accounts have made it possible for Larry and many others who were witness to the attack deal with its devastating consequences and bring some semblance of comprehension to an event that will live on in infamy. Larry's book is available through his own publishing company from his home in Newark. His brief synopsis was very interesting and Larry invites any comments, questions and book orders be addressed to his e-mail: Lrodriggs@aol.com.

Raffle
PETE BRAY wins the donated copy of Larry's book and JOE GREEN wins the executive stationery pack.

MARK THIBAULT
Editor

Rotary 1998 Reno InterCity
56th Annual Meeting
January 11-12, 1998

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1997

"Into the Heart of Darkness; Medical Mission to Cambodia: June 1997

DR. MICHAEL S. BAKER
CAPT, MC, USNR

Dr. Michael Baker is a general and vascular surgeon. He is in private practice, on staff of John Muir Hospital, and part of the Regional Trauma Team.

Capt. Baker is Executive Officer of Fleet Hospital 21 in Dallas, Texas. During Operation Desert Shield/Storm he served with the First Medical Battalion where he performed the only successful vascular surgical repair in the Marine Corps battlefield area. He returned to the Persian Gulf in 1993 as an interim Naval Forces Central Command Surgeon, and 1994 was assigned to Italy as the Trauma Surgeon covering the Presidential visit to the G-7 Economic Conference.

Capt. Baker teaches combat surgery and casualty management for the Joint Medical Readiness Training Command. In May 1996 he was the Commander for the Medical Civil Assistance Program called Cobra God in Thailand. In June of 1997 he was on the first navy team to enter Cambodia in over 22 years. Capt. Baker has written 60 published articles on surgery, wound care and military readiness, is on the Board of the Journal of Military Medicine and the Northern California Trauma Commission.

He has been awarded three Navy Commendation Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Fleet Marine Force and Combat Action Ribbons, two Meritorious Service Citations, South West Asia Service Ribbon with the globe and anchor and three Campaign Stars, and wears the Combat Color OIC Warfare pin.

Chairperson: KATHERINE ALEXANDER

Door Duty: BART WALLACE & DAVID KUCHENTHAL

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1997

"Self Esteem; Where Did It Go and How Did It Get There?"

DR. FEAR

Door Duty: CHARLIE WONG & BILL LANSDOWNE

LAST WEEK

President Joe "Wooden Ships" BAGLEY piped the deck, called the crew together and led us in the pledge. GARY BELL gave us a thought for the day about helping others (does that include loans?) from Dr. King. There were no visiting Rotarians. WIN BOWMAN brought as his guest his son-in-law Tom Beams.

Announcements

• TOM BUTT and JOE NUSBAUM are taking their annual "Walk for Hunger" for GRIP on 10/18. All pledges and checks are welcome as our club annually competes with other service clubs.
• ELOF let everyone know he still has 6 club pictures that he's tired of looking at!
• Mr. Party CHARLIE WONG made the grand announcement about the Christmas Party which will be happening on 12/15, Saturday, 6:30 p.m. at Salesian High School. The prices...a mere $50/couple. At this price you can come to the party and still have money left over for your shopping needs. Contact any of the following elves if interested: CHARLIE, ERLE BROWN or LLOYD HENRY.
• JOE acknowledged KUMAR and Tara's anniversary and a card was passed around at the club.
• JOE announced that the Berkeley Rotary president has invited any interested Richmond Rotarians to come to the 11/19 joint club meeting between Berkeley and Palo Alto in celebration of the 100th Big Game (is that Michigan v. Ohio State?). We counted about 12 of you in...so you better show up.
• Past Pres. BEAV and current Christmas Auction dude announced that the auction will be held on 12/5 in the beautiful foyer of the Auditorium. All will be called to contribute items and start saving now to buy the stuff you give...we need the money!!! The auction will also be opened to non-Rotarians wishing to participate in the bidding.
• MICHAEL BROWN passed out a sign-up sheet for those interested in helping with the "Read Aloud" program designed to turn kids on to reading.
• King-candidate TED ABREU, who quickly stole the floor from Queen-candidate PAM JONES, announced that they will be our royal representatives to this year's Richmond Chamber Carnival to be held on 11/7. This is one election which you can openly buy a candidate. Since our last two royal couples failed, let's see if we can buy one this year.
• VP JOHN NICOL reminded all to get money in by end of month for Reno Intercity Annual Meeting.
Australia. It has since been in San Diego and now in New Zealand. The most important advances over the last few years has been in technology. Computers can now establish how well a boat will do without having to actually build the boat. There are currently 15 people working on the design team for AmericaOne. Even though it was indicated that technology wins the race, I am sure if TOM McGOWAN and ELOF GRANBERG were on the crew of AmericaOne we would be watching the race from our back door in 2003.

Raffle
DAVID SMITH got the “tank” and JON LAWLIS got the “sack”.

