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A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1999

"Salvation Army"

LT. GORDON MYERS

Fellow Richmond Rotarian, Lt. Gordon Myers, will be our speaker this week. He will be giving us an overview of the activities of the Salvation Army in West Contra Costa County.

Chairman of the Day: HENRY COVELL

ROTARY CLUBS OF THE EAST BAY

57TH ANNUAL INTER-CITY MEETING

Tentative Train Schedule for East Bay Trip

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 1999

Departs Emeryville 7:40 A.M.
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Departs Martinez 8:30 A.M.
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Departs Davis 9:30 A.M.
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Arrives Reno 2:55 P.M.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1999

Departs Reno 2:35 P.M.
Arrive Sacramento 7:50 P.M.
Arrive Davis 8:00 P.M.
Arrive Suisun 8:30 P.M.
Arrive Martinez 8:55 P.M.
Arrive Richmond 9:25 P.M.
Arrive Emeryville 10:05 P.M.

LAST WEEK

President JOHN NICOL led us in the pledge followed by "White Christmas", perfectly selected for the season. The thought was by ERLE BROWN, who had to compete with the chatter at WERNER's table.

Visitors and Guests:

CHARLIE FENDER's guest was his wife.

Happy \$\$\$:

JONI HIRAMOTO was happy that her son was safe after trying to "fly". HANK was happy about his upcoming anniversary. MIKE WINTER had \$87 to the Rotary Foundation to complete his Paul Harris. DOUG STRAUS paid fines for the noisy group at WERNER's table in the name of the First Amendment. JOE GREEN was happy for DOUG's defense of freedom of speech. There seemed to be some grumbling among the group as to whether interrupting while someone else has the floor is protected by the First Amendment, or if we are really talking about etiquette. What does Miss Manners think? DONNA URIYU had \$5 to correct the record -- she gave \$100 the previous week for missing the auction, not just meetings.

Program:

PRESIDENT JOHN introduced the program for the day, almost forgetting to introduce TED ABREU to do the honors. It cost JOHN five bucks. TED then proceeded to introduce both the principal and music director for Kennedy High School. The Kennedy High Jazz ensemble was funky and tight. The Choral group delivered a smooth and cool version of Satin Doll. They followed up with a jazzy and soulful Silent Night, and a funky Joy to the World. The young enthusiastic voices were entertaining and a great reminder of the importance of music in the schools. They finished up with a rocking "God Will Take Care of You".

Raffle:

JOHN NICOL and STONEY were the winners.

Your faithful scribe...

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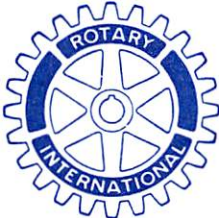
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1999

“The Titanic”

KAY NORMAN

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1999

BRIAN PRETTI
The Mechanics Bank

LAST WEEK

President JOHN called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our tune for the day was “Shanty Town”...some knew it, and some didn’t, but we couldn’t tell who they were. Pres. JOHN’s Thought for the Day was about the weather, funerals and your importance based on both of those things. On this day Jack Nicklaus turned pro.

There were no visiting Rotarians or Rotarians with guest.

Dates to Remember:

- 3/19 is the Annual InterCity with Berkeley and it will be at the Mira Vista Country Club.
- Our club will be “dark” on 3/26 and all Richmond Rotarians are being asked to attend a special meeting on 3/24 in Berkeley.
- And here is your 1st Friday of the month reminder of the District Conference in Chico. It’s a great place to have fun!!

Happy \$\$\$s:

DAVID NINOMIYA gave \$5 as a tribute to fellow Ohio State grad Jack Nicklaus. JON LAWLIS gave \$5 because it was so cheap to get up and say something. DAVID BROWN gave \$5 for Coach Ken Carter of Richmond High School for his decision to put academics before sports...that brought an additional \$5 from Pres. JOHN who seconded that emotion.

Program:

Pres. JOHN introduced Chair of the Day, Past-Pres. HANK COVELL. HANK indicated that he always thought that the Salvation Army was a responsive community organization and also found our own GORDON MYERS to be responsive to the call for a program.

Commanding Officer/Pastor GORDON was assigned to the West County Salvation Army upon his graduation in ‘94 from the Salvation Army Academy. In response to his question to our illustrious club about what we thought the Salvation Army was, GORDON received responses like bell ringing, giving help to others, etc. GORDON outlined the 5 branches of the Army. They include:

1. Thrift Store which serves as an adult rehab and work therapy for drug rehabilitation. There are 2 stores in West County (Richmond and San Pablo).

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- Silvercrest Senior Residence, which is located right next to GORDON's office and has 50 units that are Section VIII for seniors only.
- The Church, GORDON is the pastor, which serves a diverse population and holds service every Sunday.
- Social Services component, which GORDON's wife Roberta runs, that provides food bags, PG&E assistance, clothing and small appliance assistance, and holiday give-aways. GORDON told us about the history of the Christmas kettles and their origin at the port in Oakland. A soup kettle was left for folks to drop their spare change in to "Keep the Home Fires Burning" and the kettles are now used all over the world.
- Service Extension, which fills in gaps where there are no services, sends kids to camp and does disaster relief.

The Salvation Army is based in Britain and is the 4th largest church in England. Thanks GORDON for a very informative and entertaining program.

Raffle: Won by TOM BUTT and BOB NICCOLLS.

Back-up Scribe,
DON LAU

ROTARY CLUBS OF THE EAST BAY 57TH ANNUAL INTER-CITY MEETING	
Tentative Train Schedule for East Bay Trip SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 1999	
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Roster Update: JUDY COLEMAN (new address)
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"The Titanic" KAY NORMAN

Our speaker this week will be Kay Norman, a resident of Orinda. Kay is active in community service and holds a special interest in local history. She is a past President of the Orinda Historical Society and has a City Council appointment to the Orinda Historic Landmark Committee.

Besides local history, Kay has long been fascinated with the Titanic disaster. Kay's presentation will blend the history of that fateful voyage with her personal experiences as part of the 1996 research and recovery expedition to the site.

Chairman for the Day: HANK COVELL

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1999

BRIAN PRETTI The Mechanics Bank

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LAST WEEK

President JOHN NICOL led us in the pledge followed by the song "Birth of the Blues". The thought was by HANK COVELL, who had the good taste to quote from the phenomenal John Wooden. President JOHN had a thought in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Visitors and Guests:

TED ABREU's guests were students Erica Pless and Jaya Owens from Middle College High School. BUD MARTIN's guest was Chris Almeida.

Announcements:

- The GSE team from Mexico will be here for 10 days starting April 3rd. Hosts are needed. See MICHAEL DOWNER.
- DAN READY is home from the hospital and would appreciate calls and visitors. His number is 234-2234.
- The Friendship Exchange to Mexico, led by Paul and Lucy Fisher, will be in Mexico City May 19-21 and Acapulco May 22-23.

Recognitions:

MARKKU addressed the group with newly shaved head and shades. Apparently he allowed his kids to play -- with him as the customer. REN PARTRIDGE celebrated his anniversary number 19; JOE KELMAN celebrated both his birthday and anniversary; JOE NUSBAUM celebrated his 45th anniversary. He used CHARLIE WONG's help in showing us a humble poster stating "For the woman who has everything -- Me!!" that he gave to his wife as the "perfect" anniversary gift. BUD MARTIN also celebrated his anniversary; LESLIE LEVY had \$22 because she moved and turned a major corner; RICHARD ALEXANDER had \$5 (commensurate with age) for Katherine's birthday. JOHN NICOL pointed out, "she's worth \$5".

Program:

TED ABREU introduced students Erica Pless and Jaya Owens from Middle College High School. MCHS is located at Contra Costa College. It is part of a consortium of 25 alternative schools. Their program accommodates 240 students. A "Report Card" was distributed to tables to help explain the school's curriculum, diversity and philosophy. Many students are on their way, or receive, an AA degree when they finish high school. They can then go on to a four year college as a junior. MCHS is intended for "at-risk" students who tend to excel.

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Academic achievement is significantly higher than regular high school. The academic atmosphere is good for students and many MCHS students are "model" students when they take college classes.

The visiting students, Erica Pless and Jaya Owens, were both articulate, intelligent, poised and remarkably confident for high school seniors. They spoke about how they were enrolled by their parents. Erica was very shy at first but described "blossoming" into a confident young adult through the leadership program. Both students are involved with the Center for Science Excellence. Erica told us about clubs, AIDS awareness and her plans to go to USF to major in biochemistry and business. Jaya wants to become a dentist, but is also interested in engineering and psychology. She talked about internships and the UC Berkeley Environmental Leadership Program. Many questions were asked with the most interest going to questions about what it's like to be so young and going to school at a college.

Next Week: HANK COVELL announced that Kay Norman, who will speak next week, was part of the Titanic Research and Recovery Mission.

Raffle: JIM SHATTOCK and MICHAEL DOWNER

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Erica Pless with TED ABREU



Jaya Owens with TED ABREU

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"Investments"



BRIAN PRETTI
The Mechanics Bank

Our speaker this week is Brian Pretti, Vice President Investment Management: Trust Group, Mechanics Bank. Brian has been with the Mechanics Bank 10 years and has 20 years experience in the investment business.

Brian has a MBA in Finance from San Francisco State; BS in Economics and BA in Business Administration from the University of San Francisco; and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and a Certified Financial Planner (CFP).

Chairperson for the Day: BARRY GORDON

Door Duty: HANK COVELL

LAST WEEK

President JOHN NICOL led us in the pledge followed by the song *The Happy Wanderer*, a very *apropos* choice considering the day's speaker. A quote from Mother Teresa was the thought for the day.

Visitors and Guests:

Rotarians with guests were DAVE ALMEIDA with son Chris, HANS SHAPER with Eva, NORM FOLEY with wife Bonnie, Judge JONI HIRAMOTO with Judge Dinah Smith of the Richmond Superior Court and BARRY GORDON with his father, Carl Gordon. HANS SHAPER also used the occasion to make a donation in honor of his birthday, saying cryptically that the amount was his age plus sixteen dollars. Later in the program, the members of the club celebrated the occasion by singing "Happy Birthday".

Who Am I?

Red Badge holder BARRY GORDON gave his *Who Am I?* A graduate of Berkeley High School and San Jose State University, majoring in criminal justice at the latter institution, he now works for the Mechanics Bank. How he *segued* criminal justice into a banking career was not quite clear to this writer. He likes all sports, particularly basketball and baseball. BARRY lives in Antioch with his wife and three children. Unfortunately, he neglected to mention his wife's name and was fined accordingly.

Program:

Chairman of the Day, HANK COVELL, introduced Kay Norman, a resident of Orinda, who is active in community service there and has a special interest in local history. She is a past President of the Orinda Historical Society and has a city council appointment to the Orinda Historic Landmark Committee. However, her topic for the program went much farther afield--to the sinking of the Titanic.

Kay presented a talk, illustrated with fascinating slides, about her 1996 participation in an expedition to the site of the 1914 disaster. She began by explaining why this particular disaster became and has remained one of the dominant events of this century. The time she said, is now recalled always the *Gilded Age*, a time when man placed extreme confidence in the technological achievements of the Industrial Age. This confidence resulted in the persistent idea that the Titanic was unsinkable.

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The expedition included stops in New York City, where the Titanic survivors were bought, and Halifax, Nova Scotia, the burial site of many of the victims of the disaster. Participants in the expedition had the opportunity to hear from survivors of the event and to participate in ceremonies commemorating it. Scientific members of the group had the opportunity to go beneath the sea in a submersible vessel to the place where the Titanic lies. Kay's slides very clearly show how and why the Titanic sank.

Other highlights of her talk were the information about the accelerating deterioration of the hull, possibly due to the intrusions on the site since its discovery, and the improvement of safety standards that resulted from the disaster. The vignette about the "Titanic Orphans" was also quite interesting.

Raffle:
STONEY won the wine and DAVID K. took home the tequila.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1999

OPERATION JOINT GUARD, BOSNIA, "REVISITED"

STANLEY A. SIRY

Our guest speaker is CWO3 Stanley A. Siry, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Mr. Siry last spoke to our club in January 1998, after his return from Bosnia the previous fall. He has again been called to active duty, and is not expected back until late summer. His presentation will build on those ideas/topics that were originally presented.

Mr. Siry's long term Marine Corps assignment is with a National Intelligence Support Team that ultimately reports to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. As most of us are aware Operation Joint Guard is a United Nations sponsored and United States supported "temporary" assignment for peace. It is located in the area formerly known as Yugoslavia since World War I. The original assignment in 1997 enabled Stan to acquire a unique perspective on the current conflict from a historical point of view. The cultural, religious and minor language differences that have continued for literally hundreds of years in this region of the world. Stan's original presentation allowed us to better understand some of the original challenges encountered by Operation Joint Guard. Although Stan will not be able to talk about the specifics of his current deployment, he will be able to provide some insight as to what has happened since his deployment in 1997.

Stan received his Bachelors Degree in Business from the University of Redlands and his Masters Degree in Marketing from Pepperdine University. His civilian career is rich with success and he joined Harbor Plastics Mfg. Co. in 1996. Originally from Pittsburg, PA, he now lives in Concord but remains a big Pittsburg Pirate & Steelers fan.

Chairperson of the Day: JOE KELMAN

Door Duty: NORM LUNDBERG and TOM ARTZ

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1999

"RADIO DAYS IN SAN FRANCISCO"

ROY TRUMBULL

LAST WEEK

President JOHN NICOL led us in the pledge followed by a very original Rotary song. President JOHN provided the thought for the day. RALPH HILL was recognized for having stopped the Reno Train at Sugar Bowl. Is it true it costs \$2,000 just to make that stop?

Visitors:

JULES MAYER and GILL FERRY were both visiting from Berkeley Rotary.

Announcements:

- DAVID K. reported that he would be circulating a "glad you're feeling better" card for DAN READY and a condolence card for BESSIE DREIBELBIS whose son recently passed away.
- RICH BRANDES announced that Christmas in April plans are under way. April 24 is the big day and the co-captains are the two DAVIDs -- BROWN and KUCHENTHAL, that is. WALTER CONNOLLY will help with the permit red tape.

Recognitions:

MARKKU recognized PAMELA JONES for her birthday; JIM BEAVER for his big 5-0 birthday; DAVID BROWN shares his birthday with his grandmother Millie Gold who celebrated her 95th b-day. GEORGE EGAN celebrated his b-day and explained why he has three birthdays; JOHN NICOL celebrated his b-day on the train; and TED ABREU celebrated his 21st anniversary long distance.

Happy \$\$\$:

ELOF GRANBERG announced that April 9 is the date to conceive a child to be born on the turn of the millennium; HANK COVELL was happy that this was his 30th consecutive Reno trip. JONATHAN LAWLIS had \$100 because Harbor Plastics is doing so great this month; DAVID K. will be fishing at the annual Super Bowl Sturgeon Derby; HANS thanked everyone for singing for his birthday last week; JOE BAGLEY had \$10 for his daughter being accepted to Cal Poly.

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Program:

BARRY GORDON introduced Brian Pretti, Vice President in charge of investments at Mechanics Bank. Brian, in his usual over the top form gave us his 6 secrets for making \$1 million in the stock market.

1. Carpe Diem - Seize the day, or more accurately seize the moment. Current stock market activity is unprecedented, so the time is now.
2. Stick to over valued stocks only. Don't buy small caps.
3. The most important rule: Ignore factual information. In other words "don't look down".
4. Quit your job, sell your business and become a day trader.
5. Alan Greenspan is God. Put your faith in him.
6. Y2K is a great buying opportunity. Check out the Edward Yardeni web site.


Brian then gave a personal challenge to Bill Gates to "give up some happy \$\$\$" and help the world out. Gates is the world's first \$100 billionaire and he give less than 1/10 of 1% to charitable causes. It's time for Bill to gives up 25% of his wealth and make a HUGE difference in the country and world!

After questions, BARRY GORDON was presented with his blue badge.

Raffle:

The winners were BART WALLACE and DONNA BELL.

Your Faithful Scribe,
JEFF NATHANSON



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VALENTINE'S DAY PROGRAM

Invite Your Sweetheart!

“RADIO DAYS IN SAN FRANCISCO”

ROY TRUMBULL

Roy's first experience in radio was in 1953 in high school at radio station KTIM in San Rafael. After graduating from Heald Engineering College he went into aerospace in Southern California and soon found himself moonlighting at a FM station.

Roy returned to the Bay Area in 1962 to work for KDFC and other radio stations. He turned to full time engineering work at KNEW-TV, KSAM-AM and KCBS. He left radio for three years of teaching Media Communications at Laney College. Since 1979 he's been Assistant Chief Engineer at KRON-TV.

Roy has a vast background in radio and television and belongs to many professional organizations.

Chairperson of the Day: JOE NUSBAUM

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1999

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LAST WEEK

President JOHN NICOL led us in the pledge followed by the song “Getting to Know You”. JONATHAN LAWLIS provided a thought from Benjamin Disraeli. PREZ JOHN gave us some trivia about the invention of the adding machine and RUSS SCHULZE sent a postcard from Greece.

Announcements

- PREZ JOHN informed us that ad space is available for the upcoming convention in Chico. See him for more information on an excellent promotional opportunity for your business.

- The joint meeting on March 24th in Berkeley will preclude our regularly scheduled March 26th meeting. In other words, don't come lookin' for Richmond Rotary on that day.

There were no visiting Rotarians.

Guests

JONATHAN LAWLIS' guest was Dan Ercolini; JUDY COLEMAN's guest was Ronna Space; JONI HIRAMOTO's guest was Judge B. Smith.

Recognitions

In MARKKU's absence, PREZ JOHN asked all who wished to be recognized to stand. PETE BRAY celebrated an anniversary and told us a story about a late night honker; TOM BUTT also celebrated an anniversary; DON MILLER celebrated his birthday.

Happy \$5

CHARLES RAMSEY was concerned that he moved months ago but still mail goes to the old address. It was suggested that he turn in an address change to secretary JOE. LESLIE LEVY was happy that her son got straight A's and sad because of King Hussein; JUDGE JONI was sad because of the passing of Coach Randolph; BOB NICCOLLS was very happy because the Rotary Ski Trip was great; JEFF NATHANSON was pleased that the Sunday Chronicle/Examiner gave front page coverage to the Richmond Art Center's current show of photography by Richmond Mien women; DOUG STRAUS had \$20 because he and Donna are adopting another baby; HERB COLE was happy to be retired; FATHER CHRIS had a happy \$5 for being back and an ambiguous \$5 for getting a new job; TOM ARTZ was happy to get a promotion at Chevron; PETE BRAY was happy for his wife's speedy recovery; JIM BEAVER's son celebrated his 13th birthday; RICH BRANDES won PETE'S cabin in Tahoe during the auction and thought it was great; and DONNA BELL was happy that Mechanics Bank was on Channel 4 News regarding Y2K.

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JOE BAGLEY informed us that Nystrom school sent a nice thank you for our recent donation.

Program

JOE KELMAN introduced CWO3 Stanley A. Siry, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, who gave us an update on the situation in Bosnia. Many will remember that Stanley was here last year and this was an opportunity to give us an update.

First we got some corrections to the Flywheel notes that Operation Joint Guard is now Joint Forge and he informed Joe of the correct spelling of Pittsburgh. We then got a disclaimer that all of his comments were personal and not to be taken as official. That out of the way, he gave us an overview of the problems facing the U.S. military now. We have cut the budget, yet the world wide demand for U.S. military support has grown. The U.S. has become the world's police force. Troops have recently been moved from Eastern Europe to the Mid East because of Saddam Hussein. He explained how moving troops around, changing the name and mission of forces allows them to tap into new funding.

In Bosnia no one has been hurt or killed during the last three years, but the old hatred remains. The infrastructure needs major repairs and unemployment is at 70%. Kosovo is the new hot spot -- and our speaker gave us an overview and history of the situation, using maps to show geographic relationships. Peace talks between the ethnic Albanians and Serbs are scheduled this month in

Paris, but if the talks fail NATO will proceed with air strikes against the Serbs. The Serbs say, if the air strikes happen, they will attack Bosnia. Stanley, therefore, will be returning to Bosnia with other U.S. troops to provide "forced protection" as part of an international NATO peace keeping effort. It continues to be quite a mess and we should all say our prayers for peace.

After questions, DAVE ALMEIDA informed us that we should watch the Flywheel for the date of the race car ride near the end of February or March.

Raffle

PETE BRAY and JIM BEAVER

Your trying to keep dry in the rain scribe...
JEFF NATHANSON

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MAKING WAVES EDUCATION PROGRAM

GLENN W. HOLSCLAW

Glenn W. Holsclaw is the Executive Director of Making Waves Foundation and Making Waves Education Program in Richmond. He is also a long-standing faculty member at San Francisco State University. He received his B.A. from Santa Clara University, and his J.D. from the University of Washington. His work experience includes over twenty years of skills development in the public, non-profit and private sectors (including Hewlett-Packard and Container Corporation of America), as well as twenty plus years of community service.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Leadership High School, a charter high school located in San Francisco. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bay Area Discovery Museum, located in Sausalito. His work as a social entrepreneur focuses on marshaling the resources available in the private, public and non-profit sectors, in order to develop innovative programs to support the healthy well-being, education and pre-career development of urban children and youths.

Mr. Holsclaw resides in Contra Costa County with his wife Donna.

Chairperson of the Day: JOHN MEDLOCK

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1999

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LAST WEEK

JOHN (You Can Call Me Cupid) NICOL called the meeting to order. The pledge was followed by a semi-stirring rendition of "A Bicycle Built for Two" all with a response for and by the ladies. JOHN reminded all of us that February 12 was Abe Lincoln's birthday. The thought for the day was from Abe, "I will prepare and someday my chance will come".

Visiting Rotarian was Ilhami Karaca from El Cerrito.

Kudos to all the Rotarians who brought their sweethearts. We were all impressed with all the love in the air. Many other guests were with us this Friday. Welcome to all.

Announcements:

- DAVID BROWN is chairing the Christmas in April program. The date is April 24, 1999. Prospective hammer wielders and paint throwers should contact DAVID immediately.
- HERB COLE is chairing trips for the district Conference in Chico and a Rotary confab in Singapore. Anyone interested in trekking with HERB should notify him as soon as possible.

Recognitions:

Congratulations to DAN READY on his 86th birthday.

DON LAU in thanks for training for new Rotary Presidents; DONNA McCAIN in appreciation of the Valentine pins from CHARLIE and Jean WONG; CHARLIE WONG in honor of Molly's Pupperie with a side note from Jonathan Lawlis; DAVE NINOMIYA for all the sweethearts (the roses were very nice); JIM SHATTOCK in thanks for his daughter's safe return after an excellent European tour with the San Francisco Symphony; and MARKKU PELANNE for a world record road kill trout.