DON LAU, Navigator
S.S. Minnow

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1997

Self Esteem: Where Did It Go and How Did It Get There?"

DR. LIEBGOLD M.D. (aka "Dr. Fear")

What better program for Halloween than Dr. Fear?

Dr. Howard Liebgold, a physician specializing in rehabilitation, last spoke to our club in February 1996. His talk about phobias, "phobocs" and the "boo voice" was quite informative.

This week, Dr. Fear is back with a whole new topic: Self Esteem. He will look at the elements that form our self esteem and give some thought on where we are in terms of a healthy self image.

If you remember the doc from last time, you know this is one not to be missed.

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN

Door Duty: CHARLIE WONG and BILL LANSDOWNE

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1997

"Mega-Ports and Small Ports"

RONALD W. KENNEDY,
Port Director, Port of Richmond

Door Duty: WALT ZEBA and DON LAU

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1997

"Rotary Foundation"

WERNER SCHWARZ

Door Duty: TED ABREU and JONATHAN LAWLIS

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LAST WEEK

Dressed in his favorite leather tie Chicago JOE opened the meeting and, thanks to JOE Green, KATHERINE ALEXANDER gave the thought for the day. Nary a visiting Rotarian should be found but guests accompanied ERLE BROWN and CHARLIE WONG.

CONGRATULATIONS to our newest member CAROL SELIGER!!! In keeping with the three month old tradition, JOE rolled out the red carpet and our own MR. NUSBAUM distributed the appropriate paraphernalia. Hey, some of us didn’t get a “Memento”, damn, joined too early I guess.

Announcements

• JIM BEAVER wants creativity this year for the Xmas Auction! Not that ERLE won’t bid on every bottle of Scotch offered up, but every third item or so should be unique. A sign up form will be circulated and for those of you who don’t sign up for a donation, say good-bye to some cash! Our own caterer himself (an El Sobrante Rotarian) has graciously donated a prime rib dinner for 30 with all of the trimmings...beat that!

• The annual Carnivale is approaching soon and our own TED ABREU and FAM JONES are up for King and Queen. In order for them to make it we need to buy as many raffle tickets as possible. The event is on 11/17 and the raffle prizes are great so buy a bunch. (BOB NIECCOLLS suggests buying at least $25 worth.)

• An in-absentia JOHN NICOL spoke to JOE and reminded us of the Reno Trip!

• On 11/19 the Berkeley Club will be meeting with the Palo Alto Club to discuss the virtues of the Big Game...The Cal Band is supposed to attend...that will go over real well. You are invited but proceed with caution...the pig will be airborne.

• Staying in true Rotarian form KATHERINE ALEXANDER and the fine folks at Mechanics Bank helped MARKKU out with his recent vandal problem and donated $300 to his cause! Thank You on behalf of all Rotarians!!

• The Honorable JUDGE LINDELBRAUM reminded us of the Job Shadow Program and urges you to sign up ASAP. This has been a very successful program and your participation is again encouraged.

• The Christmas Party is slated for 12/13 and is still only $50 a couple.

Recognitions

DAVE SMITH celebrates a belated birthday as does REN PARTRIDGE. CHARLIE WONG’s was a bit more timely in recognition and STAN GRAYDYK is celebrating his,
however, he and his wife have been ill. A phone call to wish him a happy day would be nice. Our best to a speedy recovery STAN! Some guy named TED was on hand celebrating an anniversary...now there’s a man whose got a lucky wife!

Happy $$$

ELF would be happier if those of you delinquent in picking up your pictures would hurry the hell up. ERLE was a bit sad that he had to eat pork but happy that guy TED was around. TED ABREU was pleased with the Rotarian turnout at the staff development day. JUDY MORGAN was very happy about her grandmother’s status. MARKKU was thankful for all of your support. HANK COVELL’s goin’ to Disneyland.

Program
Chair RICH ALEXANDER introduced Navy combat Captain Dr. Michael Baker. A 23 year veteran, Dr. Baker was trained specifically for combat casualties. After his stint with Desert Storm, Dr. Baker most recently has become involved with civil assistance military relief missions (MEDCAP).

His last mission was to Cambodia and it was the logistics of the trip and the plight of the people there which Dr. Baker addressed. The lasting affects of the Khmer Rouge massacres of 1975-79 are still present and the slide show Dr. Baker presented bore the truth to his commentary. He and his company of doctors and technicians faced constant threats from Cambodia’s environment as well as some of its militant inhabitants. Utilizing what we may say are crude means, and working in primitive conditions, Dr. Baker administered medical and dental care to thousands of needy Cambodians. The nature of the MEDCAP missions are not only to provide medical relief but also to enhance the local infrastructure of the country by providing education and direction to its people. An excellent and informative program.