Program:

JOE NUSBAUM introduced our speaker for the day, Roy Trumbull. Roy is an engineer with KRON. He has a long history in radio and television and shared many highlights from his radio days in San Francisco. He brought back vivid memories with his recall of the earlier serials from Henry Aldrich to the Great Gildersleeve to the Old Ranger in Death Valley Days as well as Fibber McGee and Molly. Some of his favorite

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stories were the runaway railroad whistle at KFRC; Lowell Thomas' non-stop laughing while trying to report on an event from Hershey, PA; and the many adventures of Stan Harter and his alter ego Delmar U. Davis. Roy wove a fascinating history of those days which will live in fond memory. He finished with the memorable words of Delmar U. Davis, "Just when we think we can make ends meet, they move the ends."

Raffle:

Winners were DAN READY, JOE BAGLEY and HANK COVELL.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE GREEN, Substitute Scribe


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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1999

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

PAT WALLACE

Our local Better Business Bureau chapter covers 12 Bay Area counties and its role:

- 1) To provide the mechanism for self-regulation by business and to assist and protect the consumer.
- 2) Help the honest consumer oriented businessman by restraining or discovering the illicit operator and misleading advertiser.
- 3) Thereby establishing trade and business practices that enhances the marketplace.
- 4) BBB acts as: Mediator, teacher, counselor, reporter, watch dog, spokesman and conscience of the marketplace.

No other organization plays such a vital role between business and consumer. Everyone of us, whether we are independent businessmen, physicians, attorneys, professionals working in the corporate world, ultimately face a final consumer. It behooves everyone in our club to attend this week's program.

**BRING AN ASSOCIATE, A FRIEND,
EVEN A COMPETITOR!**

At the helm of our Better Business Bureau is a fellow Rotarian, Pat Wallace, a member of the Rotary Club of Oakland. He was born, raised and educated in Iowa. He is a Navy veteran still serving in the Reserves. Pat has held management roles with Bank of America, Unocal, Grand Auto, etc. He is past president of the International Credit Assoc. and board member of several organizations including Consumers Credit Council and was on the Board of Directors for the Better Business Bureau for several years before taking over the reins as CEO October 16, 1989.

Pat, in his talk, will focus on how the Better Business Bureau functions in our society today presenting case studies - some amusing, some outlandish - with anecdotes and personal observations that will keep you "entertained".

Chairperson of the Day: CHARLIE WONG

LAST WEEK

President JOHN NICOL led us in the pledge followed by the song "My Favorite Things" and the thought for the day. PREZ JOHN informed us that DAVE ALMEIDA was in LA with his son for wheel chair basketball.

TOM ARTZ then gave his "Who Am I". TOM, who works for Chevron, has been in the area since he was born, having been born and raised in Antioch. His father was a Rotarian, so it's a family kind of thing. TOM is married with two daughters and loves duck hunting. TOM, it's great to have you in the club.

Visitors and Guests:

Al Howe was visiting from Orinda. JUDY COLEMAN's guest was Melba Farley, whose last visit to Rotary was 40 years ago.

Announcements:

President JOHN informed us that the Russians will be at the joint meeting on March 24th at H's Lordships in Berkeley. That meeting will preclude our regularly scheduled March 26th meeting.

Recognitions:

MARKKU recognized LLOYD HENRY who celebrated an anniversary on Valentine's Day; GEORGE WACKER celebrated his 88th birthday.

Happy \$5:

JUDGE JONI was sad because of the passing of Judge McGrath. DAVID BROWN also expressed his sadness. DAN SANDERS had a great Mexican vacation. HERB COLE was happy because he loves retirement -- he's going to New York and Madrid. JOE GREEN won first prize -- a trip to Philadelphia. He's glad to be back. JUDY COLEMAN was impressed by the kids at the "Y" convention in Sacramento. She also wished her guest a happy birthday. NORM FOLEY apologized for all the mistakes in the bulletin and blamed some poor innocent intern. DAVE NINOMIYA was happy to have had successful eye surgery and something about the Italian lottery. MARKKU then charged everyone without a Rotary pin \$5. STAN TEADERMAN offered up \$20 to cover all who didn't have pins. MARKKU thanked him and then collected \$5 from everyone anyway. BOB NICCOLLS and REN PARTRIDGE are looking for three skiers to complete a Rotary ski team. See BOB.

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Program:

JOHN MEDLOCK gave a heartfelt introduction for Glenn W. Holsclaw, Executive Director of the Making Waves Foundation and the Making Waves Educational Program in Richmond. Glenn began by thanking three Rotarians who have been instrumental in the work that his group does in Richmond: HERB COLE, CHARLES RAMSEY and TED ABREU. Making Waves began on the model of the I Have A Dream Foundation with the notion of creating a Bay Area version of the organization. Glenn described the early history of the organization, informing us of the vision and generosity of founder John Scully. Making Waves started modestly in two elementary schools. Now, ten years later, they're sponsoring 180 students.

A handout provided details of students' progress. Making Waves is targeting the schools who have students with the greatest need. Most are low income. They have been expanding and the current plan is to bring in a new class every year. Students are brought together at common sites 3 days a week. There is a mandatory parent/guardian auxiliary -- some adult at home must be responsible to see the kids through the eight years of school from 4-12th grade. Making Waves programming provides auxiliary education support to assist with regular classroom work. College tutors are used. Making Waves has their own curriculum materials and provides homework support. They provide equal educational opportunities for as many students as possible. Many students who went through the program are now doing well in universities, providing proof that the system works.

Raffle:

TOM ARTZ and HERB COLE.

Your regular scribe,
JEFF NATHANSON



Speaker for February 5 meeting, CWO3 Stanley A. Siry, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, with JOE KELMAN and JON LAWLIS.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1999

"West Contra Costa Unified School District"

GLORIA JOHNSTON

Gloria Johnston is the new Superintendent of the West Contra Costa Unified School District (W.C.C.U.S.D.). She comes to us from Banning, California where she was Superintendent of the Banning Unified School District and is also a Past President of the Rotary Club of Banning.

Her educational credentials include a PhD., Public Policy Analysis-Education (Administration), University of Illinois, and an M.S., Education (Bilingual/Bicultural), No. Illinois University. Advanced Studies include Student Assessment, Early Childhood Education, Curriculum and Program Design, Policy Formulation and Human Resource Development and special competencies include a proficiency in Spanish, Grants Development and Research.

While superintendent in Banning, she led and supported a culturally diverse school district of 4,500 students. There she wrote and implemented core curriculum content and performance standards and benchmark assessments. She worked in improving existing facilities and building a replacement school, building collaboration, communication, and involvement systems to include students, staff, families, businesses, organizations, community members and local providers. She was able to secure external grants to support district, school-level and community initiatives and provide detailed accountability data about critical success indicators through continuous performance audits.

Chairperson of the Day: CHARLES RAMSEY

Door & Raffle: MARKKU PELANNE &
WALTER CONNOLLY

Thought for the Day: MARKKU PELANNE

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1999

PAUL JANOFF
Assistant District Counsel
Corps of Engineers

Chairperson of the Day: MARKKU PELANNE
Door & Raffle: MALCOLM LEE & DAVID NINOMIYA
Thought for Day: MARKKU PELANNE

LAST WEEK

We were crowded into the small room and it was cozy. President JOHN NICOL led us in the pledge followed by the song "I Sing the Blues". President JOHN provided a thought from Will Rogers then hit up DONNA McCAIN and MARKKU PELANNE for \$100 for making a ruckus in the back of the room.

Visitors & Guests:

Jules Meyer was visiting from Berkeley; Neil Wells was from El Cerrito; and Pat Wallace from Oakland. DONNA McCAIN's guest was Anna Vega, Finance Director for the City of Richmond.

Announcements:

- JOE BAGLEY announced the Red Oak Victory Ship joint fund raiser with NIAD on March 27th. Brochures were at the tables.

- REMINDER: The Joint Meeting on March 24th in Berkeley will preclude our regularly scheduled March 26th meeting. In other words, don't come lookin' for Richmond Rotary on that day.

Recognitions:

MARKKU PELANNE recognized RICH BRANDES who recently returned from Hawaii and celebrated an anniversary and a birthday; DONNA McCAIN celebrated her "significant" birthday on Valentine's Day; DON LAU celebrated his tenth anniversary.

Happy \$5:

DAVID SMITH was happy because his daughter will perform the award winning Red Oak Victory Dance at the upcoming fund raiser. DAVID KUCHENTHAL had a sad \$5 for the "one that got away". JEFF NATHANSON was happy for the great review in Artweek magazine and invited everyone to the Black History Month celebration honoring the artists of the Art of Living Black exhibition at the Richmond Art Center; JOE KELMAN was happy to be holding down the fort at work; JIM BEAVER was happy that Tenet/Doctor's Hospital has enough \$\$\$ now to be renting the big room forcing us to use the small room.

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Program:

CHARLIE WONG gave a warm introduction to Pat Wallace, the President and CEO of the local chapter of the Better Business Bureau. Pat Wallace then informed us that he spoke to Richmond Rotary seven years ago wearing the same suit. He then went on to tell us about the BBB. It seems that 99% of those asked have heard of it, but only a few actually know what it does. The Better Business Bureau is a non-profit community service organization governed by a board of directors. CHARLIE WONG is a former board member. They aren't a government agency or consumer group -- rather, they are a business association dedicated to helping businesses do better business. They do many things including warning people, especially seniors, about scams and businesses that have had complaints. Regarding seniors: Mr. Wallace no longer speaks to senior groups after being heckled by a little old lady. Likewise, he no longer speaks at schools because he's been harrassed

Our speaker informed us that they process about 35,000 complaints a year. They primarily will respond to complaints that pertain to business transactions. He showed a video clip from the Drew Carey show in which Drew goes to the BBB to complain about a dating service and then attempts to hit on the receptionist. In reality, the BBB can't close the doors on a company or levy fines. What they do is produce liability reports and rate companies. Consumers can get information before they buy.

In reality, the BBB is designed to help businesses deal with complaints and improve service. They have a 24 hour service by phone to keep the public service informed. He then told us about some companies that have ongoing complaints and have bad ratings. These include 24 Hour Fitness, Providian Bank, Circuit City and Wards. He also discussed some of the common scams so we can avoid getting taken. These include phony Yellow Pages invoices, Nigerian letters, fix your credit deals, invention marketing companies, many talent agencies, business supply marketing and many others.

Raffle:

Winners were DONNA McCAIN and CHARLIE WONG.

Your faithful scribe,
JEFF NATHANSON

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**"Corps of Engineers and You: Partnership
into the 21st Century"**
PAUL JANOFF

Our speaker this week is Paul Janoff, Assistant District Counsel, Corps of Engineers. He is a labor and contracts attorney, ethics advisor, ferry boat rider and restaurateur. He was Labor Counselor for Oakland Army Base (1989-1997), this being the fifth consecutive base that he worked at that closed due to Base Realignment and Closure. From 1981-1989 he was a Spanish Interpreter with Navy JAG and was stationed in Philadelphia, Iceland, Orlando, Florida and Alameda.

Paul lives in Hercules and is married to Jill, Financial Manager with Diocese of Oakland. He enjoys Public Speaking, writing music, reading, reading, reading... His words to live by: "Tell me a lawyer joke I haven't heard and I'll buy you a bagel."

Chairperson of the Day: MARKKU PELANNE
Door & Raffle: MALCOLM LEE & DAVID NINOMIYA
Thought for Day: TED ABREU

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1999

INTER CITY MEETING

Berkeley Rotary will join with Richmond Rotary for the Annual Inter-city meeting at Mira Vista Country Club. A great program has been planned for this meeting featuring **Stephen Miller**, Professor of Classics at UC Berkeley. Professor Miller will talk about the Nemean Games in the year 2000 and his presentation is entitled "Give Innocence a Chance".

LAST WEEK

PRESIDENT JOHN led us in the pledge, once again in the intimacy of the smaller banquet room. He then led us all in singing "School Days" in honor of our speaker. There was some confusion about who was to give the thought for the day. DAVE NINOMIYA had \$20 because MARKKU should have given the thought, but he was on door duty. PREZ JOHN informed us that in 1946 Winston Churchill coined the term "iron curtain". MARKKU gave an

educational thought from John Dewey.

Visitors and Guests:

Our speaker for the day, Gloria Johnston, is (was?) a member of the Banning club and presented a banner from Banning, CA. Pamela Horgan was visiting from El Cerrito. MALCOLM LEE's guest was his wife; ELOF's guests were his partner and guests from British Columbia.

Announcements:

RICH BRANDES had the pleasure of presenting MALCOLM LEE with a \$2,000 contribution for the Bay Area Rescue Mission. MALCOLM accepted graciously and gave us some background on the Rescue Mission which is the largest homeless program in the Bay Area. RICH then presented a check for \$300 to the YMCA programs at Coronado School and YMCA board member PAM JONES accepted with a very shy thank you, but no speech.

Don't forget!!!! on March 24 we're at the Berkeley Rotary at H's Lordships for the Russian program. There will not be a Richmond Rotary luncheon on March 26. Also, Berkeley Rotary will be here at our club on March 19. Everybody is strongly encouraged to attend on the 19th so we have a good showing for Berkeley. And, last but not least, May 1st is the Chico Conference.

Our distinguished president then informed us that Gloria Johnston, the new superintendent of schools, formerly of Banning Rotary, and the guest speaker for the day, has applied for membership to the Richmond Club. PRESIDENT JOHN welcomed her to club membership.

Program:

CHARLES RAMSEY then introduced Dr. Gloria Johnston, the new superintendent of schools for the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Dr. Johnston was formerly the superintendent of the Banning Unified School District and her background profile is very impressive. Dr. Johnston seemed to be pleased about being accepted into the Richmond Rotary Club. She did question the protocol, however, observing that club presidents usually don't mandate new members.

Dr. Johnston has been in her new post since February 1. She indicated that, with over 34,000 students, 41 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, 5 high schools and 6 alternative schools, the WCCUSD is one of the twenty largest school districts in the state. This makes for a very steep learning curve. She's toured many schools so far and indicated that we have much to be proud of. There is much room for improvement, however. She listed four

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focus areas for improvements:

- 1) Development of a strategic plan.
- 2) Improving facilities to ensure a safe and pleasing environment at all schools.
- 3) Recognize and compensate teachers more for their achievements.
- 4) Build on public support for schools.

Dr. Johnston indicated that she is planning to launch a new Adopt-A-School program. A very interesting and informative question and answer period followed. Although our very own Herb Cole is a tough act to follow, it appears as though the District in very capable hands under Gloria Johnston's new leadership.

Raffle:

FATHER CHRIS got the wine and BILL REID got the scotch.

Your first string scribbler,
JEFF NATHANSON

FIESTA CHICO! 1999 Rotary District Conference

The annual conference of Rotary District 5160 will be held during the weekend of April 29-May 1 in Chico. The District Conference plays an important role in the Rotary world, and there are many reasons for you to attend. Consider the following: Fellowship with Rotarians from throughout Northern California; Celebration of all of the great work that Rotary does; Learning about the many layers of Rotary, how they relate and what they accomplish throughout the world; and finally, Party. As the District Governor says, "If you're not having fun,

you're not doing it right." The Chico Rotary Club traditionally hosts the conference every ten years. Their conferences are legendary parties. Don't miss Fiesta Chico!

Cost for this weekend of fun ranges from \$75 - if you register early and don't plan on eating, to \$300 - if you register late, want to eat, and want to play golf. Applications can be picked up at our weekly Rotary meetings.



TOM ARTZ "Who Am I" with
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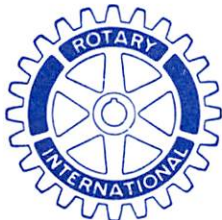
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1999

INTER -CITY MEETING

**Berkeley Rotary will meet with Richmond Rotary
at MIRA VISTA COUNTRY CLUB**

**"Give Innocence a Chance"
STEPHEN MILLER**

Berkeley Rotary will join with Richmond Rotary for the Annual Inter-city meeting at Mira Vista Country Club. A great program has been planned for this meeting featuring **Stephen Miller**, Professor of Classics at UC Berkeley. Professor Miller will talk about the Nemean Games in the year 2000 and his presentation is entitled "Give Innocence a Chance".

PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1999



THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING

**Hosted by Rotary Club of Berkeley
H's Lordships**
(Purchase your Luncheon Ticket in
advance at Friday's Meeting)

On Wednesday, March 24, the Rotary Club of Berkeley will host a special luncheon featuring two Russians and two Past District Governors from Alaska and Eastern Russia. They will present new insights about the social, cultural, economic and environmental issues in Eastern Russia. In spite of an almost non-existent infrastructure, a significant middle-class of professionals and entrepreneurs continues to grow. Russians are moving forward, and Rotary is helping them do so. This program has been in the planning for more than one year and eight other Rotary Clubs will be joining Berkeley for the luncheon. Needless to say, all 400 seats are expected to sell out.

The speakers are **Dr. Fladimir Donskoi**, a Russian professor of English from Siberia. He is the co-founder of Rotary in the former Soviet Union, and was the second Paul Harris Fellow in the country. **Carolyn Jones, PDG**, is retired from the Alaska Attorney General's office and was District Governor in 1997-98. Prior to moving to Alaska she was a Berkeley resident. **Evgenia Terekhova**

is chair of the Foreign Languages Department of the Far East State University in Vladeco, Russia. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Vladeco. **Steve Yoshida, PDG**, is a graduate of UCLA and UC Davis, he was the District Governor in 1994-95 and is a special representative to the Rotary Clubs in Nakhodka, YelisoVo and Kamchatka, Russia.

Rotary District 5160 is holding the TREASURES OF RUSSIA Raffle. The Lucky winner will receive Airfare for two to Las Vegas, one night at the beautiful Rio Hotel and tickets to visit the Treasures of Russia exhibit on display at the Rio Hotel. Tickets are only \$1 each or six tickets for \$5.

NOTE: NO MEETING ON FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1999

LAST WEEK

President **JOHN O'NICOL** led the assemblage in the pledge. Although it did not steal my heart away, the group did a semi-wonderful rendition of "When Irish Eyes are Smiling". The thought for the day was "A fishing line has a hook on one end and an optimist on the other".

Rotarians with Guests: **JONATHAN LAWLIS** with daughter Alyssa; **GEORGE EGAN** with friends George Martinucci and Keiko; **JONI HIRAMOTO** with Judge Peter Berger and Judge Diana Beckton-Smith; and **MARKKU PELANNE** with wife Mary and Jill Janoff, wife of our guest speaker.

JOHN NICOL introduced District Governor Paul Fisher, Paul encouraged all Richmond Rotarians to attend the March 24th meeting of Rotary at H's Lordships at the Berkeley Marina. The theme for the day's program will be an update of Rotary's efforts in Russia with participation from visiting Rotarians from Russia. Paul also provided information about the updating regional meeting in Chico. The meeting will be held on April 30 and May 1. Paul promised us that much of the conference would be dedicated to entertainment and relaxation and that we would return rested and enlightened. Richmond's coordinator for the trip is **HERB COLE**. For more information visit the Rotary website at www.5160rotary.org.

Program:

MARKKU PELANNE introduced Paul Janoff. Paul is an

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attorney with the Army Corps of Engineers in San Francisco. He also has a rich sense of humor that he was happy to share with us. He offered a free bagel to anyone who could tell him a lawyer joke that he had not heard. Examples of this bet were, "Q. How can you tell if a woman is expecting to give birth to a lawyer. A. She has a constant craving for baloney." At the end of his revue he reminded us that lawyers don't find lawyer jokes funny and the rest of us don't regard them as jokes.

Paul stated that the Corps has been a part of American history since the days of George Washington. The Corps did most of the surveying and mapping of America in its earliest days. In its long history the Corps has been responsible for much of the navigable waterways and various federal projects such as the Capitol Building, several dams and many lakes. Twenty-five percent of the Nation's power supply has been developed by Corps' projects. All of us are effected by the work of the Corps.

The Corp's office in San Francisco is the only surviving military installation in the Bay Area. As such the Corps is working hard to enter into partnerships with the various communities served by their office. An example of this partnership is the recently completed deepening of the Richmond Port. The project was completed on time and on budget. This work will enable expansion of the city's import/export capabilities and enhance the city's economic opportunities. The Corps just completed an agreement with Oakland to expand its channel. When completed, this project will be the biggest in the history of the Corps' work in the Bay Area.


The Corps also is involved in recreational efforts. Paul stated that visits to Lake Sonoma and Lake Mendocino, both Corps' projects, make wonderful day trips for the entire family. The Bay Model in Sausalito has a huge 3-D display of estuary activity which entertains over 60,000 school kids annually. He invited us to join the Corps for a trip on the Bay on recovery vessels Raccoon or Grizzley. Arrangements can be made with Paul at the Corps office in San Francisco.

The Corps motto is "Essayons" (We'll Try). Paul's report indicated that the Corps has gone well past trying and is succeeding.

Respectfully submitted by
JOE GREEN, Substitute Scribe

Roster Update:

Change in HENRY KELMAN's business address:
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"California Water Outlook for New Millennium"

BETTE BOATMUN

Our speaker will be Bette Boatmun, Contra Costa Water District, Board of Directors, a member since her election in 1974 and serving as President from 1989-91. Committees she has served on have been Finance, Public Information, County Water Agency, East County and Public Information. She is Chair of the Governing Board (1994-Present) for the East Contra Costa County Water Management Association.

Bette earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Russell Sage College, Troy, New York and her Master of Education from Holy Names College, Oakland, CA. Prior to her election to the Board of Directors for Contra Costa Water District she was Executive Director of the YWCA of Contra Costa County.

This should be an informative presentation as water is always a matter of concern to all of us.

Chairperson of the Day: **GEORGE EGAN**

LAST WEEK (3/19/99)

President JOHN (Mc)NICOL led the assemblage in the pledge. I am here to tell you that the bloom really came off when we sang "My Wild Irish Rose". Tune up boys and girls, next time we sing "Cockles and Mussels".

Rotarians with Guests:

The meeting was filled with visiting Rotarians from Berkeley all honoring the annual joint meeting of Richmond and Berkeley. The Berkeley band was led by President Scott Paine. Greetings to the unknown furniture maker from JOHN NICOL. JUDY COLEMAN's guest was Ellie Green. DAVID SMITH's guest was erstwhile Rotarian GLORIA JOHNSTON. JONI HIRAMOTO re-introduced Judge Diana Becton Smith.

Announcements:

DAVID BROWN is now taking volunteers for Christmas in April. The event will take place on Saturday, April 24 at 8:30 a.m. Veteran Rotarian Jerry Cullen is raising funds for leukemia programs.

Recognitions:

RICHARD ALEXANDER on his wedding anniversary.
JOE GREEN on his wedding anniversary.
Tom Ahrens on his wedding anniversary.

Happy and Sad Payments:

HERB COLE upon his return from a trip overseas. Happy to be home. LESLIE LEVY on her son's straight A report card. Dr. RUSS SCHULZE on his return home from an around the world tour. Thanks for the Rotary Club flag from South Africa.

Program:

Recent Past President of Berkeley Rotary introduced our Guest Speaker, Professor Steve Miller from UC Berkeley. Dr. Miller teaches classics. His theme for the day was "Give Innocence a Chance".

Dr. Miller presented an overview of Olympic style games in ancient Greece as a prelude to why corruption has seeped into the modern Olympics. He mentioned that the games in ancient times were characterized by bribes, special treatments, superstars and too many different locations. He gave numerous examples of which games were played; how officials were involved; the awards to the winners which was usually some form of vegetation in the shape of a wreath as well as very valuable olive oil

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in copious amounts.

Dr. Miller is one of the founders of the renewed Nemean Games. The Games is an attempt to restore the basic tenants of amateur athletics in an arena that is now all consumed by commerce. The first new Nemean Games took place in Greece in 1996. There were re-enactments of all of the events that took place in the ancient Games. If the Olympic spirit is to be revived it will happen through efforts such as Dr. Miller's.

Raffle:

Glen Fuller, STONEY STONEWORK and DAVE NINOMIYA.

Your late substitute scribe,
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*"The Challenges Facing UC Berkeley:
the changing student body, the importance of a sense of
community on campus, the role and perception of Berkeley
in the East Bay"*

BARBARA GROSS DAVIS

Barbara Gross Davis is Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Life-Educational Development at UC Berkeley. Her administrative responsibilities include overseeing a range of programs that address undergraduate students' experiences at Berkeley and provide services to faculty. These include programs that provide tutoring, study groups, undergraduate research opportunities, orientation and transition activities, and assistance for students applying to graduate school or seeking careers. She also oversees services for student athletes, re-entry students, students with disabilities, low-income first-generation students, women students, students in fraternities and sororities, and under-represented minority students. Her responsibilities include units that provide a range of co-curricular support to students and student groups. Other services Dr. Davis oversees include media services, the campus radio station, teaching improvement activities, and grant programs for faculty. She is also active in a variety of issues that affect the Berkeley campus, including instructional technology and educational assessment and evaluation.

Dr. Davis' primary interests are in instructional improvement, assessment and accreditation, faculty development and evaluation, and program and curriculum evaluation in higher education. She has conducted workshops and seminars for faculty on topics related to teaching, of learning, and evaluation; has written about these topics in a number of articles, book chapters, and evaluation reports; and authored or co-authored five books. Her involvement in national education issues includes serving on university accreditation teams, reviewing articles for national educational publications, making presentations on topics in higher education at national conferences and workshops and actively participating in professional associations.

Dr. Davis received three degrees from UC Berkeley (BA in Psychology, MA in Educational Psychology and Ph.D in Educational Psychology), and has been working on campus since 1977. She is a member of the American Psychological Association, American

Educational Research Association, The American Association of Higher Education, and the American Evaluation Association.

Chairperson of the Day: BART WALLACE

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1999

"Seamen's Ministry at the Golden Gate"

REV. JIM LINDGREN
and
MARKKU PELANNE

LAST WEEK:

President JOHN NICOL called the assembled throng (not thong) together at "you have seven minutes to get your food and eat". Following the pledge, we sang "Easter Parade". If Irving Berlin were alive he'd be spinning in his grave.

JOHN commended the Rotarians who participated in the Red Oak Victory fundraiser. The event was successful and enjoyable. He mentioned that a campaign to have Rotary license plates available is now underway. Congratulations to WALTER WOLFFS who finally made a hole in one.

DAVID BROWN announced that Christmas in April is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th starting at 8:30 a.m. Interested Rotarians should call DAVID as soon as possible.

Welcome to John Bernard and Christine McCarthy--visiting Rotarians from El Sobrante.

Recognitions:

MARKKU PELANNE fulfilling his other daytime job of revenue collector collected donations from JUDY MORGAN for her birthday; DON HARDISON (March 24) and TOM BUTT (March 23) our two noted architects who both celebrated birthdays; and HERB COLE who continues to enjoy retirement while passing an important birthday along the way.

JOE KELMAN kicked in \$50 recognition of his employer's

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record month and quarter. JIM SHATTOCK made a contribution in recognition of his wife's birthday. OSCAR LUGO donated happy dollars in thanks for being in America and not in Kosovo. CHARLES RAMSEY contributed happy dollars in honor of the school district's success with the Hercules High School. TOM ARTZ apologized for the inconvenience caused by the Chevron explosion and fire and commended all those involved for bravery and clear thinking through the ordeal. JOE NUSBAUM was happy that he survived this three days as witness in a trial in San Luis Obispo. JOE GREEN celebrated the opening of another baseball season.

Program:


GEORGE EGAN introduced our speaker for the day, Betty Boatmun. Betty is a member of the Board of the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD). CCWD serves the 400,000 Contra Costa residents of central and eastern Contra Costa County. The source of CCWD's water is the Sacramento and San Joaquin river deltas. In recent years the quality of the water has been threatened by an ever increasing demand for water by a fast growing development; deterioration of the levee system and introduction of foreign species such as the mitten crab and the water hyacinth. An organization called "CalFed" has been organized to mitigate the aforementioned problems. Some of the areas that CalFed is now reviewing including finding ways to reduce the mismatch

of supply and demand for water: development of new streams to reduce silting problems and reduction on levee stress; introduction of peripheral canals; water efficient appliances and reduced use of water in bathrooms. Development and implementation of these various programs should contribute to a continuation of good, safe drinking water in the central county for many years.

Raffle:

DON LAU and DOUG STRAUS took home alcohol.

Ruefully submitted by your substitute scribbler
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Rev. Jim Lindgren is Chaplain Director of the Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate, a mission project of American Baptist Churches. He comes from a similar ministry to seafarers in New England ports for 16 years. His ministry to seafarers in San Francisco Bay Ports started December 1, 1998.

Markku Pelanne founded the Richmond Seamen's Center in 1980. As a native of Finland, he came to California in 1970 and graduated in cognitive psychology. In 1975 he received his M.A. from Cal State San Francisco in educational psychology and computer science. In 1978 he received a Masters of Law degree from Boalt Hall School of Law. he grew up as a Lutheran "agnostic". He is an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Berkeley. Markku has been married since 1975. He and his wife Mary have two sons and reside in El Sobrante.

Chairperson of the Day: MARKKU PELANNE

LAST WEEK

President JOHN NICOL led us in the pledge followed by the song "Oh What a Beautiful Day". And it was a beautiful day, and the birds were singing. I think they were singing better than us... President JOHN provided a thought from Thomas Jefferson. Did you know that 40 years ago NASA introduced the first seven astronauts to the U.S.? I think I'll go rent "The Right Stuff" for a good refresher course on this amazing occurrence in 20th Century history. DAVID K. announced that all who are helping on Christmas in April need to fill out disclaimer forms which were available.

Visitors and Guests:

An imposter TOM McGOWAN was visiting with another club member from the El Cerrito club. JUDY COLEMAN's guest was Jenny Green; CHARLES RAMSEY's guest was Andrea Hayes; LESLIE LEVY's guest was her son Ethan; MICHAEL DOWNER introduced the GSE Team from Mexico. Also in attendance was Jenny Hacker who helped organize the GSE folks.

Judge JONI HIRAMOTO (here comes da judge) gave a very entertaining Who Am I complete with musical accompaniment and slides. WALTER was fined \$10 (or was it \$40?) for being a non-conformist.

MICHAEL DOWNER told us about a cold, windy day on the Bay in TOM McGOWAN's (our Tom, not the El Cerrito imposter) boat with the GSE team. One member of the team presented a video that showed the impact of illiteracy on world poverty and peace. Rotary International is doing a great job supporting "Lighthouse Project" literacy programs around the world. Another team member presented a banner from the Mexico City Rotary. CHARLES then offered \$10 happy \$\$\$ because the request to the State to forgive the interest on the School District's loan finally got out of committee and will go for a vote.

Program:

BART WALLACE did the honors in giving a warm introduction to Barbara Gross Davis, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Life-Educational Development at Cal (and we don't mean Cal Poly). BART also introduced his wife.

A show of hands revealed that a majority of Rotarians have some connection to UC Berkeley. Dr. Gross then

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gave us loads of statistics about UCB: There are 31,000 students, 22,000 are undergrads. Two of 3 students are people of color, compared to 20 years ago when 2 out of 3 were white. Two-thirds of students are on financial aid, mostly loans. 95% of students live on campus. Housing is a major concern because of the number of students who live on campus. 5% belong to a Greek (not geek) house in the form of a fraternity or sorority. The average GPA for undergrads is 3.12. Women have higher GPAs than men. 4% of all students are on probation at any one time. Cal has a very high percentage of students who actually graduate -- 81%. Dr. Davis ran down the most popular majors -- the top three are molecular and cell biology, economics and psychology.

Critical issues for Cal now are:

Admissions: There were 31,000 applicants for 3,700 spots. This means 1 out of 4 are denied admission. This presents a problem in that the university is designed to serve the population of the State and it can't do so now.

Diversity: How to maintain diversity after Prop 209?

Affordability: There has been a 270% increase in tuition since 1990. To address the need for financial aid and cost of education, UCB has been running a major fund raising effort. They have also been re-thinking undergrad philosophies and are now providing many research opportunities to undergrads.


Other challenges are technology, working with private industry, security and creating a sense of community on campus and off.

After a lively Q&A period, flower (courtesy of DAVE NINOMIYA) were presented to Dr. Davis along with a certificate and a hearty thanks.

Raffle:

Cal socks were auctioned off and were picked up by RALPH HILL for \$27.50, the cost of tuition when he was at Cal!! A Cal T-Shirt went to highest bidder LESLIE LEVY. Raffle winners were ELOF GRANBERG and CHARLIE FENDER.

Your faithful scribe,
JEFF NATHANSON



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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1999

"U.S.S. HORNET"

ALEX McKEAN

The speaker this week is Alan McKean, the Director of Development for the Aircraft Carrier Hornet Foundation, a non-profit organization devoted to the restoration and management of Northern California's newest tourist attraction: The U.S.S. Hornet, a National Historic Landmark. The U.S.S. Hornet is moored at former Naval Air Station Alameda and is in use as a U.S. Naval Air and Sea Museum, a naval historical and technology education center, and much-loved ceremonial ship. The foundation's goal is to preserve for current and future generations of Americans the proud legacy of the HORNET, and the distinguished tradition of the U.S. Navy in the Pacific.

Chairperson of the Day: RICHARD ALEXANDER

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1999

"The Salesian System of Education It Is Not Just For School It Is For Life"

TIMOTHY CHAMBERS
Principal
Salesian High School, Richmond

Chairperson of the Day: Father CHRIS WOERZ

LAST WEEK

There we were with all of the Rotary bigshots and we were shunted off to a side room just like a bunch of kids at the Thanksgiving Day dinner. In spite of this obvious slight, President JOHN NICOL managed to keep the group (not goop) in reasonably pleasant spirits. After the pledge we all sang that old chestnut, "It Was Mary, Mary". All I can say after Rotary's rendition is "Whoa Nellie".

One quote for the day was John Madden's, "There are three kinds of people. Those who make things happen. Those who watch what's happening. And those who don't know what's happening". The other quote was from retired Dallas Cowboy, Blaine Nye, who said, "It doesn't matter whether you win or lose but who gets the blame."

Announcements:

- Nobuko Mukai of the El Cerrito club invited all Richmond Rotarians to celebrate in El Cerrito's 50th anniversary on Thursday, May 6th at the Mira Vista Country Club. Anyone know where that is? Advance tickets are \$10.

- On Friday, April 23, ERLE BROWN and BOB NICCOLLS will be driving to Stanford for the annual Cal versus Stanford baseball game. BOB and ERLE have room for 3 passengers. Anyone who is interested should call BOB immediately.

- CHARLES RAMSEY has tickets for the annual Ed. Fund banquet scheduled for May 14. Tickets are \$45 each or \$500 per table. The Ed. Fund honors outstanding teachers and other educators for excellence in schools in West Contra Costa County.

- DAVID BROWN announced there is room for more volunteers for the Christmas in Easter set for April 24. Interested Rotarians should contact David immediately.

Visiting Rotarians:

Ron Piret, Rotary District Governor for 2000-2001, from the Chico club, announced that it is not too late to register for the District 5160 Conference in Chico to be held on April 29 and 30. Tickets are \$75 per Rotarian. Ron highlighted the entertainment value of the convention.

Bob Kenny from Pleasanton, Bill Spalding of the Walnut Creek Sunrise Club and incoming District Governor, and Nobuko Mukai also graced our membership.

Rotarians with Guests:

JUDY COLEMAN introduced Janet Mendt who just opened a new insurance agency. Jarma Pesonen (please no penalties for spelling errors of Finnish names) of Finland

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was MARKKU PELANNE's guest.

Inductions:

It was red badge time for GLORIA JOHNSTON who was introduced quite splendidly by CHARLES RAMSEY. GLORIA is the Superintendent of Schools in the West Contra Costa Unified School District and a transferring Rotarian from Banning. Welcome to GLORIA. A big welcome back to DAN READY's son MIKE who has rejoined Rotary. Looking forward to hearing the "Who Am I" from each of our newest members.

Happy & Sad Dollars:

BILL REID celebrated Stanford's recent victory in a small time golf tournament. Father CHRIS WOERZ is happy to return after a bout with pneumonia. MIKE READY is pleased to rejoin his father as an active member of Rotary. DAVID ALMEIDA is glad that our meeting fell on the day after tax season closed. GEORGE EGAN can start his vacation now that tax preparation time is over. WERNER SCHWARZ is honored by the presence of Governor-Elect Bill Spalding and Governor Elect-Nominee-Candidate-Shoo-In Ron Piret. DAVID BROWN is happy to be DAVID BROWN. CHARLIE FENDER kicked in \$5 because California won the Not Important Tournament in New York City thus proving that California had the 65th best basketball team in the U.S. in '99. Finally, and this is BIG news, JUDY COLEMAN, Board Member, is now a Bride-to-Be. We are all beaming almost as much as JUDY.

Program:

CHARLIE FENDER introduced our guest speaker, Chaplain Jim Lindgren. Jim is the new Chaplain of the Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate in Oakland. Jim

recounted the history of the Seafarers Ministry. Seafarers from over 70 different countries of the world are served by the Ministry. Help is given to all seafarers regardless of race, creed or national origin. For Christians, the ministry provides pastoral support. Chaplain Jim also pointed out a newer but equally important role of the ministry is to advocate for the rights of seafarers. This advocacy is used to restore rights, repair contracts, correct payments and reunite seafarers with their crews.

An important program offered by the Seafarers Ministry is Christmas at Sea. Each year over 2,000 seafarers receive Christmas gifts given by churches and individuals.

Chaplain Jim turned the program over to MARKKU PELANNE. Our fellow Rotarian is Executive Director of the Richmond Seamen's Center. The mission of the Richmond Seamen's Center is similar to the Ministry of the Golden Gate. MARKKU, in a very moving, clear and inspirational way, told how he personally became involved with the Christian ministry. His transition from a life in the law to a life in the spirit was interesting. MARKKU's love of logos is impressive and crosses all religious and cultural lines. MARKKU truly enjoys his work and the chance it has given him to be an ambassador in a very complicated world.

Both MARKKU and Chaplain Jim encouraged interested Rotarians to volunteer either in Oakland or Richmond. For a small investment of time, the rewards are genuine and extensive.

Respectfully submitted by
JOE (whoops dar he is) GREEN

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Timothy Chambers was born and raised in Upper New York some time ago but not that long ago. We will not hold that against him seeing that he migrated to California about 15 years ago and now calls the Bay Area his home. He lives in Marin County with his very lovely wife Kristi and their two boys Colin and Aidan.

Tim joined the faculty at Salesian High School here in Richmond 14 years ago. He currently serves as the school's principal. He holds a Master Degree in Theology, a Master Degree in History and a Master Degree in School Administration. In addition to his duties at the school he has been "moon lighting" as a Professor of History at Santa Rosa Junior College.

Chairperson of the Day: Father CHRIS WOERZ

LAST WEEK

President JOHN NICOL led us in the pledge followed by the song "This Land is Your Land". The thought was from Eleanor Roosevelt. RICH BRANDES informed us that the annual Richmond High practice job interview project will take place May 18 and 19. See RICH if you would like to help out. DAVID BROWN was wearing his new Christmas in April T-shirt and indicated that all who have heavy leather gloves and yard tools should bring them. He gave directions and reminded us that breakfast will be served. MALCOLM LEE announced that June 14 will be the annual golf tournament. It's a fundraiser golf-a-thon at \$1 a hole.

Guests:

RICH BRANDES' guest was fire inspector Jerry (sorry I didn't get the last name); MALCOLM LEE's guest was his wife Jo; DON LAU's guest was Candi Suza from the YMCA; JUDY COLEMAN's guest was Ginny Green; DAVE BROWN's guest was his secretary, Linda Vairetta.

Recognitions:

MARKKU recognized the birthday boys: DAN TANITA, CHARLES RAMSEY and JIM SHATTOCK. Only JIM was actually present.

Happy \$\$\$:

JEFF NATHANSON (yours truly) was sad because of his father in law's death but was happy because the Richmond Art Center was rated by the Calif. Arts Council as the number one small to mid-sized arts organization in the state; MALCOLM LEE was happy because of numerous containers. DAVID K. had a sad \$5 for starting Christmas in April as late as 8:30 a.m.

Announcements:

PREZ JOHN announced that the registration deadline for the District Conference in Chico has been extended, so you can still sign up to go. It's only \$75 for Rotarians and free for their significant others. JOHN then read, with sadness, a letter of resignation from CAROL SELIGER who also included a check for \$100. JOE BAGLEY announced that we've given over \$10,000 to the community over the last five years of Christmas in April.

Program:

RICHARD ALEXANDER introduced our speaker, Alex McKean, a former Navy frogman who is the Development Director of the Aircraft Carrier Hornet Foundation. Their foundation raises money for the restoration of the USS Hornet which is permanently berthed at Alameda. He informed us that the District Conference in 2000 will be on the Hornet.

This amazing ship was first commissioned in 1943. It was built in one year by a crew that was 70% women. Originally it was named the Kersearge, but was renamed the Hornet. It holds many records including the most planes shot down and most tonnage sunk in World War II. It has been honored as the finest aircraft carrier ever commissioned. Among its notable achievements, the Hornet is the carrier that recovered the Apollo 11 crew after the first manned moon mission. Over 117,000 men

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served on board this Essex class carrier between 1943 and 1970 when she was taken out of service.

McKean compared the carrier to Rotary in that it is really about people. The Foundation was formed in 1995 to preserve the legacy and he described the enormous human effort it has taken to restore the ship. An example of the number and commitment of the volunteers is that the ship was completely repainted in just a few days. Now that the ship is being restored and is open to the public, they have gone to great lengths to maintain many aspects of its original condition included keeping 32 planes on deck. Many educational exhibits are included for kids and swing dances are produced on Sundays. In fact, the Hornet is now the third largest event center in the Bay Area. One of the things they provide for kids is a sleep over program where the kids get to sleep in crew's bunks and learn science and other educational subjects. In addition, the ship is an Elder Hostel site. It sounds like an amazing ship and luckily we'll all get to go see it for the District Conference next year. Of course, if you can't wait that long you can go check it out right now.

Raffle:

HANK COVELL got the wine. ERLE BROWN is making martinis.

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MOTORCYCLE BOB REVS UP FOR POLIOPLUS



BOB MUCHLER

Last year Rancho Cordova Rotarian and polio survivor Bob Muchler made a 16,000 mile cross-country motorcycle trek, stopping in 48 state capitols and Washington, D.C. His feat not only set a record, but - more importantly to Bob - it raised funds and awareness for Rotary's most ambitious humanitarian effort to date, PolioPlus.

"I didn't do this to break a record," stresses Bob, "I did this because I made a personal pledge to PolioPlus." When Bob was stricken with polio at the age of nine months, he was confined to an iron lung and his parents were told he had little hope for survival.

Today, Bob is an accomplished musician and owns a successful piano tuning and restoration business. He suffers from paralysis in his legs and relies on crutches and leg braces to walk.

People were very generous along the way - some giving him free meals and gasoline - and many were waiting on the steps of their state capitol when he pulled up.

He now plans to ride across Canada to spread the message of PolioPlus.

Chairperson of the Day: DAN READY

LAST WEEK

President Elect DON LAU did a splendid job presiding in JOHN NICOL's absence. The pledge was led by past president JOE BAGLEY. The thought was by FATHER CHRIS.

Guests:

JOE GREEN's guest was City Park Superintendent Tony Norris; RICH ALEXANDER's guest was his son Nathan; JONI HIRAMOTO's guest was Judge DIANE BECTON-SMITH.

Announcements:

- DAVID "Tool Man" BROWN gave a Christmas in April report and read the names of all the volunteers who helped. Thanks to all! Contributions were asked of all who signed up but didn't show. All who showed up got a T-shirt. They all painted, cut, washed and cleaned up and the owner of the house was duly appreciative although JOE BAGLEY said this was the 1st year that a homeowner kicked them out so she could go to bed! DAVID had a pair of leftover gloves, but nobody claimed them.

- LLOYD HENRY announced the May 13 golf tournament at Richmond Country Club. PLEASE let him know you're paying in advance and pay in advance.

- DAVID K. had a happy \$5 for Christmas in April. He thanked STONEY for drinks. Also, he thanked Mean JOE GREEN, FATHER CHRIS, JONI HIRAMOTO and all the new people who pitched in and helped.

- ERLE BROWN announced that now's the time to work on your Paul Harris. We have \$5,000 to be matched to any non Paul Harris Rotarian up to \$200 each. See ERLE to know your current account balance. Match donations will be made to Paul Harris accounts until the \$5,000 runs out.

- JONI welcomed new Rotarian DIANE BECTON-SMITH to a club-standing ovation.

Happy \$\$\$:

ERLE BROWN was happy and sad for Cal baseball; BOB NICCOLLS was happy for Stanford baseball; TOM ARTZ was happy for his daughter's first communion. Dr. GLORIA JOHNSTON was happy no one was hurt in a recent bomb scare; HANK COVELL was happy for his son Jason who was the 1987 Salesian High School class president; LLOYD was sad he missed the ball game and told us his rugs were being cleaned. FATHER CHRIS was sad that the sister of one of their priests passed away. But, he was happy for Christmas in April and had a happy \$10 for successful fundraiser (did he say \$35,000 in one night???). JOE GREEN was happy the Library and Richmond History Museum got a \$10,000 grant for the

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"Shades of Richmond" photo project which will compile post WWII photos on May 16 at the Richmond Museum; CHARLIE FENDER was happy for international shipping.

We learned that JUDY COLEMAN is now assistant secretary to JOE NUSBAUM. DON is looking for community projects for his term - especially around education. JUDY COLEMAN is also the new Community Services chair.

Program:

FATHER CHRIS introduced Timothy Chambers who is the principal at Salesian High School. He came from a small town in upstate New York 13 years ago and wanted a teaching job for only one year. He stayed on as a teacher and eventually became principal. He gave a biographical talk and provided insights into the Salesian philosophy. He was a college teacher and, at first, didn't like adolescents. He said he found boys to be gross and uncouth. A secretary convinced him to stay one more year. He's grown in his fondness for teenagers, "You must not just love them - you must tell them you love them." This is the basis of the Salesian system - or way of life. Students are the center of everything. Teachers must be there at "touch points" of their lives.