Raffle
The various countries were well represented as RICH ALEXANDER won the English gin and REN PARTRIDGE won the Canadian whiskey.

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“Mega-Ports and Small Ports”
RONALD W. KENNEDY, Port Director, Port of Richmond

Ron Kennedy assumed the duties of Director, Port of Richmond in November 1996. His prior career had been in Southern California, where he worked for WORLDPORT Los Angeles for many years.

Ron was most recently the Director of Port Operations at WORLDPORT L.A., where he managed activities such as pilotage, law enforcement and the assignment of berths. He was also responsible for maintaining positive relations with the labor unions employed at the Port, including various longshoremen locals.

Ron is a member of the American Association of Port Authorities, the California Association of Port Authorities and the Propeller Club. He holds a degree in Business Administration from the California State University at Long Beach.

Chairperson of the Day: RICHARD BRANDES
Door Duty: WALT ZERA and DON LAU

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1997

“Rotary Foundation”
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Door Duty: TED ABREU and JONATHAN LAWLIS

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1997

BRIAN PRETTI, The Mechanics Bank

Door Duty: AL ALCUNA and MALCOLM LEE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1997 - NO MEETING!

LAST WEEK

Beo! It was Halloween and President JOE inspired (and frightened) us with “Thriller” by Michael Jackson (pretty darn scary!) with Vincent Price.

Visitors and Guests

Jackson Rossum was visiting from the Chico club. BOB NICCOLLS introduced Rita Bagley (who wasn’t really his guest, but you probably figured that out).

Announcements

• PAM "Queen" JONES announced that she’d see anyone who didn’t buy a Chamber “Carnivale” raffle ticket after the meeting. To remind those of you who haven’t been paying attention, TED ABREU and PAM will be crowned King and Queen at the 11/17 event if Rotary sells the most raffle tickets.

• Late arrival JIM BEAVER reminded everyone about the Annual Rotary Auction. He passed out auction donation forms which must be returned by November 21. JIM, “you’re the greatest!”—you said so yourself right on the form.

• BOB NICCOLLS announced that Salvation Army bell ringers are needed for Macy’s at Hilltop on Dec. 6. He will be recruiting during the next few weeks.

• JUDGE LINDBENBAUM is organizing the Job Shadow program this year. Sign up sheets were passed around. She reminded us that lawyers who participate may sign up for a tour of the courthouse.

• JOE informed us that the presidential nominee for Rotary International for 1999/2000 is CARLO RAVIZZA, Italian architect.

Recognitions: BART WALLACE celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary. Congratulations.

Happy $$s

LESLEY LEVY and JOHN NICOL were barely recognizable with very fine Halloween attire. LESLIE, who was happy for her 10 years in Rotary, looked particularly lovely (although she was unhappy for her deficiencies—whatever that means!). BILL LANSDOWNE was recognized for doing a great job as Police Chief and getting such great press. Fisherman DAVID K was $1 happy for fish and $1 happy for the “miners”. JOE NUSBAUM was sad because of the Indians. ERLE BROWN was happy for the Bears and had a check for MARKKIU. CYNTHIA is very happy because she is expecting a baby in April!!!

CHARLIE FENDER presented a creste from the Rotary Club of Chesalm, England.

Program: DAVID BROWN introduced Dr. Howard
Liebgold, MD, AKA 'Dr. Fear'. His topic was “Self Esteem: Where Did It Go and How Did It Get There?” His talk began with a series of statistics indicating how tough it is for kids growing up in the US today, i.e. 50% of American kids are from broken homes and of kids from homes with two parents, 60% are homes where both parents work. He illustrated how tough our society is. There are 170 million addicts in the US and 170 million adults. Basically every adult has problems and some form of addiction. He used his “brain in a bag” gimmick to show how external measures of self esteem can be damaging. One coin goes in the bag for every praise. One comes out for every negative comment or experience.

We are inundated with negative stuff. The average person hears 180,000 negative comments. Everything from school to sports to jobs are competitive in this country. We are conditioned from very early on to value self worth from external competitive sources like how much money you make, how good looking you are, etc. This leads to a very dysfunctional society. 96% of parents are dysfunctional to some extent. 90% of women dislike their looks or something about them and 70% for men and so on. Bradshaw speaks of “soul murder” that most people suffer by the age of 18.

Measuring self worth by accomplishments is therefore very damaging and very wrong. We are all unique and incomparable. Simply stated, if you try, you’re worthy. He asked how many people did it take for you to come to today’s meeting, he said over 10,000. This is because people designed and made your clothes, car, food etc. People sold you the stuff, truckers moved, etc. Each person is important to the process.