Teachers and staff welcome students in the morning as they arrive. Each class starts with a moment of silence or prayer. They used to say that Salesian was West County's best kept secret. Over the years they have gone from under 200 students to the current 500 students, which is their capacity. They admit the "cream of the crop" and

have great students. Students give 20 hours of community service every year. 98% go on to college and they get the skills to excel in college. Tuition is low, so kids from local neighborhoods can attend. FATHER CHRIS has dreamed to eventually eliminate tuition altogether. The student population is diverse and reflects the face of the community. Timothy ended by describing the Salesian "ethos" which is defined by setting standards, discipline and spirituality.

Raffle:

FATHER CHRIS pulled the names of the lucky individuals.

Your loyal note taker,
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1999

"Current Issues in Contra Costa County"

JOHN GIOIA
Supervisor, Contra Costa County

Supervisor Gioia will be speaking on industrial safety, growth and development and other issues.

Mr. Gioia graduated from UC Berkeley in political science where he also received his law degree. He is a practicing attorney.

In 1998 Mr. Gioia was elected to the EBMUD Board and reelected in '92 and '95. In 1995-96 he was president of EBMUD. He was elected to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors in 1998 and has served on the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the West Contra Costa Transportation advisory Commission, the West County Integrated Waste Management Authority and Chairman of the Board's Finance Committee.

Chairperson of the Day: **BILL WAHBEH**

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1999

"Entertainment: A Way to Get to the Heart of Things"

FR. CHRIS WOERZ, SDB

Fellow Rotarian, Father Chris Woerz will be with us on May 21, 1999, together with his friend Linus D. Lizard so you might want to bring your significant other or some other guest. The session will be light but will have a message. If you can spring it, bring along a child, or grandchild.

Chairperson of the Day: **ELOF GRANBERG**

LAST WEEK:

President **JOHN NICOL** led us in the pledge followed by the song "Mother (a Word that Means the World to Me)". **ELOF** provided the thought for the day. **PREZ JOHN** thanked President elect **DON LAU** for presiding over last week's meeting. He then called Judge **JONI HIRAMOTO** up to receive her blue badge.

Visitors and Guests:

CHARLES RAMSEY's guest was **Andrea Hazel**; **GARY BELL's** was **Antonia Jackson**.

Recognitions:

MARKKU recognized **HENRY KELMAN** for a March anniversary. After some long explanation and negotiating (I don't have a clue what he was talking about) and some enthusiastic "boos" from the club, **HENRY** finally paid up and sat down. President **JOHN** and his wife celebrated their 46th anniversary in Chico; **DAVID K.** and his wife celebrated their 13th lucky anniversary; and yours truly, **JEFF NATHANSON**, celebrated anniversary number 11 as well as the 3rd birthday of my daughter Anya.

Happy \$5:

BART WALLACE was happy because his daughter's softball team won two games in a row; **JUDGE JONI** was happy for her kids' birthdays and for a woman in the jury pool who got a great happy mother's day greeting; **HANK COVELL** was happy for the Spencer Trust which is providing scholarships for local kids -- and the kids are doing great and getting excellent grades -- even from very poor families. **DONNA URIYU** was happy to announce a May 20th workshop at Hilltop for businesses in Richmond's Enterprise Zones. **GARY BELL** was very happy that his branch of Bank of the West was ranked number two out of all 100+ branches; **LESLIE LEVY** was thrilled that \$1300 tuition payments are ending; **OSCAR LUGO** announced that the annual Pt. Richmond Stroll will be Wednesday, May 12th; **BILL WAHBEH** won the Golden Pen award; **ERLE BROWN** was happy that Cal won its 9th NCAA rugby championship; **MALCOLM LEE** reported that the Rescue Mission received over \$32,000 to buy a new truck; **CHARLES RAMSEY** was excited that the budget for lower class sizes passed; **DAVID BROWN** successfully lost weight, courtesy of the stomach flue; **CHARLIE FENDER** was happy that his granddaughter is returning to school at Cal; **JUDY MORGAN** announced the annual Trade Show at the Richmond Convention Center on May 13th; and last but not least, **RICH**

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BRANDES announced the sign up list for volunteering for the Richmond High job interview project which will take place on May 18th and 19th.

Program:

DAN READY introduced Ken Stewart who in turn gave a warm introduction to Motorcycle Bob Muchler. Bob gave a fascinating account of his 16,000 mile cross country ride to 48 states in support of PolioPlus. Bob, who uses crutches and leg braces because of the polio he suffered as a child, rode an average of 750 miles a day in order to hit all 48 capitol in 29 days! The trip began on June 2, 1998 and, at first he set out to set a new world record, but as the trip progressed, he described his shift of focus to truly advocating for polio awareness.

The description of the ride was colorful and event filled. For example, Bob told us that it only rained twice during the month on the road -- once for five days and again for twelve days. He made his ride on the "Road Sofa", a custom motorcycle and side car, which attracted much attention. The bike did a good job of staying upright through foot deep puddles and truckers and state troopers helped him through many states. Even though he had significant press conferences and met with many governors and legislators throughout the country, he still ran into some heat from local law enforcement. Primarily this was because he was averaging about 85 miles per hour. But, Bob was very persuasive in convincing the cops who stopped him into supporting his cause.

Although polio is mostly eliminated in the U.S., we learned of the continuing threat, as long as polio exists anywhere in the world. The goal is complete eradication of the disease by 2000. Rotary has been the organization that has really driven the polio cause worldwide. Bob described the history which included how Rotary gained a seat on the UN -- with \$240 million raised and 1 million volunteers worldwide.

This was an informative and inspiring talk. Next, Bob Muchler is off to ride across Canada. We wish him the best of luck and thank him for his courage and dedication.

Raffle:

Winners were JIM SHATTOCK and LESLIE LEVY.

Your faithful scribe,
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"Entertainment: A Way to Get to the Heart of Things" FR. CHRIS WOERZ, SDB

Fr. Christian H. Woerz, SDB, is a fifth generation native California of a fine pedigree: German, Irish, Mexican and French. He is presently the President of Salesian High School here in Richmond and really likes his work because, as he puts it, "Everyone else does the work. I just smile a lot." Chris attended Salesian High School 1958-1960 when the school was a seminary. He finished up high school at St. Francis School in Watsonville, California. He has a few sheep skins hanging on the wall, "as a testament to his inability to learn anything in spite of the many years he has spent in school," comments his friend, Linus.

Chris will be with us this Friday, together with his friend Linus D. Lizard, so you might want to bring your significant other or some other guest. The session will be light but will have a message. If you can spring it, bring along a child, or grandchild. The kids will enjoy meeting Linus. Also that way you will not look so silly talking to a lizard.

Chairperson of the Day: ELOF GRANBERG

LAST WEEK:

President JOHN NICOL led us in the pledge followed by the song, "America the Beautiful". An artful thought from Vincent Van Gogh was by DAN READY.

Announcements:

- President elect DON LAU announced the Leadership Academy next Saturday at Solano College from 8 a.m. - Noon. See DON for more information.
- ERLE BROWN reminded everyone that there are a limited number of Paul Harris match dollars left. Matches will be made to any non Paul Harris Rotarian up to \$200 each.
- DAVID BROWN presented a plaque to the Richmond Rotary from the Christmas in April Association in appreciation of our participation. Also, the SF Giants have invited all Christmas in April volunteers to be their guests at the August 28th game. See DAVID for details.

Visitors & Guests:

Aaron Williams was visiting from the Tiburon/Belvedere club. He announced the Great Canine Event in Mill Valley on June 6 and passed out brochures. CHARLES RAMSEY's guest was law associate Andrea Hazel; TED ABREU's guest was his son Nicholas.

More Announcements:

- President JOHN read a FAX from Davis Rotarian Bill Rowe accusing TOM McGOWAN of defamation of character. It seems he was not pleased that TOM described him to an exchange Rotarian from South Africa as being gay and wearing a dress and flamboyant jewelry. John asked for JUDGE JONI's recommendation and the judge suggested a fine of \$100. Lawyers in the club, including DAVID BROWN and DOUG STRAUS, expressed opinions. Finally the accused was given a chance to speak. TOM defended himself by explaining that he actually described Bill as a "transvestite" and that he was actually providing an improved description as Bill is actually much less attractive than the image TOM portrayed. In the end, TOM finally agreed to pay a reduced fine of \$20. It's good to see that Rotary's criminal justice system really works!

- The Rotary Board meeting is on Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 a.m. at Bakers Square.




- Berkeley Rotary is hosting a night at the Julia Morgan Theater (not to be confused with JUDY MORGAN). See JOHN NICOL for more information.

Recognitions:

LLOYD HENRY celebrated his birthday -- one year away from his social security check. He also announced that there were a couple of no shows at the golf tournament who already paid their fees. He said he will donate that money to the community fund. TOM McGOWAN celebrated a birthday and an anniversary. He hasn't been around much because he's been hanging out in Heavenly Valley. DR. DON MILLER, who apparently lost his Rotary pin in a patient, was sad and happy. It seems his mother passed away -- but she was 105 years old! DOUG STRAUS pointed out that she was only 18 when she had DON. He also got fined for not having his Rotary pin. CHARLES RAMSEY got fined for not having his name badge.

Happy \$\$\$:

DAVE NINOMIYA was happy to be retiring, but sad that he is closing down his flower business. He was a sweetheart and brought enough roses for everyone. DAN SANDERS was happy that his son is going to UCLA, but sad that he's not going to Cal. GEORGE EGAN was

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happy that he has a new job and remains the director of the Better Business Bureau. LLOYD HENRY was happy for the golf tournament. HANK COVELL had some \$\$\$ in recognition of DAVE NINOMIYA. JEFF NATHANSON was happy that the Richmond Art Center's new exhibition "Spaces of Nature" was featured in the Oakland Tribune and invited everyone to attend the preview fund raising reception with Mayor Corbin on Thursday, May 20 from 5-7 p.m.

Program:

BILL WAHBEH gave a warm and welcoming introduction to County Supervisor John Gioia. Supervisor Gioia, who is a local boy and graduate of El Cerrito High, introduced his staff member Ruth Vasquez. He gave some of his background, describing his ten years on the East Bay MUD board following his studies and a law degree from Cal. An overview of issues in the county was the subject of his talk. He began by describing refinery safety issues and the differences between city regulations, such as those in Richmond applying to the Chevron Refinery, and County regulations, such as those governing Tosco. He also indicated that Tosco will be resuming operations. He went on to discuss regional growth issues within the county and working with other counties. Economic revitalization is a very big issue with older urban areas such as Richmond, San Pablo and Hercules. He linked development limits in other parts of the county to this issue and indicated that he is working hard to ensure that the older areas are revitalized. He then covered a myriad of social issues from homelessness to drugs and mental health. Libraries are also a big issue and he

talked about county libraries as having significantly fewer open hours compared to cities like Richmond, or especially San Ramon. Gioia then went on to talk about Prop 10 money which is amounting to about \$12 million for pre-natal and early childhood programs.

Input from West and East County is a big issue. A description of marketing efforts indicated that \$90,000 from the county for PR and marketing has only featured Central County. John wants to change that. He also discussed that economic development must be addressed on a regional level. Also, on a regional level are issues such as traffic, health and education. It seems that North Richmond has been identified as one of two areas in the State to receive Federal funds. West County has the distinction of having the highest incidents of AIDS in the county. The major problem is in the Black community among intravenous drug users.

All in all, even with the negative news, it was apparent that John Gioia has West County's interests at heart and is doing everything possible to work towards improving life in Richmond and the surrounding communities. Thank you John.

Raffle: LESLIE LEVY won again. BILL WAHBEH was the other lucky winner.

Your loyal note taker, JEFF NATHANSON

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1999

"Football Officiating"

MICHAEL AARONIAN

Currently Principal of El Cerrito High School, Mike Aaronian has spent his whole adult life in the coaching, officiating and educational field.

After graduating from El Cerrito High School in 1976, Mr. Aaronian became assistant Varsity Football Coach there and then coached baseball at DeAnza High School, Contra Costa College and U.C. Berkeley.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree at U.C. Berkeley and a Master of Arts from Saint Mary's College. Mike has been a math and physical ed teacher for the Richmond Unified School District, Dean of Students at DeAnza High School, Vice Principal at Portola Junior High and Principal at O'Hara Park School.

His officiating assignments have spanned 21 years and he is currently a Field Judge in the Mountain West Conference. Post Season assignments have included 5 Community College Bowl Games, 3 High School Section Championship Games and the 1998 Hula Bowl.

Chairperson of the Day: DAN READY

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1999

"Saving Money on Property Taxes in a Variety of Venues"

GUS KRAMER

Contra Costa County Assessor
and

WILLIAM POLLACEK

Contra Costa County Treasurer - Tax Collector

Chairperson for the Day: BOB NICCOLLS

LAST WEEK:

President JOHN (Smilin' Jack) NICOL led us all in the pledge after only 5 minutes to chew. This was a reduction from the usual seven minutes. Much burping follows these events. After the pledge, we sang some song about a preacher going somewhere. Although we were small in number, we were quiet in tone. I am having a devil of a time remembering that song. The thought for

the day was from JOHN (not Wooten) Wooden, former coach of UCLA. He said, "What you learn after you know it all is all that counts."

PRESIDENT NICOL announced that former Rotary President Hollis Mortenson had passed away this past week. He also reported that JONATHAN LAWLIS has resigned his position as Board member to attend to personal matters. JOE GREEN has agreed to complete JOHN's term.

ERLE BROWN had the pleasure of inducting new Paul Harris Fellows. DON MILLER and STEVE LUDWIG were recognized for their contributions to the Rotary Foundation. JOE KELMAN, who had been stoned on an earlier occasion, also finally received his induction. JOHN NICOL, who has now been stoned twice, received extra kudos from the assemblage. JOHN's "Paul Harris" is in honor of his wife, Felicia.

Rotarians with Guests:

TED ABREU with Carlina Moss of the West Contra Costa School District; JUDY MORGAN brought her very handsome 5 year old grandson, Jacob Hague; and not to be outdone, HANK COVELL graced us with his beautiful 6 year old granddaughter, Sarah Covell.

Happy and Sad Dollars:

JIM SHATTOCK for 36 remarkable years at the same place of employment and 41 years since he met his wife; JOHN MEDLOCK gave a happy five to celebrate a really fun trip to Marine World; HANK (One Step Ahead of the Landlord) COVELL for another successful finish in the Bay to Breakers. JOE GREEN was happy to report that he and Marcia had successfully moved from one end of Point Richmond to the other end of Point Richmond.

Roster Reminder:

JOE NUSBAUM reminded all Rotarians that now is the time to update personal records for the membership roster. Should you have any changes in name, address or phone number, marital status, please contact JOE immediately. Deadline for changes is June 18, 1999.

Recognitions:

El Interlocutor Grande, MARKKU PELANNE, stared down a few individuals who were more than happy to contribute to Rotary's worthy causes. Among the ensnared were: DAVID BROWN upon the occasion of his 19th wedding anniversary with an extra 2 years for good behavior. BILL WAHBEH shared his tale of elephant like gestation in Jerusalem. he was born sometime between May 18 and May 20, all depending on his father's condition and mode of transportation to the

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registrar of vital statistics. As the great mentor, Satchel Paige, asks, "Bill, how old would you be if you didn't know how old you was?"

Program:

Our fellow Rotarian, FATHER CHRIS WOERZ and his sidekick, Linus D. Lizard, presented entertainment as the way to the heart. Prior to introducing us to Linus, FATHER CHRIS, who is Director of Salesian High School, gave an overview of the Salesian Brothers. The Salesian Brothers were founded by Father John Don Bosco, in the mid 1800s. The start of the Salesian Brothers was less than spectacular with a series of unforeseen relocations in and around Turin, Italy, before finally converting a house of dubious distinction into the first friary which as now grown into a spectacular cathedral called the "Mother Church". Father Bosco was a remarkable individual known for his prodigious memory and his ability to entertain in many different ways. Don Bosco had so much difficulty in keeping young priests in service that he formed his own group which became known as the Brothers of Saint Francis de Sales. Father John used his skills to turn an anti priest sentiment in Italy to deep regard and respect for the clergy. By the time of his death the Salesians had spread throughout the world. There are over 40,000 Salesian priests, lay brothers and sisters around the planet.

FATHER CHRIS was drawn to the Salesians because of their insistence of uniting the spiritual life of young people with study, work and play. FATHER CHRIS uses play as primary means of communication and gave us a prime example with Linus D. Lizard, his California Mohave Toothless Hairy Lizard. Linus is indeed a rare creature with only one other known specimen in captivity.

FATHER CHRIS talked about how the means that are used to convey news, thoughts and ideas have changed so that just about all priorities are tied to the spectacular, the violent or the emotional in a way that will draw immediate attention and reaction. Our young people are having a more difficult time of understanding how to establish the importance of various issues because of our insistence upon glamorizing matters such as violence. As a reversal to the "rough cut", FATHER CHRIS and Linus used *Matthew 25* in an entertaining way to bring the message that one cannot truly honor God if one is not prepared to help even the most downtrodden among us. I am sure that each one of us was touched by this enjoyable presentation. As Cardinal Manning of Los Angeles told FATHER CHRIS when he was just getting started in priesthood, "You must take your story to every parish." We all agree.

Respectfully, JOE GREEN
Your humble substitute scribe.



Father Chris & Linus

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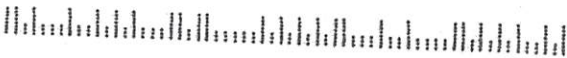
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1999

"Saving Money on Property Taxes in a Variety of Venues"

GUS KRAMER
Contra Costa County Assessor
and
WILLIAM POLLACEK
Contra Costa County Treasurer - Tax Collector

Our speakers will be Gus Kramer, Contra Costa Assessor since 1994, and William Pollacek, Contra Costa County Treasurer - Tax Collector since 1998. Both of them have experience at the city as well as county level. This is sure to be an interesting meeting and may save you money as well!

Chairperson for the Day: BOB NICCOLLS

ERLE BROWN had the pleasure of presenting MIKE WINTER and GLORIA JOHNSTON with their Paul Harris Fellowships. Congratulations.

Happy \$\$\$:

There were no formal recognitions, but there were plenty of \$5 + acknowledgements. JON LAWLIS was happy just to be at Rotary, to the tune of \$20; LLOYD HENRY was happy for the success of the golf tourney; GLORIA JOHNSTON was happy for the birth of her second granddaughter; LESLIE LEVY was happy for her son; PAUL FISHER was happy for the recent Mexican District Conference in Acapulco; DON LAU announced the YMCA's 81st anniversary with a benefit dinner next Thursday; HERB COLE was happy that GLORIA JOHNSTON is now superintendent and also that she's a grandmother; JEFF NATHANSON was happy that the Richmond Art Center continues to get great press for education programs as well as exhibitions; DON HARDISON was happy to tell us about his recent trip from Budapest to Berlin; FATHER CHRIS was happy for all the great youth programs in Richmond, but sad to report that a gun was recently pulled in front of Salesian High School. And, last but not least, the speaker's dad, Mike Sr., was very proud of his son.

Program:

DAN READY gave a warm welcome and introduction to Michael Aaronian, principal at El Cerrito High School and an official for college football. Michael gave us a brief synopsis of his background, which included a BA from Cal and a Masters from St. Mary's. The speaker gave up on the microphone which hadn't worked right the entire meeting, and chose instead to use his "playground" voice. We learned a lot about what officials go through to referee football games, and Michael gave us an overview of a typical weekend. He started officiating youth (formerly known as Pop Warner) football when he was only 19 years old. He went on to officiate freshman and then varsity high school football. We then learned about his years working Jr. College ball, which he compared to pro wrestling and described as "Controlled mayhem". We then heard about smaller colleges with a tale of persistence related to trying to get transportation to and from Eureka for a Humboldt/Chico State game.

Michael described his workout routine, talked about endurance training and the importance of being in top

LAST WEEK:

President JOHN NICOL fought a lousy PA fraught with static and hard to hear sound to lead us in the pledge followed by the very patriotic, "Grand Ol' Flag". JOHN then gave us a thought for the day as well as a bit of trivia - did you know that the first Indianapolis 500 took place in 1911 and the average speed was 74.4 miles per hour? Wow.

Visitors & Guests:

We were very happy to welcome District Governor PAUL FISHER. STONEY's guest was local business woman Sydney Mettrick.

Announcements:

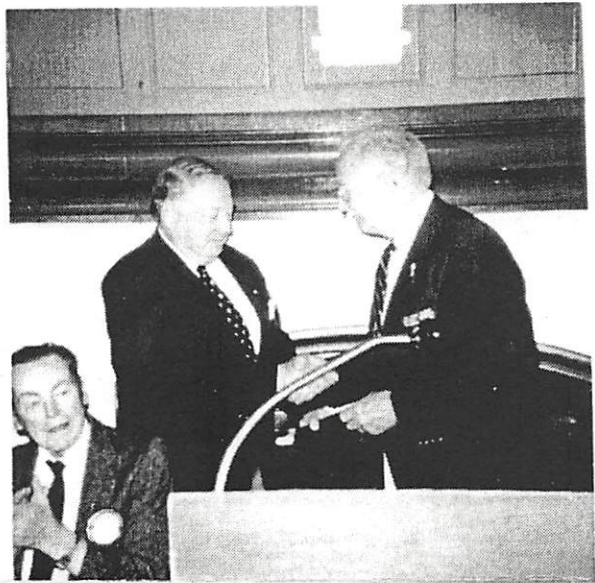
LLOYD HENRY announced that NORM FOLEY won the golf tournament again for the fourth time! Where's the competition? NORM was thankful, but pointed out that his name was misspelled on the plaque - it should be T.I.G.E.R.

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condition. Officials must also stay current with an average of 30 rule changes a year (only tax accountants give this a run for the money). As a result, there is quite a bit of study and training for coaches and officials. The post game evaluation is an important part of the training and supervisors video tape and play back the games so they can point out blunders and good calls. In spite of the goal to always call plays correctly, it is apparently important that officials have a presence on the field and must be confident in order to "sell a call". This seemed to raise some eyebrows! We then viewed some video footage in order to see some good and bad calls. Very interesting.

More Announcements:

The District Governor talked about the important role of the District Board and Advisors. WERNER SCHWARZ was then presented with a beautiful silver platter as a token of appreciation for being an excellent advisor during the past year.



Werner Schwarz receiving award from District Governor Paul Fisher.

Roster Updates:

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Raffle:

The winners were ERLE BROWN and DON MILLER.

Your loyal note taker,
JEFF NATHANSON

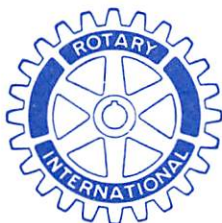
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1999

HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING & ADVOCACY PROGRAM (HICAP)

LENNIS LYON
Director

HICAP assists seniors with Medicare and other insurance plans including Senior HMOs, Medicare supplemental insurance and long-term care insurance.