There is no universal standard for measuring self worth. Judgment of self esteem must be an internal measurement and not based on external events. Guilt and shame are deep scars, no matter what accolades one receives. We must learn to get past roles and expectations and learn unconditional self love. We have to look ourselves in the mirror and be positive. By 5-8 years old we are already programmed for what our adult self opinion will be. As an adult we must master our own bag. LOVE THYSELF, ESTEEM THYSELF, YOU ARE GOOD!

Raffle:
Before the raffle, JOE recognized “Aunt Mildred” DONNA BELL. Also, don’t forget to vote Tuesday.
Raffle winners were MIKE WINTERS and MARK KU.
*Notes taken by JEFF NATHANSON
Pinch hitting for MARK THIBAULT*

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"Rotary Foundation"
WERNER SCHWARZ

Currently, Werner chairs the DISTRICT LITERACY CAMPAIGN Funding Committee, to distribute 30,000 dictionaries to our 3rd graders.

Werner’s service to R.I. includes: Assistant to R.I. Director ’89-91, ’95-97; ’96-97 President’s Conference on Development, Cairo, Egypt; ’96-98 Member Education Task Force; Chair ’96-99 District Foundation Permanent Fund; Gen. Chairm. - Far West Breakfast, Nice ’95; ’95-96 YEO Committee; ’94-96 Rotary/United Nations Presidential Conference Committee; ’92-94 President’s Rotary Information Counselor; Group Discussion Leader-International Assembly; Rep. to the Council on Legislation ’92-95; Committee Chairm. for the First President’s Salute Programs of Rotary - Substance Abuse; President’s Rep. to 7 District Conferences in USA and Europe; Workshop Leader, Panelist and Committee Vice Chairm ’90-96 International Institutes; GSE Team Leader to Germany; District Foundation and General Giving Chairm ’92-92, raising over $2 million; PolioPlus/USA Immunization; Trustee of Substance Abuse endowed Chair at USC; Chartered 5 new clubs as Governor; chaired and served on nearly all District Committees.

In Zones 23 & 24, and in the local Region, Werner has been serving since 1982 & 1996 Far West Rotary Institutes Associate General Chairm., GETS Instructor ’90-96, Program Chairm Northern CA/NV/HI PETS ’92-98, Session Leader & Keynote Speaker at Northern CA, Southern CA, Arizona & New Mexico PETS. Featured speaker at Rotary Institutes, Conferences, Assemblies, Foundation Seminars & Clubs in the USA, Europe and Israel.

Werner has received the R.I. President’s Service Above Self Award; The Foundation’s Distinguished Service and Citation for Meritorious Service Awards; three R.I. Director’s awards; & numerous District Awards. The Freedoms Foundation recognized him with the George Washington Honor medal for individual achievement through Rotary. Werner is a 8 sapphire Paul Harris Fellow and Benefactor. He holds the classification of Senior Active - Isotope Research.

Door Duty: TED ABREU and JONATHAN LAWLIS

Reminder: Since November is Rotary Foundation Month, PRES. JOE requests all Paul Harris fellows to please wear your Paul Harris pins to meetings.

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1997

BRIAN PRETTI
The Mechanics Bank

Door Duty: AI, ALCUNA and MALCOLM LEE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1997 - NO MEETING

LAST WEEK

This week’s submission is a Readers Digest version so as to accommodate the very inspirational message found on the flip side, plagiarized courteously by our very own PRESIDENT JOE.

Speaking of JOE, he opened the meeting per usual and STONEY gave the thought for the day. No visiting Rotarians were present. Guests included Dr. Franco DeFazzio, a very Italian Rotarian, with STONEY, JOE KELMAN and daughter Mary, and RICH BRANDES with our speaker for the day, Ronald Kennedy.

New Rotarian!!!

Congratulations to our newest member MARK LACHMAN! JUDY MORGAN did the honors and helped us welcome MARK to the fun.

Announcements
• DAVE K circulated a card for WERNER’s mother who is having health problems.
• TOM BUTT needs your Hunger Walk pledge money pronto!
• By the time they read this TED and FAM will probably be King and Queen so thanks to all who bought raffle tickets to make it possible.
• JOE NUSBAUM reminds us that there are three spaces available in this fine publication for your ads. Circulation is at an all time high so snatch em’ up while you can.
• JIM BEAVER will be politely coercing you for Xmas auction items VERY soon. Do yourselves a favor and fill out your auction donation sheet ASAP and save the embarrassment.

Recognitions:
BILL REILY celebrates an anniversary as does GEORGE (50 years of love and happiness) WACKER. DAVE ALEJIDRA finally has his badge after 15 years. (It took senior active status to get him to wear it, however.)