HICAP provides counseling to help seniors determine which insurance plans are best for them and helps them interpret what they are buying. It assists them in understanding exactly what coverage they are purchasing.

HICAP also acts as an advocate when seniors have insurance problems in terms of complaints with service or denials of coverage.

Chairperson for the Day: BOB NICCOLLS

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1999

"HIGH SPEED RAIL" Sacramento to San Diego in 3 Hours

JACKIE K. LANDSMAN, P.E.

LAST WEEK:

So, there we were in the Great Room of the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club and GEORGE WACKER kept muttering (he mutters a lot), "where are all the Rotarians? Why so many empty tables?" GEORGE raised very valid questions. The meetings are always fuller and more enjoyable when more of us are on the scene. GEORGE's faithful companion, CHARLIE WONG, said, "must be a lot of makeups going on". Our fellow Rotarians put time and energy into our programs. Let's do our best to honor the efforts of our colleagues by coming to meetings. President JOHN NICOL led us all in the pledge. This was followed by a terrifying rendition of "How About You". If George Gershwin were alive, he'd be spinning in his grave. The thought for the day was from Aristotle, "Excellence is not an act but a habit." Seems sort of contradictory considering our singing.

Anyway, JOHN, thanks for giving us a little extra time to chew our lunches.

ERLE BROWN had the pleasure of inducting new Paul Harris Fellows -- MIKE WINTER and GLORIA JOHNSTON.

Rotarians with Guests:

JUDY COLEMAN's guest was Ellie Strauss; OSCAR LUGO was accompanied by Kathy Kosel and Allen Summer; and GARY BELL brought his fiancée' (not finance) Shelley Ross.

Recognitions:

MARKKU (you need those stinkin' badges) PELANNE, was in fine form carrying out his final stint as "I see you and I raise you". MARKKU's co-conspirators last week were RALPH (two senior citizen tickets please) HILL on the occasion of his birthday May 25th (he donated to the Carl Rehfuess Fund); HERB (the happy retiree) COLE for his 35th wedding anniversary (completed his Paul Harris); MICHAEL FENLEY for his birthday; DOUG (really, really, really, really) STRAUS in anticipation of his next wedding anniversary on June 16; and finally OSCAR LUGO in honor of his perpetual birthday which leaves him always looking identically to the way he looked on his previous birthday.

Troy Gross, on the occasion of his birthday, sent greetings to all Rotarians.

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Happy and Sad Dollars:

DON LAU announced Committee chairs and requested Rotarians to sign up for the various committees. HERB COLE gave a happy \$5 in recognition of Martti Ahtisaari's President of Finland (I can spell it even if I can't say, MARKKU), contributions to bringing a peace pact in Kosovo. Our own flying Finn, MARKKU, had a happy \$5 in honor of the country of his birth. GARY BELL had an extremely proud \$5 celebrating the graduation of his son from high school. JIM SHATTOCK gave a happy \$5 for his world class poodle, Sir Oliver Hardy. Sir Oliver will be entered in the Rotary "Pooch Parade" in Tiburon/Belvedere.

Program:

Fellow Rotarian, BOB NICCOLLS, introduced the Contra Costa County's political odd couple--Tax Assessor Gus Cramer and County Treasurer, Bill Pollack. Gus indicated that most of us, or people we know, will be able to save tax dollars by following through on various tax programs offered by the County. Some of the packages that Gus described include, "Proposition 60" which provides for the transfer of property tax base for senior citizens. The law provides to qualified homeowners the transfer of the base year value of their principal dwelling located in the same county, under certain circumstances. He talked about "Props. 58 and 193" which can bring about a reassessment exclusion for parent-child and grandparent-grandchild ownership transfers. Mr. Cramer outlines steps that one can take to appeal one's property assessment as well as dealing with the decline in property value. He also described the County's various bond packages. Mr.

Pollack followed Mr. Cramer. Mr. Pollack was recently elected County Treasurer. In this capacity he is responsible for collecting more than \$1 billion in taxes. He is responsible for managing the accounts of the County as well as school districts throughout Contra Costa County. The County's investment has received the highest possible rating from various investment services. Mr. Cramer and Mr. Pollack encouraged all of us to be in touch with their offices should any questions about taxes come before us. They can be reached at (925)313-7400. Thanks to Bob Niccolls for bringing these two well informed individuals to our attention.

Raffle:

JOHN NICOL and DAN READY got to take home some very nice wine.

Roster Updates:

June 18th is the deadline for getting all roster changes in to your secretary JOE NUSBAUM.

Humbly submitted by your
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The High Speed Rail Authority is planning a 680-mile rail system that will handle trains traveling at speeds over 200 miles per hour between San Diego and Sacramento. The system would feature stops in Los Angeles, Bakersfield, Fresno and a line into the Bay Area.

Jackie Landsman serves as the Bay Area corridor liaison for the High Speed Rail Authority. She is a professional engineer with PB Farradyne Inc., a firm specializing in Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Ms. Landsman has worked for State Senator Quentin Kopp, first as staff to the Senate Transportation Committee and then as his District Office Chief of Staff.

Ms. Landsman previously served as a project and program manager for the Federal Highway Administration in Washington D.C.; Austin, TX; Seattle, WA; and San Francisco. She was responsible for managing the Federal Intelligent Transportation System program in those areas.

Chairperson for the Day: **JOE BAGLEY**

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1999

"OLD TIMERS DAY & 100% ATTENDANCE" (Picture Day)

Chairperson for the Day: **ELOF GRANBERG**

LAST WEEK:

Once again we met in the friendly confines of not Wrigley Park but the swell Mira Vista Golf and Country Club. President JOHN NICOL began the meeting with the Pledge followed by a song. This week's rendition of "After the Ball (with one verse variation)" was done with restrained and dignified gusto. The thought for the day was from Vince Lombard.

Rotarians with Guests:

JUDY COLEMAN's guest was her good friend Pat Harridan. OSCAR LUGO brought former Richmond Rotarian, Howard Martin.

Moving to the Blue Badge:

Congratulations to JUDY COLEMAN who presented her "Who Am I". JUDY recently rejoined Rotary. She shared recent events in her life including a new house, a new fiancé (wedding plans loom) and wonderful time to do so many things in her retirement. JUDY is part of Richmond Rotary's Chicago Connection.

Kudos to GEORGE EGAN who also presented his "Who Am I". GEORGE also rejoined Richmond Rotary. He has spent most of his life in Contra Costa County. He is a financial planner in Richmond and active in community events.

Recognitions:

Seems that I rushed MARKKU's departure as recognitions meister by one week. MR. PELANNE was in his usual fine form finding those who needed citations on occasions of birthdays and anniversaries. Among those in MARKKU's sights were DAVID NINOMIYA on the occasion of his anniversary; JOE NUSBAUM who played "Seventy-Six Trombones" as a clue to his birthday; DON HARDISON for his wedding anniversary and the opportunity to contribute to his daughter Jan's Paul Harris; our famous Italian member CHARLES WONG in honor of his 50th wedding anniversary and his daughter Roberta's Paul Harris; RICHARD ALEXANDER for his June 26 birthday and his support of the Community Fund; NORM FOLEY who is two trombones shy of JOE NUSBAUM and his contributions to the Community Fund; and finally, MARKKU himself whose birthday occasioned a significant contribution to his wife Mary's Paul Harris.

Everyone in Richmond Rotary thanks MARKKU for a job

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well done.

Happy & Sad \$5.00s:

BART WALLACE in honor of his son's success on the soccer field; CHARLES RAMSEY to congratulate the recent graduates from West Contra Costa County School District high schools; Father CHRIS WOERZ to commend the recent graduates from Salesian High School; MIKE FENLEY whose daughter received important recognition for her art from the School District as well as the championship of her softball team; JUDY COLEMAN who was glad that her "Who Am I" was over; DOUG STRAUS whose 4 year old daughter has happened upon a new 'theory of population growth; CHARLIE FENDER is proud of his granddaughter's high school graduation.

Program:

BOB NICCOLLS introduced our guest speakers, Lennis Lyon and John Weeks. Lennis is Program Manager of Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HI-CAP) in Contra Costa County. HI-CAP provides free help for seniors in the areas of medicare benefits, medicare supplements, HMOs and nursing home insurance. This not for profit program, which is sponsored by the Contra Costa County Office on Aging and the California Department of Aging, saved Contra Costa County seniors over \$170,000 in payments. Through a completely objective counseling program, seniors learn how to maximize medicare benefits; how to appeal denial of medicare; become informed about various HMOs and health care rights which can bring savings in prescriptions and other medications.

John Weeks, former Richmond Rotarian, shared his experiences as a volunteer to HI-CAP. Before one becomes a counselor in HI-CAP, an intensive, comprehensive training program must be completed. This training enables counselors to work with seniors in comparing insurance policies and HMOs; avoid overbuying; transfer coverages; learn about medicare programs in other states; and investigate coverage. John gave interesting and valuable illustrations of how seniors' lives have been improved thanks to the efforts of HI-CAP.

HI-CAP 's services are free of charge. Over the last year over 3,700 hours of volunteer services were provided by HI-CAP.

For more information about HI-CAP call 925-335-8731.

Thanks BOB for organizing a very worthwhile program.

Raffle:

RICHARD ALEXANDER and JIM SHATTOCK won bottles of something that looked very tasty.

Respectfully submitted
by your substitute scribbler,

JOE GREEN

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1999

DEMOTION



and 100% ATTENDANCE DAY (Group Picture)

Come one, come all, to help President JOHN NICOL celebrate the conclusion of twelve months at the helm of the Richmond Rotary Club. Don't miss the fun.

Chairman of the Day: JOE BAGLEY

LAST WEEK:

President JOHN NICOL led us in the pledge followed by "I Get No Kick From Champagne" in our best attempt at Frank Sinatra. JOHN then gave us a thought by Amelia Earhardt and a tidbit of trivia.

Visitors & Guests:

George Landau was visiting from the Belvedere/Tiburon club. We then learned that GEORGE EGAN got a bronze medal in the recent Pooch Pageant sponsored by the club. In fact, Richmond Rotarians brought home six medals. DON LAU's guest was his son Jordan. JUDY COLEMAN's guest was Pat Horrigan.

Announcements:

JOE NUSBAUM presented blue badges to JUDY COLEMAN and GEORGE EGAN. A funds report led us know we have over \$700 in the scholarship fund, over \$900 in the Community Fund and over \$16,000 in the Carl Reh fuss Fund. JUDY COLEMAN announced a fund raiser for the Richmond Plunge on Sunday, July 18. She also confessed that she had a birthday on June 13 and made a contribution to the Community Fund. JOE BAGLEY showed us a great drawing from kids at Washington School that came with a thank you for the \$100 donation towards their mural project. PREZ. JOHN had an unhappy announcement that GORDON MYERS will be leaving our club because he's being transferred to Seattle.

Happy \$\$\$

GORDON had a happy \$10 for being at Rotary and "Hi" and "Goodbye". We also learned that GORDON's replacement at the Salvation Army is a Rotarian. That's good news, but we will miss you GORDON! ELOF was back from a 4,000 mile trip where he met with the "D-Day Boys" for a 53rd reunion. RUSS SCHULZE was very happy to announce the birth of grand kid number seven. JOE NUSBAUM attended his 50th high school reunion. DAN SANDERS was happy for his son's 26th birthday. JOE BAGLEY reminded everyone that next week is PRESIDENT JOHN's demotion and 100% attendance day. JOE GREEN was happy to be a Rotarian and that he had such a great time at the Pooch Pageant.

Program:

JOE BAGLEY, armed with artful puns, introduced Jackie Landsman, the Bay Area corridor liaison with the High Speed Rail Commission. She also got into the spirit of the pun by informing us that she was going to "get us up to speed" on plans for the high speed rail in California. The Rail Commission was founded in 1994. The projected population growth in California over the next twenty years is going to be so significant, that improved transportation is a top priority. The rail system will have to be designed to compete with planes and cars.

Using projections with charts and outlines, Ms. Landsman informed us about the plans for a high speed rail system. Two possible technologies are being considered: The VHS (TGV) system that attains speeds of over 200 mph and the Maglev system that can travel over 300 mph. Currently the Maglev technology is not cost effective, but it may be in twenty years. They are planning a possible 20

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express trains daily, so there will be regular service. There are also many possibilities of routes up and down the state and the \$20-\$30 billion price tag seems high, but is really no more than building an airport. In fact, the airline industry welcomes an alternative transportation system because short distance flights are not nearly as cost effective as longer flights.

Jackie then discussed the cost and service differences in varying routes north of San Jose into San Francisco or into the East Bay. Projections indicate a higher ridership into San Francisco, but service into the East Bay is a less expensive project. There still needs to be considerable research until decisions can be effectively made. There is also the consideration of interfacing with existing systems such as BART and buses. The high speed system will not compete with local existing systems, but will coordinate. The final decision on how the routes will be designed is a trade off between convenience and cost. Ultimately, the plans for the new High Speed Rail System will not be to solve today's problems, but solve tomorrow's.



New "Blue Badgers"
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1999

"ROUND TABLE"



What will be happening this year? Come to this week's meeting as the 1999-2000 Board of Directors discuss their plans for the upcoming year.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1999

"STATE OF THE CITY"

ROSEMARY CORBIN
Mayor
City of Richmond

LAST WEEK:

President JOHN NICOL, rising to the occasion of presiding over his last meeting, led us in the pledge followed by the very appropriate "Fare Thee Well". JOHN then gave us a thought by Jackie Robinson and a bit of table fork history. Things went along very smoothly as long as one did not look at the contrast between JOHN's plaid jacket and incoming president DON LAU's Hawaiian shirt. Ouch, that hurt these artistically sensitive eyes!

Visitors & Guests:

Former Richmond Rotarian BOB MILLER was visiting from the Folsom club along with his cell mates Ken Stuart and Pat Geary (The Farkel trio from cell block C). STONEY's guest was Kevin Clark; NORM FOLEY's guest was his wife Bonnie; ELOF's guest was his lady friend Bettie; BOB MILLER's guest was his brother-in-law Vern; Judge DIANA SMITH's guest was former Rotarian Judge Bessie Dreibelbis.

Announcements:

PRESIDENT JOHN recognized and thanked the following Rotarians for their contributions during his presidency: JOE NUSBAUM, JOE BAGLEY, DAVE ALMEIDA, DON LAU, JOE KELMAN, STONEY, RICH BRANDES, RICHARD ALEXANDER, MICHAEL DOWNER, TED ABREU and JON LAWLIS. Each received a beautiful pocket knife engraved by OSCAR LUGO. Also acknowledged were ERLE BROWN and members of the auction committee. JOHN then bid us all "Goodbye!"

Demotion:

PP JOE BAGLEY (Joe Bags) and PP DAVE SMITH took over the show and immediately chastised outgoing PREZ "Don Rickles" NICOL that he didn't thank the demotion committee. They then launched into "PRESIDENT JOHN, This is Your Life", a presentation complete with slides of old family photos. We were treated to shots of JOHN as young as six months old as well as shots of him as a kid on a pony, with his parents and other fun shots. Perhaps the most revealing photo and story explained when JOHN got into the car biz. It seems that he was only 15 when he bought a car from his father for \$100 and resold it a few days later to his Aunt for \$150. Isn't free enterprise fantastic!

We also followed JOHN through his years in the Air

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Force and at 49er games. JOHN, who is infamous now for his participation in the annual Reno trips, went on his first trip in 1961. One of his many careers was a pit boss and there were plenty of sentimental and nostalgic Rotary and family shots. At that point the show really got under way -- ELOF, dressed in a kilt, celebrated JOHN's Scottish heritage. Did you know that Felicia said of her first impression of him that it "wasn't the gleam in his eye, it was the tilt in his kilt!"

Bob Miller then took the stage to inform us as to how JOHN NICOL has corrupted the Folsom Club over the years. He presented JOHN with some mementos including the infamous yellow shorts, a T-shirt and a postcard from Butch in cell block E. Finally, he presented JOHN a beautiful Rotary ceramic mug handmade by Cloud Design in Folsom. VP elect LESLIE LEVY followed up with a suggestion of a possible lawsuit resulting from JOHN's attempts to "pin" her. JOHN was then presented with a Norman Rockwell Family Songbook, so he can continue to expand his repertoire, a plaque and a pin commemorating his tenure as president. JOHN thanked everyone and introduced president elect DON LAU who in turn was "pinned" by JOHN. DON graciously accepted and then announced that the only people who drink more scotch than the Scotch are the Chinese. He then poured a round and raised a Hawaiian toast.

The festivities weren't quite over...HERB COLE has recently returned from the International Rotary Conference in Singapore. He reported that it was a great event and he had much fun.

Raffle:
The winners were GEORGE EGAN and Kevin Clark.

It has been a pleasure scribbling for y'all this past year.

Your loyal scribe,
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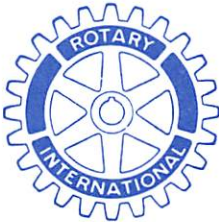
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1999

"Gun Control - Pros and Cons"

ANDRES SOTO

(This week's speaker will address issues of gun control from the perspective favoring restriction of access to weapons.)

The speaker this week is Andres Soto, Policy Director of The Trauma Foundation/Pacific Center for Violence Prevention, San Francisco. Mr. Soto will speak on reducing access to handguns and assault weapons and describe the Foundation. He was recommended to the program chair by Handgun Control, Inc.

Mr. Soto is a Richmond resident and attended public school in Richmond. From 1983 until 1991, he served the City as the Program Coordinator of the Bilingual Job Development and Summer Youth Employment programs. From 1991 until 1996, Mr. Soto was the Program Manager of the PACT Violence Prevention Project operated by the Contra Costa County Health Services Department. He has held his present position since 1996.

Mr. Soto has made numerous presentations to community groups, conferences, universities, etc., and has given learned lectures at the School of Public Health at UC Berkeley; the International Injury Prevention and Control Conference at Amsterdam, The Netherlands; the Annual Citizens Conference to End Gun Violence held at Washington D.C. (1994 through 1998); and to the American Public Health Association's meetings in 1997 (Indianapolis) and 1998 (Washington D.C.).

Mr. Soto holds an AB degree in Political Science from UC Berkeley and an AS degree from Contra Costa College (with honors) in Administration of Justice.

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN

Door Duty: DONNA BELL and GEORGE WACKER

"Gun Control - Pros and Cons"

EDWARD WORLEY

National Rifle Association

This week's speaker will address issues of gun control from the NRA perspective.

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN

Door Duty: GARY BELL and DONNA URIYU

LAST WEEK:

It was another quiet week at the friendly Richmond Rotary. Due to unfortunate circumstances President Lau had to leave the meeting early. The proceedings were managed under the very capable direction of David (prominent Past President or PPP to his friends) Smith. After the pledge, we heard from David Brown who delivered the words of the day from the 82nd Psalm.

Announcements: The community Service committee will be meeting on August 9 at Judy (the affianced) Coleman's house in Point Richmond. For details, please call Judy.

The Membership Committee will be on August 10 at 4:30 p.m. at Bob Niccolls house. If you plan to attend, please contact Bob as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Gloria Johnston who made the transition from red badge to blue badge.

September 19th will be Rotary Family Day at Marine World in Vallejo. Michael Downer and Bart Wallace will be providing details in the near future.

Visiting Rotarians: Nicholas Mancus who is originally from Richmond, visited us from Benin in Africa. Nicholas is a commodities trader in that country. He is an officer in his Rotary Club and presented us with a flag from his club. Mark Scott from El Cerrito. Former Richmond Rotarian Tim Thomason visited us from Pompano Beach, Florida.

Guest: Chief Assistant Deputy Public Defender of Contra Costa County, Suzanne Chapot.

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Happy and Sad Dollars: David Smith was happy to announce that his visiting Rotary Scholar, Rebecca Beasley, completed her Ph.D. in English. David's new scholar, Fernando, just started a Ph.D. program at UC-Berkeley.

Visiting Rotarian Tim (Have Some More Coffee) Thomason fresh from the completion of Perfect Political Correction Class was happy, happy, happy, happy, happy, happy, happy, happy to be back to the Richmond Rotary. Special commendations to Leslie Levy for being such a good sport.

Hank (Another Italian Stallion) shared his exciting plans for a family reunion of his clan in Italy. Hank, that town which starts with an M is so small that I am writing this from the optometrist after straining my eyes trying to find the place on the map. Anyway, bonna aventura.

Congratulations to Jeff Nathanson and the Richmond Museum of Art who have put their excellent display "Spaces of Nature" on a wider map with an exhibit recently mounted in Pasadena.

Herb Cole is on his way to Texas for an extended visit. Herb is going to Texas in the summer to remember why he left the place. Along the way there will be a 100th birthday party for his grandmother.

Program: David Brown introduced Contra Costa County's Public Defender, David Coleman. Mr. Coleman was recently appointed to his position after having been involved in the public defender work for more than 25

years. His report was entitled "Why and How Can We Defend THOSE People?" Mr. Brown provided us with a historical review of the Clarksburg Boys and Gideon law cases which brought about the Constitutional right of providing free legal Counsel. The Public Defender's office helps to create a fairer field between defendants and plaintiffs in criminal law cases.

The Contra Costa County Public Defenders Office employs 70 employees and a support staff who were engaged in over 22,000 cases in 1998. The office brings about an economy of scale by finding various ways to expedite cases and discovering innovations in processing investigations. Mr. Coleman stated that the office saves taxpayers over \$400,000 per year.

People who are receiving representation from the Contra Costa County enter the court with the knowledge that their case is being handled professionally and competently. Seventy years ago this might not have happened. Because of a tendency to dramatize unusual and disturbing events, the Public Defender's office does not always receive the commendations that it might under other circumstances. Mr. Coleman stated that defendants receive service that is generally quite good. The attorneys in his office are dedicated to the idea of public defense and have a median tenureship of 11 years. A review of the speech by Assistant District Attorney Robert Kochly and Public Defender David Coleman will show that justice is being well served in Contra Costa County.

Respectfully submitted,
Mean Joe Green, Your Friendly Scribe

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 1999

"Gun Control - Pros and Cons"

EDWARD WORLEY

National Rifle Association

The speaker this week is Ed Worley of the National Rifle Association. Ed holds a Bachelors Degree in Management Information Systems and worked for a Fortune 500 Bank in Southern California developing specialized banking software and computers.

Ed has been involved in the civil rights movement since 1989, when he volunteered to fight a California firearms ban. He's worked as volunteer with NRA Field Support Team recruiting new members, teaching firearms safety and helping Sportsmens clubs in Southern California. He is a life member of the National Rifle Association.

Ed is a NRA Certified Firearms Instructor in Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Personal Protection. He is also a graduate of law enforcement related schools in tactical handgun, tactical shotgun and tactical rifle. He enjoys shooting tactical matches and long range rifle competition. He is a published author of articles on firearms training. Ed has been with NRA's Institute for Legislative Action in Sacramento since January, 1991. He is currently the California Grass Roots Coordinator working the State and Local Division responsible for coordinating with all the NRA affiliates on election and legislative issues.

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Door Duty: GARY BELL and DONNA URIYU

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1999

BILL LOCKYER

State Attorney General

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN

Door Duty: RICH BRANDES and DAN TANITA

LAST WEEK:

President DON (Happy) LAU called another meeting of the friendly Richmond Rotary together in the kid's room at the Mira Vista Country Club. Don pointed out that a

cloudy day can be made sunny whenever Rotary meets. Following the pledge, DAVID (no ham here) BROWN delivered more words of wisdom from the world's most prolific author, Anonymous. Please remember the following, "The difference between 'involvement' and 'commitment' is like a ham and eggs breakfast: the chicken was 'involved' -- the pig was 'committed'."


Visiting Rotarians: Gary Buffon.

Rotarians with Guests: Dr. DAN TANITA brought a new staff member from his office, Dr. Charlene Chen. JEFF NATHANSON'S guest was the new business manager from the Richmond Art Center, Ms. Betty Ingram. Scott Nicol, PAST PRESIDENT JOHN'S son, joined us. DAVID BROWN'S guest was attorney Joshua Genser.

Recognition: JIM BEAVER assessed all those not wearing the Rotary pin a fine of \$2.00 each. The pot was overflowing. Nice work, Jim. Happy Birthday to WALTER WOLFFS. Walter is the oldest member of Richmond Rotary and has been a member of the club since 1936. Walter has passed his ninth decade and is looking forward to the new millennium.

Congratulations to our newest bride JUDY COLEMAN. The very smart Judy took the hand of the handsome Victor Kafka the first weekend in August. Judy met Victor through the personals and found someone who also liked to bicycle and spin wheels in many other ways. All of us in Richmond Rotary wish Judy and Victor nothing but a long and prosperous life together.

Happy and Sad Dollars: JIM BEAVER had a mixed bag. He is happy to be going to LA but sad that he doesn't even care if he misses a Dodgers game. JIM SHATTOCK is pleased to celebrate daughter Michelle's latest birthday. TOM BUTT is delighted to announce Richmond's success in securing grants toward the restoration of the Ford Plant as well as other projects in the City. JEFF NATHANSON received an award for his outstanding achievement in the Bay Area art community. DONNA URIYU-MCCAIN reported that the Richmond-SF Ferry service is definitely scheduled to begin service in September. ERLE BROWN chipped in a couple of bucks in sympathy for the mentally and physically handicapped football players from UCLA. Dr. Chen provided us with a paid commercial from the dental offices of Dr. DAN TANITA. Dr. DAN matched Dr. Chen's contribution.

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Announcements: HANK COVELL is Chair, once again, for the Rotary Night at Masquers Playhouse. The event will take place on Thursday, September 23. The event includes dinner at the Hotel Mac. More information is forthcoming.

Saturday, September 25th will be Rotary Day at Marine World in Vallejo. BART WALLACE and MICHAEL DOWNER will be providing details soon.

Unfortunately, JERRY CULLEN is not doing very well. A get well card was circulated among club members.

Program: Program Chair DAVID BROWN is presenting a new concept in programs for Richmond Rotary — controversial topics from at least two points of view with each side having its say at two separate meetings. The first foray in this idea is a discussion of the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution which reads, “A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” That statement has been cause for controversy and interpretation for the past several decades. Our guest speaker, Andres Soto, discussed the efforts of handgun control organizations such as the Pacific Center for Violence Prevention where he is policy director.

Mr. Soto pointed out the strong lobby for gun ownership is relatively new in the United States. Personal ownership of weapons had been attributed to the fact that the United States did not maintain a large military force until the First World War. Individuals owned guns and

belonged to organizations such as the NRA as a way of maintaining marksmanship.

With the outbreak of World War II, the United States organized a significant military presence. The need for individual ownership of guns for a private militia shifted to the idea that guns were necessary for personal safety and security. Mr. Soto continued his comments by pointing out that the kind of gun owned by individuals went from revolver type issues to assault weapons. With the onset of assault weapons, we are now confronted with mass shootings such as we’ve recently seen in Littleton and Atlanta. The anti-gun groups approach to his situation is to deal with gun control as a public health issue. When public safety is equated with public health, a drop in the homicide rate is experienced. Recent statistics can validate Mr. Soto’s assertions. He also pointed out that with the increase of police officers now on the scene, the murder rate has been significantly reduced. Mr. Soto gave examples of why guns are now considered a threat to public safety rather than a deterrent to crime. He is encouraged by changes that have been made in gun laws both in California and nationally. He believes that much more work needs to be done. Too many loopholes in the law still exist and that the National Rifle Association continues to be an almost overwhelming force in attempts to make for stronger anti-gun legislation.

Raffle: CHARLIE FENDER and JEFF NATHANSON won six packs of British beer.

Adios amigos,
Aorro Verde, Your Scribe

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1999

"The Greatest Generation"

BILL LOCKYER

State Attorney General

Bill Lockyer was elected as California's 30th Attorney General last November and began his term this January. As Attorney General, he acts as California's chief law enforcement officer and works to ensure justice for all Californians.

Mr. Lockyer was first elected to the State Assembly in 1973 to represent the East San Francisco Bay Area. He moved to the State Senate in 1982. From 1994 to 1998 he served as President Pro Tempore of the California Senate. In the legislature, Mr. Lockyer was instrumental in passage of hundreds of laws toughening California criminal laws, protecting civil rights, lowering taxes and enhancing education and school safety.

A native of Oakland, Mr. Lockyer is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and received a secondary teaching credential from California State University at Hayward. He completed his law degree at McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific.

Mr. Lockyer has been consistently recognized as one of California's most skilled public officials. He was named legislator of the year in 1996 by the California Planning and Conservation League for work on environmental protection. He received the same honor from the California Journal in 1997 for all-around legislative excellence.

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN

Door Duty: RICH BRANDES and DAN TANITA

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 1999

"Club Assembly" **BOARD MEMBERS**

Chairperson of the Day: DON LAU

Door Duty: DAVID BROWN and DOUG STRAUS

LAST WEEK:

Many people, including President DON LAU, could not make an appearance this particular Friday. Amazing what that old fear, Triskaidekaphobia, can do. Our President-elect, LESLIE LEVY, did an admirable job conducting the meeting. After the pledge, LESLIE shared these words from former Supreme Court Justice, Felix Frankfurter, "The words of the Constitution...are so unrestricted by their intrinsic meaning or by their history or by tradition or by prior decisions that they leave the individual Justice free, if indeed they do not compel him, to gather meaning not from reading the Constitution but from reading life."

Rotarians with Guests:

BOB NICCOLLS wife, LaVonne, joined us. ELOF GRANBERG's daughter, Sandra, came all the way from British Columbia for the meeting. For a supporting cast, LESLIE LEVY brought her secretary Michelle and good friend Michael Haas.

Recognitions:

DAVID SMITH is feeling lucky on his birthday, August 13th. STONEY STONEWORK is celebrating another birthday and his 35th wedding anniversary to the same woman. DAVID SMITH is laying low for LOREN STRAUGHN in honor of his birthday. Apparently, there are deep dark secrets that Carole Straughn feels must be disclosed concerning LOREN. Stay tuned for details. MICHAEL (you haven't heard the last from me) DOWNER is celebrating his 4th wedding anniversary after a ten year courting of his wife. Time did not allow MICHAEL DOWNER to inform us why it took him so long to finally tie the knot. Congratulations to Shelly Ross and GARY BELL on the formal announcement of their engagement. GARY found out about it by reading the newspaper. At least, that is what he told us. MIKE and Cindy WINTER celebrated a wedding anniversary.

Happy & Sad Dollars:

MARKKU PELANNE is happy to be home after his triumphal European tour. MICHAEL (you still ain't heard the last from me) DOWNER received his pilot's license. DAVID K had a wonderful fishing trip in Alaska and for once did not have to tell us about the one that got away. MICHAEL READY is very proud of his step-daughter for the awards she won for her dancing at a national contest in Las Vegas. GARY BELL is happy to be one of just 12 candidates running for Richmond City Council. The final date has closed. After a six month courtship, DONNA URIYU-McCAIN, is happy to report that Grace Baking will be moving to Richmond. BILL WAHBEH is looking forward to an upcoming camping

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trip. Sandy Granberg is happy to announce that her father, ELOF, will be turning 80 very soon. Our condolences to STONEY STONEWORK on the passing of his father.

Announcements:

- MICHAEL (there will be more) DOWNER told us that the annual Rotary Day at Marine World in Vallejo will be held on September 25th. To reserve your spot contact MICHAEL as soon as possible.
- HANK COVELL is organizing the annual Rotary Night at the Masquers Playhouse. The event is scheduled for September 23rd.

Program:

Part 2 of the programs dealing with gun control was held on Friday 13th. LESLIE LEVY introduced Edward Worley, grass roots coordinator for National Rifle Association. This presentation was the alternative to gun control proponents as presented by Andres Soto on August 6th.

Mr. Worley indicated that in the very limited amount of time afforded him he would try to provide an accurate overview of the gun control debate. In order to simplify issues the media polarizes perceptions of a controversial subject such as gun control. Mr. Worley called for a civility in our discussions as a means of reaching understanding. At the outset, he pointed out that he too, is sick about senseless killings such as Grenada Hills, or Atlanta or Columbine. However, he asserts that the problem must be traced to the lack of enforcement and surveillance more than the availability of guns. Too many times in too many ways, the law enforcement community has not been vigilant in pursuing potential criminals or prosecuting felons for known offenses. He cited the high number of felons who possess weapons (a criminal offense) who are arrested.

Mr. Worley outlined several of the educational programs that the NRA supports such as the "Eddie Eagle Gun Safety" which is designed to provide youngsters with background of respecting firearms. He also told us about the "Refuse to Be a Victim" initiative which informs the public of options and strategies for personal protection. The National Rifle Association also supports, politically and financially, measures that reinforce strict law enforcement. He cited passage of the "3 strikes" law; parole blockage; and Project Exile in Virginia as examples of plans that reduce violence by keeping criminals from doing more harm.

In recent years, according to Edward Worley, there has been a blurring of the issues concerning the cause of violence. Movies and books which glorify violence and bloodshed are allowed to desensitize individuals to the impact of taking lives misrepresent NRA's stance on the use of guns. He went on to indicate that a great deal of misinformation and inconsistency has moved into the debate concerning gun control. He used the language in Senator Peralta's bill concerning gun control to identify that the definition of assault weapons and concealed weapons are easily challenged and that the law really would not contribute to the public safety. He repeated that the key to assure that communities are safer places is better enforcement and prosecution of existing laws. When asked, "If the Founding Fathers had lived during a time of assault weapons such as we now do, would they have passed the Second Amendment?", Mr Worley replied, "Yes".

Raffle: Birthday boy ELOF won both bottles.

Humbly submitted by your late scribe,
Typo Verde (Guiseppe's evil cousin)

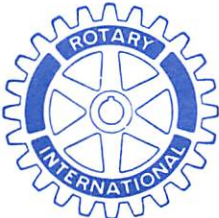
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1999

"WestNET"

GEORGE DRISCOLL

The speaker this week is George Driscoll, Task Force Commanding Officer of WestNET, the West Contra Costa County Narcotic Enforcement Team. Mr. Driscoll will describe the operations of the multi-agency task force and its role in law enforcement here in West County.

Mr. Driscoll began his career in law enforcement in 1979 with the City of Alameda Police Department, where he served until 1984. At that time, he joined the California Department of Justice Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) as a Special Agent in the Special Operations Unit of the San Francisco Regional Office. In 1989, he was assigned as commander of the Lake County Task Force. From 1992 to 1996, Mr. Driscoll returned as supervisor of the Special Operations Unit of the San Francisco Regional Office. From 1996 until now, George Driscoll has worked as Task Force Commander of WestNET.

Mr. Driscoll holds a Bachelor's Degree from CSU Hayward in Criminal Justice Administration, and a Master's from the same school in Public Administration/Police Management.

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN

Door Duty: TOM ARTZ and MICHAEL WINTER

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1999

"Children's Interview Center"

ROBERT J. KOCHLY

Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney
Contra Costa County

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN

Door Duty: JOE BAGLEY and BART WALLACE

LAST WEEK:

As we gazed across the mist emanating from the San Francisco Bay, President DON (It's Casual) LAU called us together for what can only be described as his first regular meeting as our new President. It's been a long time when every dish served at the Club tasted like chicken. It was remarkable. Congratulations PRESIDENT DON. It was a pleasant to see a lot of former faces re-emerging. Keep up the good work.

Although there was no singing, PRESIDENT DON did play a recording (a small portion anyway) of "In-A-Gadda Da-Vida" as he long had threatened to do. DON used that song recorded in the late '60s to reminisce about his first introduction to Rotary and the honor it now is to be President of Richmond Rotary.

DOUG STRAUS led us in the pledge followed by no song. The word of the day delivered by DAVID BROWN was from Steve Wright, "Smoking takes care of weight problems -- eventually."

Guests:




JUDY COLEMAN's guests were Joan Michaulski and Becky Turman.

Recognitions:

During the Chinese Cultural Revolution references were often made to the "Gang of Four". Richmond Rotary has the discount version -- "The Gang of Three" composed of three former Rotary president -- DOUG STRAUS, DAVID SMITH and JIM BEAVER.

The "Gang" gave out citations to TED ABREU in honor of his 64th birthday; JOHN MEDLOCK on his big, hotsy-totsy promotion. HERB COLE leaked the news about JOHN and was asked to match JOHN's contribution; upon the occasion of his wedding anniversary, WERNER SCHWARZ agreed to kick in a dollar for each happy year of marriage. This year WERNER had an unsolicited comment from Leah (wonderful invention that cell phone) and settled up with a healthy contribution.

Kudos to Judge DIANA BECTON SMITH who did her "Who Am I" as part of earning her blue badge. DIANA is a product of the East Bay. She was born and reared in Oakland. She has a long time commitment to Richmond having worked for various City agencies including the Housing Authority. She has been Attorney at Law since

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the '80s and worked for fellow Rotarian RICHARD ALEXANDER for several years before her appointment as Judge in 1995. She is active in County and Statewide judicial associations. DIANA lives with her husband and two sons in the East Richmond Hills. She has a wide variety of interests including sports and reading. We are delighted to have DIANA in Richmond Rotary.

Announcements:

- DAN READY is home from the hospital. According to son, MIKE, DAN is not up to receiving visitors but he would enjoy phone calls from fellow Rotarians. Get well soon DAN! The severe gravity of ELOF GRANBERG's medical procedures were slightly exaggerated inasmuch as ELOF was with us on July 9. ELOF looked his usual self and we are glad that he is feeling better.
- ELOF reminds all Rotarians that the deadline for placing orders for the group photo taken on June 25 is August 13th. The cost of the picture is \$12.00. How much are the negatives? Anyone who would like to buy a photo should contact ELOF immediately. ELOF's number is 237-2099.
- JOE GREEN distributed information concerning door duty. Anyone who needs a copy of the listing should contact JOE at 620-6554.


Program:

We were very fortunate to have Richmond's Mayor Rosemary Corbin kick off the new Presidential term. Mayor Corbin was introduced by DAVID BROWN. Mayor Corbin stated that a short time had passed since she met with the Rotary to discuss the State of the City.

Instead she chose to speak about special initiatives that the City is now working on and that would be of interest to Richmond Rotary. She mentioned the following:

- * The continued need to work on restoring Richmond City Property revenues to the City that have been taken by the State. Although the City's financial picture is improving, we are a long way from being altogether financially stable.
- * \$4.1 million grant from HUD will underwrite the cost of developing an Urban Transit Village. This project, to be located in the Iron Triangle, is designed to revitalize Richmond's inner core. The mixed use project will bring affordable housing, commercial development and City offices to an economically depressed area. The idea of an Urban Transit Village is a reintroduction of the old concept of getting people to live near transportation corridors.
- * Richmond is the only City in the State that has been named a Millennium Community. Mayor Corbin identified several projects tied to that designation including the family scrapbook program; the Millennium multi-cultural festival set for September 18; the Contra Costa Arts Column; awards to Richmond individuals and businesses for historic preservation; and Richmond Quilt 2000. There will be a meeting on July 21 at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers to review information about the Millennium Community program.

The program concluded with Mayor Corbin being named an Honorary Richmond Rotarian for 1999-2000.
Humbly submitted, Your infernal scribe,
JOE GREEN

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1999

“Children’s Interview Center”

ROBERT J. KOCHLY

Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney
Contra Costa County

The speaker this week is Robert J. Kochly, Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney, Contra Costa County. Mr. Kochly will discuss the Contra Costa County District Attorney’s Children’s Interview Center.

Bob Kochly has worked in the Contra Costa County District Attorney’s office since 1973. He has worked in virtually every aspect of the office - from misdemeanors to felonies and drunk drivings to homicides, of which he has personally prosecuted 17. He has served as supervisor of many of the office’s operations. He currently supervises operations in the Central-Eastern Area, as well as the Special Prosecutions Units (Juvenile, Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Drug Unit and Welfare and Insurance Fraud). Those in the know suspect that Bob Kochly may succeed the current District Attorney, Gary Yancey, upon Gary’s retirement in a couple of years.

Mr. Kochly holds a Bachelor’s Degree from USF, and graduated magna cum laude from USF School of Law.

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN

Door Duty: JOE BAGLEY and BART WALLACE

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 30, 1999

“Why (And How) We Defend Those People”

DAVID COLEMAN

PUBLIC DEFENDER
Contra Costa County

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN

Door Duty: JIM BEAVER and BILL WAHBEH

LAST WEEK:

In what can only be considered as the shortest time in office prior to taking a well deserved vacation, DON (Laid Back) LAU turned the meeting over to Past President DOUG (I’m all that was left) STRAUS. DON had a commitment to go to Disneyland with the U.S. women’s soccer team.

TOM McGOWAN led us in the pledge followed by these words delivered by DAVID BROWN, “A human being should be able to change a diaper, plan an invasion, butcher a hog, conn a ship, design a building, write a sonnet, balance accounts, build a wall, set a bone, comfort the dying, take orders, give orders, cooperate, act alone, solve equations, analyze a new problem, pitch manure, program a computer, cook a tasty meal, fight efficiently and die gallantly. Specialization is for insects.” Robert Heinlein wrote that!

Guests: TOM ARTZ’ guest was his lovely wife Kathleen and DAVID ALMEIDA brought his handsome son Christopher to the meeting. Welcome!

Announcements: Congratulations to JOHN (in a mellow tone) NICOL who received his past President badge at our meeting on the 16th.

Recognitions:

How quickly they leave! The Gang of Three was reduced to one. Not only did DOUG STRAUS get saddied with presiding over the meeting, he had to hand out citations too. Special recognition was delivered to JUDGE HIRAMOTO on the occasion of her tenth wedding anniversary. TOM McGOWAN was recognized for his recent victory as Master Mariner for the second year in a row. I believe I heard that JOHN MEDLOCK assisted TOM in this effort. Well done one and all!

In a more poignant moment, TOM ARTZ was cited for putting his guest, Kathleen, to work at the door. All Richmond Rotarians felt this was a correct action and commended DOUG STRAUS for his gallantry. TOM, we don’t care if you were commandeered.

Happy and Sad Dollars:

- JUDY COLEMAN is happy that remodeling on her new house is moving apace. She plans to have the place looking very spiffy by the next millennium.
- JONI HIRAMOTO is very proud of her son, soon to be a

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- third grader, for his outstanding academic performances.
- JONATHAN LAWLIS is extremely pleased to announce that once again his company broke all records for the past quarter. Also, JONATHAN thanks everyone for their interest and concern for his wife.
 - DOUG STRAUS could not help but brag about the exploits of his 4 year old daughter who now has a career planned as a choreographer. Her first ballet is "Swan Lake in Egypt".
 - BOB NICCOLLS was happy to return to Rotary after a pleasant vacation. BOB paid a small penalty for sharing a politically (but amusing) incorrect joke with us.
 - All Richmond Rotarians pass along condolences to BOB GORDON on the passing of his father. Out thoughts are with you.

Program:
DAVID BROWN introduced Mr. George Driscoll to Richmond Rotary. Mr. Driscoll is Task Force Commanding Officer of the West Contra Costa County Narcotic Enforcement Team (WestNET). WestNET is a multi-agency task force that deals directly in drug enforcement as well as supporting the efforts of the Gang and Violence Task Force.

WestNET is a product of the U.S. Justice Department's Drug Enforcement Agency. The primary mission of WestNET is to support local efforts in detecting and attacking mid range violators. DEA and local law enforcement agencies in the Greater Richmond area are aware that the scope of drug enforcement problems has grown beyond the ability of any one organization to

manage. By pooling local resources under the coordination of WestNET drug enforcement takes on a regional aspect in controlling the activities of the 26 gangs now recognized as doing business in the Greater Richmond area. In very carefully chosen words, Mr. Driscoll outlined how WestNET works undercover to try to keep a significant problem at bay.


WestNET is a covert operation. George Driscoll provided an overview of the drug enforcement issues now faced by localities as well as the nation. However, because of the nature of his work, details could not be provided. For example, WestNET works from a storefront somewhere in the Greater San Francisco Bay Area. WestNET operatives work in rotation and change locations regularly. We are not certain just how WestNET gets the job done, but, statistically, we do know that WestNET is making an impact on drug enforcement in this region.

George Driscoll's remarks reminded me of that old line from the CIA, "I could tell you more, but then I would have to....".

His remarks were provocative and unsettling. We all have much work to do.

Raffle: TOM MCGOWAN and someone else won.

Respectfully submitted,
Your ever aspiring scribe,
Giuseppe Verdi

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 30, 1999

“Why (And How) We Defend Those People”

DAVID COLEMAN
PUBLIC DEFENDER
Contra Costa County

The speaker this week is David Coleman, Contra Costa County Public Defender. Mr. Coleman will discuss why we have a Public Defender's office; how it is structured, and who *those people* are - the community of clients represented by the PD.

Mr. Coleman was appointed Public Defender in April of this year, succeeding Charles James in that position. Mr. Coleman was Chief Assistant Public Defender from 1989 until his appointment, and, from 1974 until 1989, held successively more responsible positions in the office, starting out as Deputy IV. From 1972 until 1974, Mr. Coleman was an attorney with the National Housing and Economic Development Law Center at UC Berkeley.

Mr. Coleman holds a Bachelor's degree (with honors) from Yale, and a law degree from Harvard Law School. He has served on numerous professional committees, including the Judicial Council, and is an Adjunct Professor at Boalt Hall, the law school at UC Berkeley. He is also the author of several learned articles on subject associated with the practice of criminal law.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1999

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN

Door Duty: DONNA BELL and GEORGE WACKER

LAST WEEK

It was another quiet week at the friendly Richmond Rotary. DON (I'm Away) LAU called the meeting to order which was quickly followed by the Pledge directed by Past President RALPH HILL.