Happy $$$

The pig is aloft per ERLE’S hopes. LESLIE LEVY asks us to consider a different new member greeting...point noted LESLIE. DAVE BROWN is happy that JOE’s daughter takes after mom. JEFF NATHANSON is happy to cover for me on the Flywheel as well as happy about his daughter’s 18 month celebration and the rave reviews at RAC. Judge LINDENBAUM is happy about the job shadow sign-ups but always encourages more input. MARK LACHMAN waxed misty-eyed about his new status. TOM BUTT is pleased about the election results and is happy for LAUREL. MARKKU again is speechless with happiness and thanks all of his Rotary friends.
JONATHAN is happy he's got some up-to-date equipment but kinda misses the old stuff.

Program

RICH BRANDES introduced Port Richmond director Ronald Kennedy. With more than thirty years of port experience, Ron did a very thorough job of reviewing the scope of work and economic necessity that both large and small ports entail. (Told you this was a condensed version!)

Raffle

STONEY and MIKE DOWNER won the light liquors.

MARK THIBAULT, Editor

And now in staying with the program for November 14th, here is a Rotarian thought to ponder...have fun!

Are You a Rotarian? (From an article by Robert Barth, Past President of Rotary International)

As I see it, there are two kinds of people in Rotary Clubs around the world. The first kind of person attends meetings, pays dues, listens to the programs, give money to special projects and forgets about Rotary during the rest of the week. The second type of person also attends the meetings and pays dues. However, there is a big difference between the two. The second person has an attitude of always being open to the possibilities of what Rotary or she can do for someone else. The second kind of person lives Rotary every day.

What kind of person are you? Think about what it means to be a Rotarian. When we wear the Rotary emblem we are saying:

You can rely on me. I am dependable. I am available. I give more than I take. I add value

What are Rotarians doing to add value to the lives of others? In Texas, France, Australia, India, Namibia and many other places they are planting, tutoring, job training, painting, feeding and rebuilding communities.

Being a Rotarian also means offering high quality. As Rotarians we are obliged to earn the respect of our communities by being available, by giving more than we take, and by adding value.

Hands-on activities build many bridges. They bridge the generation gap and can attract more young people to Rotary. Hands-on activities can also bridge the distance between clubs. Rotarians can be fully committed through hands-on activities.

Ask yourself. Am I a member of Rotary Club, or am I a Rotarian?

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LAST WEEK
President JOE was in fine form once again and HANK COVELL inspired us with a thought from Walt Disney.

Visitors and Guests:
LESLIE reminded us our new greeting to visiting Rotarians and guests—"HELLOOO LESLIE!!!", then, after practicing and getting it so good, there were no visiting Rotarians.
JUDGE LINDENBAUM had guests though, who benefitted from a warm welcome. They were her job shadows from Kennedy High, Myra Pastori and Kendra Hill.

Announcements
• Sergeant at Arms JONATHAN LAWLIS rolled out the red carpet for the King and Queen of the Chamber Carnaval event. QUEEN PAM JONES and KING TED ARREAU were crowned at the 11/17 event because Rotary sold the most raffle tickets — over $800 worth! $400 goes to the dictionary project. It was nice to know that Rotary bought over twice as many tickets as either the Exchange Club or Soroptomists. Way to go everyone.
• JOE informed us that the Board Meeting is Thursday at 7:30 AM at Baker's Square. The joint meeting of the Berkeley and Palo Alto clubs will take place at HS' Lordships on Wednesday, November 19 at noon. BOB NICCOLLS announced that Salvation Army bell ringers are needed for Macy's at Hilltop on Dec. 6. Please sign up with him. JEFF NATHANSON announced that the Richmond Art Center's annual Holiday arts Festival will take place on Sunday, December 7 from Noon-4 PM. RAC has a raffle, please buy tickets — $1 each or 2 for $10. See JEFF.
• The Rotary Annual Christmas Party will take place on December 15 at Salesian High School. TOM MCGOWAN thanked everyone who has contributed to help out MARK KU. It's not too late to help out. JIM BEAVER reminded everyone about the annual Rotary Auction and passed out auction donation forms again. Please fax or hand in by November 21.

Recognition:
WERNER SCHWARZ Celebrated his "49th" birthday. WERNER, you don't look a day over 48! MICHAEL BROWN also celebrated a birthday. We don't know which one, but his eyes are going. NORM FOLEY celebrated 16 years of marriage to his wife lovely Bonnie. He mentioned that he is also a 49er. If you add the total years of both his marriages, he's been married 49 years.

NORM then gave a senior "Who Am I?" talk. He's been a Rotarian since '68 and was president in 75/76. From
working in the Kaiser shipyards, to flying B-25 and B-17 bombers, to his work career and buying Crabtree Graphics, NORM is a fascinating guy. WERNER SCHWARZ then recognized CHARLES RAMSEY as a Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations CHARLES!

Happy $55s

DAVID K. was happy for the 49ers and sturgeon season. DAVID BROWN was sad because he bought the "Nissan from hell" and can't sue the guy who sold it to him because it's his dad! He was happy because the Stones are in town. (I think "Symphony for the Devil" is an appropriate song for here.) MARKKU was happy to see RUSS SCHULZE.

Program

WHEN DID THE ROTARY FOUNDATION START? with $26.50 IN KANSAS CITY IN 1918!

ERLE BROWN introduced our very own WERNER SCHWARZ who is fluent in several languages, is retired from chasing girls and informed us that he "Will speak for Food". WERNER questioned whether there would be an honorarium and decided yes, that he would give $300 to Rotary.

He began by not reading his 14 pages of statistics, but did recognize all Rotarians working with DG Chaffey. He described the Rotary Foundation and informed us that $205,000 has been raised by the Richmond Club. $37,000 for polio and other causes. He then recognized the benefactors in the club.

$64 million is spend annually around the world. Every penny that you donate to Rotary Foundation goes directly to program costs because staff are paid from the interest.

Most work is performed by volunteers. Rotary is in more countries than belong to the U.N. In fact, the only countries without Rotary are totalitarian governments.

PolioPlus is the Foundation’s greatest success. Polio is now almost completely eradicated from the world. They predict that it will be wiped out by the year 2000. $179 million is in the permanent fund. This generated $22 million in interest last year. WERNER then showed a film that dramatized Rotary’s important role in helping people around the world. Very moving.

Raffle

Winners were RICH BRANDES and ERLE BROWN.

Notes taken JEFF NATHANSON, sitting in for MARK THIBAULT

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Chairman of the Day: Jim Beaver

LAST WEEK

President Joe led us in the pledge to the flag, followed by MICHAEL DOWNER with the thought for the day. Visitors and Guests:

Jack Van Russem was a visiting Rotarian from Chico and Jerome Blank was visiting from Albany. JOE KELMAN's guest was his job shadow Efiram Schroeder, a senior from Richmond High.

Announcements:

- Joe informed us that the joint meeting of the Berkeley and Palo Alto Clubs was great fun. He then called for comments regarding the great Cal/Stanford Railway. Included in the "discussion" were BOB NICCOLLS, BILL REID (May the worst team lose!), ERLE BROWN, CHARLIE FENDER and JIM SHATTUCK among others. DAVID BROWN couldn't care less and JOE NUSSBAUM had words of wisdom. TED ABREU announced that there is a new Soroptimist Club award for outstanding women from the community, and they are looking for nominations. BOB NICCOLLS announced that Salvation Army bell ringers and backups are still needed for Macy's at Hilltop on Dec. 6. JIM BEAVER reminded everyone again about the annual Rotary Auction, and encouraged everyone to fax in their donation forms ASAP.

- President JOE relayed a thank you to everyone who has contributed to help out MARKKU. His goal is $2,600, and he has received $2,400 to date. JOE donned his Santa hat to remind us of the Rotary Annual Christmas Party on December 13 at Salesian High School. Music will be provided by the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts (one of Richmond's finest) and Steve will cater a prime rib dinner. Buy your tickets soon. JEFF NATHANSON announced again that the Richmond Art Center's annual Holiday Arts Festival will take place on Sunday, December 7 from Noon-4 p.m. RAC has a raffle, please buy tickets - $1 each or 1 for $10.

- JIM BEAVER reminded everyone that you may make a $25+ contribution to the Rotary auction in lieu of a donation on an auction item. He then announced the slate of officers for the upcoming election: JOHN NICOL, President; JOE NUSSBAUM, Secretary; DAVID ALMEIDA, Treasurer; member nominations are: RICHARD ALEXANDER, MICHAEL DOWNER, LLOYD HENRY, DON MILLER, JONATHAN LAWLIS and JIM SHATTUCK. JIM then gave the longest introduction in history for the new Vice Presidential candidate DON LAU. If I didn't know better, judging from the ovation, it seems Don just won the election! Congratulations, Don, you'll make a great Prez some day!

Recognitions:

TROY PEWITT celebrated his 29th birthday and apparently had dinner with Robert Redford (or at least close by). DON LAU also celebrated his birthday (not 29). TOM BUTT celebrated his 26th anniversary with Shirley. LESLIE LEVY observed that it was not only her birthday, but she is old enough to be Troy's mother. REN PARIDGE one upped her by indicating that he was old enough to be her dad. REN was celebrating his 18 year anniversary.

Happy $$$: There were no Happy $$$.s.
Program:
MICHAEL DONWATER introduced Brian Pretti from Mechanics Bank’s Trust Department. He provided an example of Brian’s success by telling us that the Bank Employee’s Growth Fund has out performed the Standard and Poor’s 500 for three years in a row. Not bad!

Brian’s talk was “It’s not over until it’s over”. He began by describing the Bank’s Trust Department. They handle over $850 million in client’s money each year. The accounts are very diverse, as are the clients, and they mainly look for long term investment. During the past five years there has been unprecedented activity and overall there has been tremendous growth during the past twenty years.