Steven Wright's words as spoken by DAVID BROWN were, "It's a good thing we have gravity else when birds died they'd just stay right up there. Hunters would be all confused." Something certainly worth a short ponder. That pondering made me wonder why we drive on the parkway and park on the driveway.

Recognitions:

DON (Love that Disney) LAU had a wonderful visit to Anaheim. Space Mountain beckoned only 19 times. DAVID (No Fan of Vegas) SMITH and family returned from Nevada with awards that his wife and daughter had won for outstanding performances in a dance competition. Congratulations to DAVID, Mary Ruth and Anna for their success which has been recognized nationally.




Congratulations to JOE BAGLEY who made a successful surprise visit to his parents in Chicago. It was a sixtieth wedding anniversary of JOE's parents and the 80th birthday of JOE's father. We are all very glad that JOE's parents were home when JOE arrived. Surprises can work in many wonderful ways.

Program:

DAVID BROWN introduced our guest speaker Mr. Robert Kochly. Mr. Kochly has been with the Prosecutor's Office for several years and has managed a number of jobs within that organization. Presently, he is Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney for Contra Costa County.

Mr. Kochly has oversight for a wide variety of criminal investigations and prosecutions but perhaps the most difficult job has been the challenge of child abuse cases. Mr. Kochly discussed his experience in putting together the Multi Disciplinary Interview Center also known as the Children's Interview Center. The primary purpose of the Center is to centralize interviewing of children who are the alleged victims of sexual and other forms of abuse.

A wide variety of the individuals are involved in these cases. They range from law enforcement officers to social

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workers to physicians to lawyers and the lawyers representing defendants. Prior to the establishment of the Center, children could have been subjected to as many as five interviews, all dealing with the same case.

In the January, 1998, the Multi Disciplinary Interview Center was established. The Center is child friendly. Lots of color, careful use of lights and child sized furniture are employed. Also, toys and playthings are made available all with the idea that children will be more readily accessible in a place where they feel comfortable.

The procedure for interviewing involves the multi-disciplines of law enforcement, social work, psychology and child development into one interview which is conducted by a trained forensic interviewer. All interviews are taped and can be used in various trials. The process has proved to be productive in expediting trials with evidence collected in a more cohesive manner. All parties, especially the children, go through a very difficult process in a better way than had previously been tried.

At least 187 interviews have been conducted at the Center since its inception. By all reports this new concept has been successful and creates a model for other law enforcement agencies.

Raffle:
In a rare and questionable display of very good luck, JOE BAGLEY and BART WALLACE won the raffle. The curiosity in this victory arises from the fact that JOE and BART also had door duty on July 23. What are the odds?

Hasta Luego,
Zorro Verde

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"Club Assembly" BOARD MEMBERS

Your 1999-2000 Board of Directors will give the members an overview of the upcoming year.

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Door Duty: DAVID BROWN and DOUG STRAUS

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1999

"County Education Department" HOWARD COHEN

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN
Door Duty: ERLE BROWN and LOREN STRAUGHN

LAST WEEK:

It was a real pleasure to see a large turnout of Richmond Rotarians at the Mira Vista Country Club. President DON (In Fine Form) LAU called the meeting to order followed by the pledge. DAVID BROWN's gem of the day was from George Washington Carver, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of those who are weaker than you - because someday, you will be all of these."

Visiting Rotarian:

CHARLIE WONG introduced Captain Lanny French of the Salvation Army. Lanny recently relocated to Richmond-El Sobrante after a 5 year stint with the Salvation Army in Napa.

Guests:

We had several guests at this meeting. I hope everyone receives credit. RICHARD ALEXANDER's guest was Judge Harlan Grossman. CHARLES RAMSEY introduced Berkeley City Council Member, Herman Blackman. TOM BUTT was pleased to introduce Richmond's Mayor Rosemary Corbin. JONATHAN LAWLIS brought his son, Nicholas. DON LAU's guests were former Assemblymember Bob Campbell and Glen Price, now on the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board. JOE NUSBAUM escorted his walking buddies Henry Linker and Sam and Rose Geneberg. DAVID BROWN

introduced Elsa Ortiz who is Special Assistant to the Attorney General. Greetings as well to former Rotarian Bessie Dreibelbis.

Recognitions:

El Davido Smith, the most flamboyant of the 3 recognizers, was chomping at the bit to collect after a few weeks of little or no recognizing. Happy Birthday to BUD MARTIN. My notes are a little fuzzy on this next one. Not sure whether JOHN MEDLOCK was out to lunch or taken out to lunch for his birthday. Congratulations to ELOF GRANBERG on his 80th birthday. ELOF, how old would you be if you didn't know old you were? BOB NICCOLLS marked another birthday. DAN SANDERS was proud to announce his natality. MALCOLM and Jo LEE enjoyed marking their 30th anniversary. It was JIM and Jane BEAVER's 19th wedding (not weeding) anniversary. TOM and Kathleen ARTZ marked their 16th anniversary.

Happy & Sad Dollars:

ELOF GRANBERG was sad that we did not sing "Happy Birthday" for him. DAVID SMITH and several other Rotarians were so happy that we did not sing happy birthday for ELOF that they matched his donation. DON MILLER has happily relocated to Napa after selling his local property. DAVID BROWN was pleased to report that his law office partner, Barbara Lanier, was safe in Turkey after the earthquake. DAVID explained the virtues of being lost 200 mile from the epicenter.

Announcements:

JEFF NATHANSON is looking for a few volunteers to assist with creating Rotary's mural at the September 18th Richmond Multi-Cultural Festival. At least 6 individuals who can wield a paint brush are needed. Please contact JEFF at 620-6772 if you are interested in participating. MICHAEL DOWNER now has raffle tickets available for Rotary Day at Marine World on September 25. Several spectacular prizes included in the raffle. I understand that a trip on the Space Shuttle and several weeks at a spa in Tahiti are being offered. Buy early and often.

Condolences to WERNER SCHWARZ on his mother's passing.

Program:

DAVID SMITH introduced Bill Lockyer. Mr. Lockyer was recently elected California's Attorney General after a very distinguished career in the State Assembly and Senate. Mr. Lockyer noted that he spends significant time with politicians. In his musings he thinks about politicians at the national level. He draws comparisons between these officials and various plants. Some

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examples are: Bill Clinton-strawberries (Always growing, easily damaged but quickly repaired with a lot of fumigation.); Pat Buchanan-algae (Slimy, thrives in ooze but dries up and blows away with the wind.); Ted Kennedy-figs (Round around the middle, full of pith, can be found in many bars.); Willie Brown-sweet corn (Large golden kernels surrounded by much greenery. Sucks all the nutrients from those around it.); Strom Thurmond-Indian corn (Oldest known vegetable in the Western Hemisphere.); Pete Wilson-iceberg lettuce (Very large head, difficult to ship East.).

General Lockyer introduced his job as akin to herding cats. He is responsible for over 1000 lawyers who work in a wide variety of assignments including, environmental protection, criminal and civil law, consumer protection, civil rights, insurance and taxation.

Lockyer stated that he would entertain questions about the work of his office after he shared his thoughts for the day on one of favorite topics - "The Greatest Generation". Taking his theme from Tom Brokaw's book, he wanted us to take time each day to remember the contributions of those men and women who were molded and tempered by the Great Depression and World War II. These people, from all classes, represent the clearest definition of sacrifice for common good. We tend to remember the dead from wars at the expense of those who survived and returned to build for themselves and their country. The "greatest generation", now mostly in their 70s and 80s, should be recognized as the builders of modern America. Our great highways, our extraordinary cities, our beautiful parks, our monumental buildings, our educational system and anything else that we can

attribute to what makes the United States a world power must go to these people. Now this group is passing on at a rate of about 3,400 per month - some in quiet desperation. If we are to continue being strong, we must remember and embrace the examples set by the "greatest generation".

Mr. Lockyer answered various questions as per the following: Proposition 187 on immigration in many respects is invalid and is being revised to eliminate the components that are unconstitutional. He did state that the proposition was approved by the referendum and would be continued to be enforced within legal guidelines. Proposition 209 on affirmative action has been legally tested and is valid. The Attorney General's office is limited in actions it can take concerning high gas prices. However, the office is reviewing the matter and if price gouging can be detected, appropriate action will be taken. The medical marijuana law is legal but does not pass the "giggle test". It must be fine tuned in order to work effectively. The two major challenges facing California over the next 25 years are growth and diversity. Our success as a state will be determined in how well we manage living, learning and working together.

Raffle:

JOHN MEDLOCK and Rose G. were the big winners this week.

Humbly submitted by
Giuseppe Del Monte,
Your proud scribe and inventor of fruit
cocktail

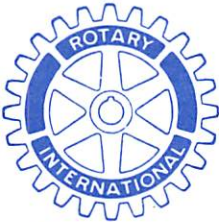
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"County Education Department" HOWARD COHEN

This week's speaker is Howard S. Cohen. Director, Curriculum and Instruction, Contra Costa County Office of Education. Mr. Cohen will describe the operations of the Office and discuss the School to Work Program.

Mr. Cohen is a resident of Walnut Creek. He has been involved in education since his days as a teacher/counselor in Ohio. From 1985 through 1988, he worked with troubled youth in various capacities (including Principal) at La Cheim School in Richmond. In 1988 he became Assistant Principal at Davis Senior High School in Davis, California. From 1991 to 1993 he was Principal at Emerson Junior High School at Davis and returned to Davis Senior High as its Principal from 1993 until 1999, when he accepted his current position.

Mr. Cohen has served the Richmond Jewish community since 1983 as Cantor at Temple Beth Hillel, where he developed a curriculum of education for the religious school.

Mr. Cohen is an accomplished vocal musician. He has been a member of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra Chorus, the Oakland Symphony Chorus and has performed at Davies Hall as a member of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus. He also has the distinction of being the only non-music major to perform with the Ohio University Singers.

Mr. Cohen is a graduate *cum laude* from Ohio University with bachelors degrees in French and Government. He holds a Master of Education degree from Kent State University and several professional development certificates from the University of California. He is a candidate for a Doctorate in Education from UC.

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN
Door Duty: ERLE BROWN and LOREN STRAUGHN

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1999

"Rotary Lithuanian Project" JOE BAGLEY

Door Duty: TOM BUTT and STONEY STONEWORK

LAST WEEK: President DON (not Ho) LAU called the meeting of the friendly Richmond Rotary Club at the semi-beautiful Mira Vista Country Club. BILL REID led us in the pledge followed by Goethe's words of wisdom as uttered by DAVID BROWN. After the usual gull like take off, the regular agenda ensued as follows:

Visiting Rotarians: Lanny French who recently relocated to the Richmond area.

Announcements: HANK COVELL reported that Thursday, September 23, 1999, is the date for the annual Richmond Rotary at the Masquers. The entire theatre has been reserved for Rotary. The cost is \$30 per person which includes dinner at the Hotel Mac prior to the show. The play this year is "Murder Mystery", a comedy. Anyone who is interested in attending should contact HANK as soon as possible.

Recognitions: DOUG (ever a slave to fashion) STRAUS held forth with these honorees -- HENRY KELMAN's parents were very proud 49 years ago when their son made his first appearance on July 13. JIM and Valerie SHATTOCK celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary. JIM asked Valerie to marry him the day they met. Sometime shortly thereafter she said "yes". Wonderful and amazing! JOE BAGLEY contributed to our cause by wearing a beautiful shirt that was too close in style to DON LAU's shirt. JOE GREEN, REN PARTRIDGE and NORM LUNDBERG also had the audacity to wear "world shirts" on the same day.

Happy & Sad Dollars: LESLIE LEVY had happy \$\$ just because. ENRICO COVELLO had a fantastico viaggio in Italia. The highlight of his trip was finding a splendid villa outside of Florence. REN PARTRIDGE is really looking forward to his upcoming trip to Europe.

Program: Today's program was devoted to Richmond Rotary Club business. Club leadership shared goals and responsibilities for the upcoming year. DON LAU reminded us that his two primary areas of concern are fun for the membership and attention to education in Richmond.

LESLIE LEVY, Vice President--President Elect, stated that she is being well trained by former District Governor WERNER SCHWARZ. By the way, when we hold a gubernatorial election, why don't we elect a governor? LESLIE is working with the Berkeley club President on organizing the District Conference 2000 in Berkeley. Also, she is responsible for club achievement reporting. Anyone who has achieved a significant event for Richmond Rotary should report the details to LESLIE.

JOE GREEN, who is Chair of the Club Services Committee, stated that the work of the Committee is internal

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to the Club and includes areas such as door service, sergeant at arms, weekly reporting in the Flywheel, collecting for the scholarship, etc. At this time, the Committee could use an ice bucket or item of similar ilk that could be used for collecting weekly donations for the scholarship fund. Anyone who has such a item should bring it to the next club meeting.

PAM JONES reported for JUDY COLEMAN KAFKA. JUDY is Chair of the Community Services Committee. The major work of the Committee this year will be the start of an "Adopt a School" program. The goal of the project is educational improvement in Richmond. The Committee will work very closely with fellow Rotarian. TOM MCGOWAN, who spoke on behalf of the Committee and stated that the work is hard, exciting and rewarding. Based on Tom's work with "The Many Hands Project", the "Adopt a School" program will engage many Rotarians and will enable us to form a partnership with the West Contra Costa School District. Our liaison from the school district will be Kay Burnside noted for her recent successes in improving the Washington Elementary School in Point Richmond. The committee will also organize and coordinate the annual "Christmas in April" program. Also, the Mural Project for the Millennium City project will be coordinated by this Committee.

MICHAEL DOWNER is Chair of the International Relations Committee. The Committee is sponsoring the annual Rotary Day at Marine World this year. Funds from the "day" will be used for the activities of Rotary International initiatives. The "day" will be Saturday, September 25. As part of the Rotary Day project, MICHAEL is now selling raffle tickets. Rumor has it that the raffle prizes include a night in Lincoln's bedroom at

the White House, an all expenses tour of the Jelly Belly plant in Fairfield, and a chance to play the triangle with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. The Committee has set a goal of selling \$1,500 worth of tickets. MICHAEL reports that over \$1,000 has already been sold. The Committee also is engaged in working with a YMCA in Guatemala and sponsorship of a scholarship student from Italy. Rotary International is embarking on rescue resources for survivors of the earthquake in Turkey. Announcements concerning that program are forthcoming.

The Membership Committee is chaired by BOB NICCOLLS. BOB reminded us that in the LAU-sy year of Richmond Rotary we should rededicate ourselves to increase our membership. Unfortunately, the club is shrinking in size and needs an infusion of new memberships to sustain our prestige in the Bay Area.

RICHARD ALEXANDER is chair of the Vocational Services Committee. Projects for this Committee include Job Shadow, Job Interview, Rotary Camps and Family Literacy.

DAVID (Schedule Well and They Will Come) BROWN coordinates the work of the Program Committee. Several Rotarians are engaged in planning exciting meetings in the upcoming months. Anyone who is interested in bringing a speaker to Rotary should contact DAVID immediately.

DON LAU completed the meeting by encouraging all Rotarians to take an active role in Committee work. The quality of the Club's work will be determined by our efforts.

Raffle: DOUG STRAUS and DAVID SMITH, 2/3rds of the "Gang of Three" won six packs.

Respectfully submitted by your humble scribe,
JOE (Ain't is too a word) GREEN

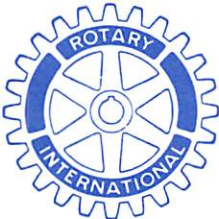
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25th will be Rotary Day at Marine (No, you don't have to go on the rides) World in Vallejo. Raffle tickets are also available to support the Rotary Foundation. The rumors continue about raffle prizes which this week included unlimited tickets to watch videos of "Riverdance", every recording made by Kenny G., and the collected works of John Tesh. Such a deal! Tickets are available from MICHAEL DOWNER.

- DAVID K. was pleased to announce that the condolences card that we signed for WERNER SCHWARZ was done somewhat prematurely. Of course, all of us wish nothing but the best for WERNER's mother who is convalescing in Israel.
- DONNA BELL has agreed to serve as Assistant Treasurer with DAVID ALMEIDA as Treasurer for the balance of the DON LAU administration.
- JEFF NATHANSON could use a few more volunteers to help paint the Rotary mural at the Richmond Millennium festival which is scheduled for September 18. Please contact JEFF for details.

Program: DAVID BROWN introduced Howard Cohen who was recently appointed Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Contra Costa County of Education. Mr. Cohen described the state of education as a blessing of opportunities and challenges. He identified several contradictory situations now faced by schools. On one hand, children in certain parts of the County are able to score exceptionally well on standardized tests while, at the same time, students in less affluent parts of the County continue to do poorly on the same tests. This creates particular challenges for Boards of Education because the percentage of children in poorer communities

is growing. By the same token, there appears to be growing support for enhanced educational services as witnessed by successful bond referendums, especially in West County.

Mr. Cohen indicated that the mission of the County Board of Education is to be the provider of choice to the various local school districts around the County. In particular, he is responsible for programs in the areas of: the support of district implementation of academic standards and benchmarks for all subjects and grades through a county-wide Standards consortium; management of the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) program to help new teachers succeed. Mr. Cohen reported that the retention rate of new teachers hovers around 50% after year one. BTSA will help school districts keep teachers, supply instructional media to support classroom learning and help learners reach high standards. One of the Office of Education's programs that assists students succeed is "School to Career". Mr. Cohen turned the program over to Louise Barbee, Coordinator of "School to Career", who described that program in greater detail. Ms. Barbee pointed out that "School to Career" is aimed at developing students into lifelong learners and prepare them to enter a highly skilled and productive workforce from a competitive stance. There are several components in the program. Of particular interest is the fact that School to Career encourages educators and community members to work together to implement high quality programs for all students. Rotary responds through its job shadow and mock interview programs.

Respectfully submitted by,
Don Jose Tres Huevos Verde y Jamon

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1999

"R.I. Matching Grant Project 1997-98 The Markucial "Day Activity Center" Vilnius, Lithuania

JOE BAGLEY

This past December, the Rotary Clubs of Richmond and Albany completed a joint international humanitarian project with the Vilnius "Old Town" Rotary Club of Lithuania. With donations of \$4,500 from Richmond, \$1,500 from Albany and \$500 from the Vilnius Club, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International's Matching Grant program has doubled these donations bringing the grand total to \$13,000.

The project's focus is a new "Day Activity Center" that has just been built in Vilnius, Lithuania for people with moderate and severe mental disabilities. The first of its kind in Lithuania, The Markucial Center will provide vocational, creative and other skills, training and education for individual students. Each student will attend the center for a four year basic study. After four years, the administration and staff of the center will seek to find each student future employment.

Some of the learning skills include carpentry, sewing, shoemaking and ceramics. Studies include dance, music, arts and theater. The Matching Grant funds will be used to purchase the main equipment for the Art, Music and Dance Studios. Members of the Vilnius Rotary Club will be volunteering their services to the center.

Rotary is not new in Lithuania. In 1932 there were six clubs in the country. At that time all Rotarians and their relatives were deported to Siberia. From a letter we received back in April of 1997, one person survived and he died six months prior. As you could tell, this country is in the process of rebuilding Rotary and what we stand for. Today there are seventeen clubs and nine additional ones in the process of organizing.

With the help and dedication of our very own Past District Governor WERNER SCHWARZ, we were able to see this project through. As you will find out, it has been very rewarding to see what we have accomplished as local clubs to greatly improve the general health and outlook on life of these attendees half way around the world.

Door Duty: TOM BUTT and STONEY STONEWORK

LAST WEEK: In the quiet corner of the Kiddies' Room of the Mira Vista Country Club, President DON (de) LAU called another meeting of the friendly Richmond Rotary to order followed quickly by the pledge led by HERBERT (happy) COLE. "Do or do not. There is no trying." Originally uttered by Yoda and repeated by DAVID BROWN were the words of wisdom for the day. JONI HIRAMOTO correctly identified the source of the quotation and was awarded a bonus round. Not everyone in the room was proud for JONI (more about that later).

Visiting Rotarians: Our visiting Rotarians for the day were Lanny French introduced by CHARLIE WONG and George Wayfer, former President of the Mission San Rafael Rotary Club.

Guests: ERLE BROWN held forth calling on Richmond Rotarians with guests. DAVID BROWN's guest was Louise Barbee who is the School to Work Coordinator with the county school system. HANK COVELL introduced Bob Dabney. Rodney Nelson was BART WALLACE's guest.

Recognitions: DOUG (Dinger) STRAUS cited the following: JEFF NATHANSON on the occasion of his 44th birthday; ERLE BROWN on his 40th wedding anniversary, spent in Calistoga with Phyllis; LOREN (I can tell no secrets) STRAUGHN for his 43rd wedding anniversary. And they said it would never last.

Turns out the Judge JONI's bonus round turned out to be the "penalty lap" assessed by D. STRAUS, Esq. He felt that there is a point where knowing "too" much about Star Wars is unbecoming to those in the legal profession.

Happy & Sad Dollars: JONI HIRAMOTO had a terrific two week vacation with her family. MALCOLM LEE is extremely pleased that his golf tournament is sold out again. HERB (School's Always Out) COLE had a great trip to Texas where he shared in the fun at his wife's grandmother's 100th birthday party. DOUG STRAUS is looking forward to an upcoming trip to Paris. Calamity JUDY MORGAN was happy to be home after dancing with Hurricane Dennis on her recent vacation. JOE (can I get another witness) survived all day in the box at a trial in Redwood City and was pleased to be able to make a report on the experience.

Announcements: HANK COVELL reminded everyone that he is delighted to be arrangements coordinator for Rotary Night at the Masquers. The event will be held on Thursday, September 23. The cost is \$30 per person. The package includes fine dining at the Hotel Mac. There are only 99 seats available so please contact HANK to guarantee your places.

• BART WALLACE reported that Saturday, September



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"Richmond Plunge"

ELLIE STRAUS

Chairperson of the Day: JUDY KAFKA

Door Duty: HERBERT COLE and DAVID SMITH

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1999

"SF Bar Pilots"

KIP CARLSON

Chairperson of the Day: PAM JONES

Door Duty: JUDY KAFKA and JIM SHATTOCK

LAST WEEK

Over a meal of questionable (chicken?) origin, President DON (Like Your Shirt) LAU called the weekly meeting of the friendly Richmond Rotary to origin. Following the pledge, Lana (may I carry your) Bagley shared this gem of the day, "One should take children's philosophy to heart. They do not despise the bubble because they burst, they immediately set to work to blow another."

Guests:

TOM (Another Candidate) BUTT did the honors in calling on Rotarians with guests. Visiting us this week were Rita Bagley, Lana Bagley, Michael Pontrosky and Kestutis Shlutas, all who were escorted by JOE BAGLEY.