According to his experience, the press and media don’t give a fair or complete picture of what’s really going on in the stock market. He suggested that you must ask the “unasked” questions. Look into the dark corners and think about what is around the next corner. The media tends to be cheer leaders for public mood and perception, and that is not always a realistic picture.

The handout had some very good information and useful charts and illustrations. Brian pointed out that it’s natural to extrapolate the past into the future. But 87% of all mutual funds were created in the past five years, so there isn’t a long enough track record with most funds to make good future predictions. The average age of most fund managers is 30 years old, and they only have a few years experience. There are now over 10,000 mutual funds active in the U.S. Brian’s advice is to make careful, wise decisions based on all facts, not just media or one source. Remember when you’re buying stocks and bonds that you’re actually buying a piece of a company. It’s not just a piece of paper. Some facts: We are at the highest economic levels ever seen. $900 million in mutual funds have been invested by baby boomers. No one can call a “top” in a market. “It’s not over until it’s over”. The dividend yield is the lowest in years. The value of financial assets relative to all business is the highest ever. It currently takes $5.75 to buy $1 in book value. We have the best economy in generations but average people are more concerned about paying their monthly bills — household debt relative to economy has risen and people in general have less cash on hand. New Jersey used the sale of municipal bonds to fund stock investments. 10% of national debt is held by foreigners, so we must be aware of what foreign markets are doing, because they’re all intertwined.

In closing, he made two investment suggestions: Genzyme Corp., a biotech firm, and Enron Corp., a utility supplier. All of this “submitted for your approval”.

Raffle
Raffle winners were BOB and CAROL (Ted and Alice??)

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"Deregulation of Your Local Telephone Service"

GEORGE GRANGER
Director of External Affairs
Pacific Bell

For the first time in history, competition is coming to the telephone service industry. By the Telephone Act of 1996, Congress has mandated radical change in the manner in which local and long distance service is provided and charged to customers. In one way or another each of us is going to be affected.

Speaking to us on this new approach for local telephone service to our homes and businesses will be George Granger, Pacific Bell’s Director of External Affairs for Alameda County. Mr. Granger is active in his community and serves on the board of the Castro Valley School District.

Chairperson of the Day: DON HARDISON

LAST WEEK

Enjoying our new temporary location, PRESIDENT JOE caught me in the buffet line. With a face that simply would not stop smilling, he talked me into filling for JEFF NATHANSON who usually fills in for MARK THIBAUT who does a great job. So here we go...

Rotarians with distinguished guests included: MARKKU with wife Mary, ELOF with "the apple of my orchard" Carmen, CHARLIE WONG with son Gary, DAVE BROWN with Bruce Grenzel, BOB NICCOLLS with brother Ted, DAN READY with Dave Troughton, JUDY MORGAN with Dee, Michelle, Sandy and Barbara all from the Chamber of Commerce, LAURIE LINDENBAUM with Job Shadows T'Naryl Hines, Cherrlana Davis and Vona Ekpebe from Kennedy High, and LESLIE LEVY with Job Shadow Chelsea Frazier also from Kennedy.

Do you remember our old meeting place??? That wonderful view....well, scuttlebutt has it that our return is eminent....sometime in January, details to follow.

Happy Dollars and Recognitions were postponed to save time for the auction.

Elections were held during the meeting (does this mean the reign of terror of CHICAGO JOE is almost over!), results as follows: Incoming Board of Directors are RICHARD ALEXANDER, MICHAEL DOWNER and JONATHAN LAWLIS; Treasurer DAVE ALMEIDA; Secretary JOE NUSBAUM; Vice-President DON LAU. Our incoming President for year 1998-1999, Mr Scotch himself, JOHN NICOL. A hearty congratulations to all.

Now, on to the big gala affair, the Christmas Auction. This was billed as an exciting fun filled afternoon, and that it was. If you missed, you’ll forever wonder “could I have taken that home”. Some of the bigger ticket items that were up for grabs: Race Car Rides, a Day on the Bay Cruise, an Organ and Sheet Music, Steve’s Prime Rib Catering, East Brother’s Lighthouse Trip, Commemorative Shotgun, Fine Jewelry, Fine Wine, a Presidents Club Feast and the Club’s most precious bottle, the Muscatel. Preliminary tabulations put this year’s fundraiser tally as the largest ever. Way to go Rotarians!!!

Your third string scribe, JOE KELMAN

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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Guests Invited!

Door Duty: JIM BEAVER & JUDY LISKE

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1998

"Oakland Symphony"

MICHAEL MORGAN
Conductor

LAST WEEK

The always personable President JOE led us in the pledge to the flag, followed by ELOF with the thought for the day. Visitors and guests included Julie Becker and Jack Anthony from Vallejo, Dick Hyland PDG and DG George Chaffey. (No wonder JOE was on good behavior!) Announcements: JOE thanked JIM BEAVER who organized it and all who donated and bought at the annual Rotary Auction. Although $6,500 seems to be the largest total raised by the auction in recent years, ERLE BROWN informed us that in past years the auction brought in over $6,000 several times. It's good that the income is back up to where it used to (and should be).

MARKKU has a new computer (and alarm system) thanks to everyone's generous support. BOB NICCOLLS announced that the bell ringing at Macy's went very well. It looks like the best year ever for helping the Salvation Army, which gets about 1/6th of its annual budget from holiday bell ringing donations. WIN BOWMAN is moving to Oregon. JOE thanked him for his chairing of the scholarship program and announced that DAVID SMITH will be taking over.

DAVE BROWN announced that the West County Winds will be presenting a concert Monday, Dec. 15. The bass trombone virtuoso is Mr. Brown himself! President JOE asked about the bets placed several weeks ago on the big Cal-Stanford game. Apparently all the bets have been paid up, but DR. DON MILLER mentioned that the new use of a Stanford diploma is as a replacement for a car's handicapped plates.

MICHAEL FENLEY, who currently has a red badge, moved one step closer to a blue badge by giving his "Who Am I". A die-hard dodgers fan, MICHAEL was born and raised in LA. He escaped from LA to attend college at the University of Colorado, but used his college education to become a ski bum for three years. After coming to his senses, MICHAEL relocated to the SF Bay Area and began his retail management career with Roos Atkins at Hilltop. He eventually was recruited by Taubman, Co. who owns Hilltop and after moving around the country in various management positions with Taubman, he was pleased to return to Hilltop, with his wife and 2 kids, last year.

Guests: Despite his efforts to run a perfect meeting, JOE accidently forgot to introduce guests earlier. STONEY's guest was his daughter Lisa; RICHARD ALEXANDER's guests were his job shadows Jose Herrera and Jessica Gonzales. ELOF set the record straight that his guest "apple of his orchard" last week was NOT his former wife Carmen. It was in fact Betty Renkert. Sorry about that ELOF.

Recognitions: CHARLIE FENDER'S birthday was inadvertently missed a few weeks ago, but he already made a contribution. Thanks CHARLIE. DON MILLER celebrated his 40th anniversary several weeks ago in Rome.

Happy $$: DAVID K was happy for the diners but sad for the fishing in the freezing cold. PREZ JOE had a Happy $5 for the December 13 Christmas Party at Salesian High.
Program: DON HARDISON introduced George Granger, Pacific Bell’s Director of External Affairs for Alameda County. A graduate of USF, George Granger worked as a congressional aid for years. He also worked for the Public Utilities Commission. He has worked with the Pacific Telesis Group since 1988 and also is a member of the Castro Valley School Board.

He spoke about Pacific Bell Park, the new Giants stadium. He explained that it will be a good regional center beyond baseball. He praised Rotary’s job shadow program and talked about how important the type of program is to Pacific Bell within its goals to increase community sponsorships and support. George talked about how the telecommunications industry has changed in recent years — since the rotary phone. They have been in business in California for more than 100 years and Pacific Bell is the state’s 2nd largest employer. Pacific Bell handles over 60 billion calls a year running over 28 million miles of cable.

They are a leader in community programs and make a point of involving their over 50,000 in community programs. They’re taking a leadership role in education and give over $50 million a year to low income groups for technology improvements and training. Pac Bell’s “Pioneers” go to schools to wire for Internet access plus other volunteer projects. The Pac Bell Foundation supports many social, education, arts and culture programs and causes. They also provide support for disaster relief. They try to treat people as “neighbors, not numbers”.

In conclusion, Mr. Granger discussed the impact of deregulation. There are over 100 phone companies in California now. It’s very competitive. Pacific Bell only handles 46% of business calls and 15% of 800 numbers. Only 5% of calling card business is handled by Pac Bell. They do, however, have a majority of the local residential market. Pac Bell is still prevented legally from providing long distance service.

Raffle: Raffle winners were STONEY and JOHN NICOL.
Notes taken by JEFF NATHANSON, pinch hitting for MARK THIBAULT.

RECOGNITIONS
It is traditional that each of our members be recognized periodically, whenever an important event occurs in his or her life. As a rule, President JOE calls each member before the Friday meeting, to avoid surprises and embarrassment. The purpose of the recognitions is:
1. To allow your fellow club members to share in your event.
2. Increase the personal relations between President JOE and yourself.
3. Contribute to the welfare and operations of our club or the Rotary Foundation.
4. Make our weekly meetings more interesting and humorous.

We are a unique club since we allow each member to choose where their recognition/contribution is to be credited. Your continued support of this part of Rotary membership is highly appreciated.

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