Announcements:

- PAM (Mouthpiece) JONES reported that seats are still available for Rotary Night at the Masquers. For \$30 per person, a very enjoyable evening of dinner at the Hotel Mac followed by a play can be had. Tickets are available from HANK COVELL.
- HANK (the real Italian Stallion) COVELL reminded folks that the annual pancake breakfast at the Hilltop Y will be held on September 18th. Because tickets are so cheap, 5 bucks to feed several people, Rotarians should bring small armies for the group feeding.
- September 25, 1999 will be Rotary Day at the Marine World in Vallejo. (Editorial comment, it may be safer to go into the lion's and tiger's cage then to go on the rides.) For more information about the day, please see MICHAEL DOWNER or BART WALLACE.

Recognitions:

Congratulations to JONATHAN (I Fought the) LAWLIS and DAVID (the smiling angler) K. Both are celebrating their 47th birthdays, but don't appear to be the same age. MICHAEL (rough and) READY, as are all of us, are really glad to have DAN READY back with us at Rotary meetings. As usual, DOUG (too tight Levi's) STRAUS prevailed.

Happy and Sad Dollars:

WERNER (have you heard the one about) SCHWARZ is pleased to report that his mother is doing okay in Israel and that's worth money any time. GEORGE EGAN and MARKKU PELANNE both chipped in some dollars for reasons that this reporter could not follow. JOHN NICOL was proud to announce that his granddaughter won prizes for her dancing. Richmond Rotarians must include quite a number of excellent dancers because their children and

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children and grandchildren have been picking up all kinds of awards for hiffin'. JOE (Rita's spouse) BAGLEY is happy for daughter Lana who is off to Cal Poly on a full boat scholarship, but is also sad that their only has left home.

Program:

Former Richmond Rotary President JOE BAGLEY brought us up to date on our international initiative, The Markucial "Day Activity Center" in Vilnius, Lithuania.

After a few starts and stops, this program which began in 1995 finally reached culmination in December, 1998. The Day Activity Center is a community center that is designed to served adult individuals with moderate and severe mental disabilities. The "Markucial" is unique in all of Lithuania. The center provides vocational, creative and other skills, training and education. Ultimately, students will go through a four year program that will enable them to find employment in areas such as carpentry, baking, dance, theater.

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outlay of \$13,000. These funds were used to purchase the main equipment for the Art, Music and Dance studios. Dollars were also allocated to outfit the kitchen.

Special thanks to WERNER SCHWARZ who exercised special influence to keep the project moving when it appeared to be stalled at various steps along the way.

JOE'S brother in law recently visited the "Markucial" where he received a very warm welcome from grateful recipients of our support. We enjoyed seeing the pictures of the place up and running.

JOE BAGLEY stated that the "fun" part of the putting the Center together is in place. There is much work left to be done. Richmond, Albany and Vilnius Rotaries can be very proud of their efforts in Lithuania.

Raffle:

Birthday boy DAVID K. and someone else won.

Respectfully submitted,
GIUSEPPE VERDI
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1999

“SF Bar Pilots”

KIP J. CARLSON, JR.
Captain

Captain Carlson is a San Francisco Bar Pilot and will introduce a movie about pilotage of commercial vessels in and around San Francisco Bay, and with enough time, will answer questions.

From 1968 to 1987 Captain Carlson sailed as a deck officer in all capacities (from 3rd Mate to master) with Matson Lines, US Lines, Pacific Far-East Lines, APL and other shipping companies.

From 1987 to 1988 Captain Carlson apprenticed in the San Francisco Bar Pilot Training Program.

From 1988 to the present day, Captain Carlson has been a San Francisco Bar Pilot. Captain Carlson is in his fourth year as President of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the Council of American Master Mariners. He is identified as Unit 50 for any sailors out there who listen to Channel 14 on Marine Band radio.

Captain Carlson is a 1968 graduate of the California Maritime Academy at Vallejo, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nautical Science. He has attended professional development programs including the Maritime Institute of Graduate Studies, the Marine Safety International School at Newport, Rhode Island and the Shiphandling Training Center program at Port Revel, France.

Chairperson of the Day: PAM JONES

Door Duty: JUDY KAFKA and JIM SHATTOCK

LAST WEEK

DON (In a Hurry) LAU called the meeting quickly to order and promptly asked Rosemary Corbin to lead us in the pledge. This was followed by DAVID BROWN reading a fast version of the gem of the day. I do not remember DAVID's quote but it reminded me of the words of Mark Twain who said, "Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society."

Guest: HERB (Smiling) COLE introduced Gary Buifon, a visiting Rotarian

Announcements:

- DON LAU reported that there will be a joint meeting on October 30 (Thursday) with the El Cerrito. Richmond Rotary will meet that week in keeping with the Halloween honors.

- JUDY COLEMAN KAFKA, just back from a wonderful honeymoon in the Poconos, announced that the Community Services Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 29 at 5 p.m. at JUDY's house. Should you wish to attend, please notify Judy immediately.

- Saturday, September 25th will be Rotary Day at Marine World in Vallejo.

Happy and Sad Dollars:

CHARLES RAMSEY had sad dollars in memory of the recent massacre at the church in Fort Worth, Texas. Rosemary Corbin had a happy five in honor of the Multi-Cultural Festival to be held at Marina Bay on September 18th. STAN TEADERMAN had happy and sad dollars. He was THRILLED to see Rosemary Corbin at Rotary, but disappointed that in the excitement of seeing Rosemary that white wine was spilled. Nevertheless, STAN (little ole winemaker) was pleased that it was white wine and that it would "clean up" very nicely. MARKKU PELANNE made a discovery of a ship bearing the name "Butt". He was so happy to know that one company had seen fit to honor a Richmond Rotarian (TOM BUTT) that he felt obliged to chip in to the pot. TOM was so taken aback by the discovery that he matched MARKKU's contribution.

Special Comment:

On Saturday, September 18, Rotary joined several other Richmond organizations in painting murals to commemorate our presence leading up to the Millennium. Thanks to the leadership of JOE (zip lock) BAGLEY, our mural became a project in which all Richmond Rotarians can be proud. ERLE BROWN, JUDY KAFKA, JUDY MORGAN, JEFF NATHANSON and Mean JOE GREEN all helped in painting. Ruth Block, on loan to Rotary from the Richmond Art Center, brought a little pizzazz to the mural. It was a lot of fun.

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Program:
President LAU accelerated the regular meeting to make sure that we would be able to enjoy the entire presentation about the Richmond Plunge. DON turned the meeting over to JUDY KAFKA who introduced Ellie Straus. Ellie is the Executive Director of the Richmond Plunge Trust. Ellie brought along a video entitled, "The Plunge: Time Laps Through History" produced and directed by Nick and Sari Armington who operate from their studio in Point Richmond. Ellie introduced Nick who described the video and described how it was all put together. Richmond Rotary is one of the first audiences to see this documentary in its final form.

In a City fractionalized by "turf" issues, the Richmond Natatorium, better known as the Plunge, has been successful in bringing all resident together. This facility, which dates to turn of the century, has a history that runs concurrent with their history of Richmond. Besides its natural purpose of being a place where people can swim, learn to swim and just enjoy themselves, the Plunge has been instrumental in forging lifelong friendships; playing matchmaker; teaching lifesaving; and serving as a link across generations. "Time Laps" is a documentary which uses the natural dialogue of those who have spent a lifetime in Richmond to tell the long, proud history of the Plunge. Now the Plunge, as with all older buildings, is in need of a rebuilding. The Richmond Plunge Trust has been holding events throughout the City for the past year

to emphasize the importance of saving a building that is unique in the Bay Area and one of only a few left in the United States. A public/private with the City of Richmond has been formed to generate support for the long overdue work needed on the building.

"Time Laps" is a first class labor of love. The time and talent needed to produce this award winning quality production all came through donations of the outstanding filmmaking talent we have in this City. The film will be used to generate support for the Plunge.

Anyone who watches "Time Laps" will understand very quickly Richmond's love affair with the Plunge and why so many different people from so many different neighborhoods in Richmond want to make sure that the Plunge is saved.

Ellie Straus reminded us that the next fundraiser for the Plunge will be a jazz fest in the afternoon of October 3 on the front lawn on the Plunge. For more information, please contact the Richmond Plunge Trust at 233-6805

Raffle:
ERLE BROWN won a bottle of Merlot from France.

Respectfully submitted:
Hurricane JOE GREEN
Your humble scribe.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

RAY MURRAY

Team Leader, Planning & Partnership

Ray Murray is the Chief of Planning and Partnerships for the National Park Service based in the Pacific West Regional Office in San Francisco. He oversees plans and feasibility studies and partnership ventures for existing and potential parks in the western states.

Mr. Murray will make a slide presentation on the results from a recent feasibility study for establishing a Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historic Park in Richmond.

Richmond played a very significant role in winning World War II through shipbuilding and 55 other war related business and witnessed many innovations in workforce integration, industrial production and employee services. If legislation is enacted, Richmond will become a national center for learning about his eventful period of history and be linked to other WWII centers around the nation.

Chairperson of the Day: MICHAEL FENLEY

Door Duty: WALTER CONNOLLY & HANNS SHAPER

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1999

SECRETARY OF STATE

BILL JONES

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN

Door Duty: HANK COVELL & WERNER SCHWARZ

LAST WEEK

On a winter's like afternoon as the fog enshrouded Mira Vista Country Club, President DON LAU reminded us that even on the dreariest day Rotarians can be sunny and should keep education uppermost as our goal. Thanks to Judge (Yoda) HIRAMOTO 's "Starwars" scholarship we received two gems of the day from gem-master DAVID

BROWN. "We have a criminal jury system which is superior to any in the world, and its efficiency is only marred by the difficulty of finding twelve men every day who don't know anything and can't read," is from Mark Twain. "Forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair," by Kahlil Gibran, prepared us for a program about being on the water.

Guests: DAVE CALFEE escorted his best girl, Betty.

Announcements:

- January 23, 2000 will be the annual Reno Inter-City Trip. JOHN NICOL, trip organizer for life, is the person to see concerning details about the trip.
- The Richmond Rotary Holiday Party will be held on December 10, 1999 at Brickyard Landing. CHARLIE (Do No) WONG is calling for volunteers to help put the event together. CHARLIE is working on the Hawaiian theme.
- Also on December 10, JIM BEAVER will be conducting the annual Richmond Rotary Auction. It is not too early to start hunting for white elephants.
- Congratulations to Lanny French who recently was made a Richmond Rotarian.

Recognitions:

DAVE CALFEE (I like that red bow tie) is celebrating a birthday and anniversary. DAVE said he is proud to live in a country where the sun comes out by noon each day. Congratulations to HANK COVELL who made it to another birthday. BOB NICCOLLS and Lavonne are enjoying their wedding anniversary.

Happy & Sad Dollars:

On the occasion of his 80th birthday ELOF (our Vet) GRANBERG received Tom Brokaw's book "The Greatest Generation". He was please to learn that he is part of the group. TOM McGOWAN was pleased to make all Rotarians an offer they could not refuse. By adopting a classroom in the Many Hands program for \$200, TOM will be hosting you at his beachfront palace at a party where you can consume a financially comparable amount of libations. What a deal! Happy Happy HERB COLE kicked in \$20. He was pleased by GLORIA JOHNSTON's recent success in the union settlement with the teachers and also that his blood pressure was an low as it had ever been GLORIA JOHNSTON could contain her enthusiasm for the union settlement and chipped in a contribution. STONEY STONEWORK is pleased to announce the Richmond Chamber of Commerce Fund Raiser scheduled for November 6. JONATHAN LAWLIS was very happy to report that his mother's cancer had gone into remission (big round of applause). DAVID BROWN reported that any time he can be with DAVID CALFEE that he is

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delighted to ante up. Note to DAVE CALFEE - come early and often. BOB NICCOLL's son is a teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School System. BOB is pleased about the settlement. JONI HIRAMOTO had happy and sad dollars. JIM BEAVER had happy and sad dollars in honor of his real/fake USC tie.

Program:

DAVID BROWN introduced Kip Carlson, Jr., who is a Bar Pilot on San Francisco Bay. Both DAVID and Kip informed us that Bar Pilots have little of nothing to do with guiding individuals to taverns.

Kip Carlson's presented an outstanding video, narrated by Cliff Robertson, which provided an excellent overview of the work of the bar pilots.

In the course of each year, more than 10,000 ships visit the various ports along the shoreline of the San Francisco Bay. By law, each one of those vessels must be guided by a professionally trained pilot. Kip Carlson, along with 60 others, is a well trained professional who guarantees safe passage for all those who are bringing freight or passengers into the Bay.

In order to become a pilot, Kip Carlson underwent a rigorous training program working in a succession of positions on various vessels. Also, as is the case with most of the pilots, he completed a bachelor's degree program at the California Maritime academy. The pilots need to have a thorough knowledge of the operations of the

ships that they guide as well as the conditions of the Bay in any season at any time of the year. They also must keep up to date on all of the maritime laws.

In addition to piloting ships in the Bay, the vessels that sail up the rivers which feed into the Bay are guided by the pilots.


It is a physically taxing job. In order to board the very large vessels, a small craft is taken out to meet the ship about 11 miles out from the Golden Gate Bridge. At this point, the pilot has to disembark his boat and climb a rope ladder onto the ship. All of this action occurs while both vessels are in motion. The pilots are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. They are expected to complete their work regardless of the weather. In the past 5 years, only 4 days of service have been canceled. Hurricane conditions must prevail before the pilots will postpone their work.

The pilots have been working on the Bay for the past 160 years. Their efforts have helped to make the San Francisco area one of the wealthiest commercial areas in the world. Thanks to Kip Carlson, we are assured that our region will continue to be dynamic and successful.

Raffle: GLORIA JOHNSTON won everything.

Respectfully submitted,
Giuseppe Verdi

Your humble scribe.

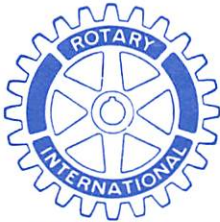
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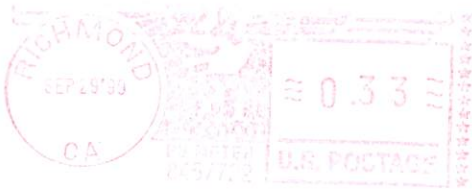
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"Ensuring the Integrity of California's Elections Process"

BILL JONES

California's 27th Secretary of State

When Bill Jones was elected as California's Secretary of State in 1994, he made history by becoming the first resident of California's Central San Joaquin Valley to serve in a statewide constitutional office.

Since his election, Bill has compiled an impressive list of accomplishments which includes conducting the state's first-ever Elections Summit to review California's elections law to help guarantee a fraud-free voting system. He also established a Voter Fraud Task Force, implemented strict penalties for candidates and lobbyists who fail to meet important disclosure requirements, and created an advisory panel to prepare for the future electronic filing of campaign contribution and expenditure reports.

Since he took office, Secretary Jones has pursued the ambitious goals of achieving 100 percent voter participation by those eligible and zero tolerance for fraud.

In addition to his duties as California's chief elections officer, Secretary Jones has also concentrated on improving the state's position in the international trade arena. A nationally recognized leader of agriculture, trade and water issues, Jones continues to play an active role in the creation of an efficient and stable water supply system for the state.

A former state legislator from Fresno, Jones was elected by his peers to serve as the Minority Leader in the State Assembly in 1990. During his tenure in the legislature, Jones compiled a distinguished record of achievement and an unparalleled reputation for honesty and integrity.

While serving as Minority Leader, he successfully fought for the historic reapportionment of 1992. The re-drawing of the legislative district lines that year returned fair and competitive elections to California and erased the severely gerrymandered district lines that existed previously.

In 1994, Jones received national acclaim when he authored California's immensely popular "Three Strikes and You're Out" law. In an unprecedented act, voters placed an identical measure on the ballot, where it received 72 percent of the vote.

Prior to his tenure in the State Assembly, Jones (a

native of California rancher) worked on his family-owned farm in Fresno. He has served on the board of directors for both the Fresno City and County Chambers of Commerce and was Chair of the Fresno County Republican Central Committee.

Chairperson of the Day: **DAVID BROWN**

Door Duty: **HANK COVELL & WERNER SCHWARZ**

LAST WEEK

Now, that's the way it is supposed to be! **DON LAU** called a record turnout of Richmond Rotarians together for our weekly meeting at Mira Vista Country Club. Maybe it was the corned beef and cabbage entree which was also the entree at the Thursday meeting of the El Cerrito Club. Whatever the case, it was a pleasure to see the room filled with Richmond Rotarians. Keep up the good work. After the pledge, **MICHAEL FENLEY** shared the gem of the week in keeping with the Giants' departure from their semi-friendly confines. With apologies to Mark Twain, "The coldest winter I ever spent was one summer's ball game at Candlestick."

Visiting Rotarian: Jim Sanders who is from the Dixon club and the Assistant District Governor.

Guests: **DONNA BELL's** guest was Juan Martinez from the Mechanics Bank. **TED SMITH** brought Pat Toohey, a builder. Antoinette Henry-Evans, Principal of the Peres School, was escorted by **JUDY KAFKA**.

Announcements: **JUDY KAFKA** reported for the Community Services committee stating that the Committee recommends Peres School in Richmond as Richmond Rotary's first adopt a school. Ms. Henry-Evans indicated her great enthusiasm for our project and looks forward to working with Rotary. **JUDY** also reminded us that the next meeting of the Community Affairs Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13 at 3:30 p.m. at the Peres School on 2nd and Pennsylvania in Richmond.

- **DAVID K.** wanted everyone to know that **NORM FOLEY** is recuperating after successful surgery.

- **CHARLES WONG** introduced our newest member, Lanny French.

- The Rotary Dinner/Theater Program coordinated by **HANK COVELL** was very successful. Dinner at the Hotel Mac was excellent and the comedy at the Masquers was a lot of fun. A sizable contribution to the Richmond Rotary treasury was realized through this annual event. Thank you **HANK** for a job well done.

Recognitions: **DAVID SMITH** who did his usual outstanding job substituting for the recovering **JIM** (lost



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Dodger) BEAVER. JIM has been suffering through too many Dodger defeats. Calls this week included: JOE BAGLEY for a birthday and celebration of his 24th wedding anniversary, TED SMITH whose reported abduction by aliens had been exaggerated was pleased to be recognized. TOM BUTT could not find his badge and was commended for his honesty and generosity.

Happy & Sad Dollars: LESLIE (I can hula, can you?) LEVY was happy to announce that she won a prize trip to Maui thanks to Rotary. DAVID NINOMIYA was happy to see TED SMITH and pleased about Rotary's adopt-a-school project. BILL (You may call me Rajah) REID won a trip to India through the Rotary raffle. several members of the Woodrow Wilson Elementary School Alumni Association are happy to be Richmond Rotarians. JON LAWLIS was happy to chip in \$5 in recognition of the Adopt-a-School program. HANK COVELL was pleased to announce the annual car show at the Pinole Valley High School. DONNA BELL, BILL WAHBEH and JOE BAGLEY had happy dollars just because. DAVID K., not to be outdone, kicked in \$5 in honor of the Belding Elementary school Alumni Association.


I think the happy and sad dollars hit an all time high for contributions. Let's try to break the record soon.

Program:
MICHAEL FINLEY introduced Ray Murray who is Partnerships Manager with the National Park Service-San Francisco office. Ray discussed Richmond's proud history of being the premier builder of Liberty and Victory ships during World War II. His slide presentation vividly displayed the impact that the

WAR had on Richmond. The war turned Richmond from a small community of 23,000 prior to the war to over 100,000 during the war. Richmond became a microcosm of everything that changed America during the war from the retrofitting of car manufacturing facilities to tank factories; training of women to take on job roles traditionally held by men; the impact of huge population shifts on the infrastructure of a city; and the rapid diversification of the population. All of those events occurred in Richmond in less than 5 years. Ray pointed out that significant attention has been made concerning America's efforts on foreign shores, but that not very much has been recognized concerning homefront activities. The National Park Service and Richmond are now working towards rectifying the need for honoring the work of those who accomplished so much at home for the armed forces during the war. Work is now taking place toward the creation of a "Rosie the Riveter" park, a "Homefront Museum" and other developments on sites in Richmond that were used during the war. Those sites will finally allow Richmond and the 90,000 people from this area who worked on the war effort to receive its long overdue recognition.

Raffle: TED ABREU and JOE KELMAN won libations.

Humbly submitted,
Giuseppe (working on Venetian time) Verdi

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DR. CHARLES C. SPENCE

Chancellor

Charles (Chuck) Spence will address the club this Friday outlining his plans for the Contra Costa Community College District as a whole and specifically the Contra Costa Community College campus. The San Pablo campus provides a foundation for higher education for many of our Richmond and West County youth and an opportunity for continuing education for our population in general.

Dr. Spence has been the Chancellor of the Contra Costa Community College District since 1996. Prior to that, Chuck held similar positions in Jacksonville, Florida and Eastern Iowa. He also has served as President of the Continuous Quality Improvement Network, a national network of colleges committed to quality transformation. Dr. Spence was selected as one of the most effective community college presidents by a University of Texas study.

Dr. Spence is extremely active in the community as illustrated by his active Board participation with the Children and Family Policy Forum, the California Council for Quality and Service and The Contra Costa Council. He also chairs the Contra Costa County Workforce Development Advisory Panel and is an Editorial board member for the Community College Journal of Research and Practice.

The Community College District faces many new challenges today as it struggles to meet fiscal constraints, the requirements to keep up with evolving technology and the need to prepare students for rapidly changing requirements of institutions of higher education and the evolving workplace. Dr. Spence's presentation will be certain to be of interest to all of us.

Chairperson of the Day: MICHAEL FENLEY

Door Duty: MICHAEL DOWNER and RUSS SCHULZE

LAST WEEK

It was a packed house or at least it seemed that way in the kiddies room of the Mira Vista Country Club where President DON LAU called another meeting of friendly Richmond Rotary Club to order on a warm October afternoon. After the pledge, Maitre du bijou de jour, DAVID BROWN, favored us with wisdom from

“unknown”.

Guests: Bill Wood, Counsel to the Secretary of State and Joe Van Eck, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State were on hand for the meeting.

Visiting Rotarian: JOHN MEDLOCK introduced his boss, Bill Jones, from Albany.

Announcements:

- Tour director for life, JOHN NICOL, announced that the annual Inter-City excursion to Reno will be held January 23-24. Tickets for the event are \$225 per person which covers just about everything but chips. For details contact JOHN immediately.

- JOE NUSBAUM reported that he and TOM BUTT will represent Richmond Rotary on October 16th in the annual Harmony Walk Against Hunger. JOE and TOM are soliciting sponsors. The goal is twofold, raise a lot of money for the project and beat Richmond Kiwanis in the process.

- While JOE is on our minds, he held a fabulous one man auction for one prize and one prize only - a **one cent rebate check from PacBell**. Proceeds from the auction will go to the Community Fund. RICH BRANDES won with a high bid of \$10. RICH will always be remembered some way for his generosity.

- The Community Service Committee will be meeting at 3:30 p.m. on October 13 at Peres School, 5th and Pennsylvania in Richmond.

Who Am I? As part of her transition from red badge to blue badge for membership Rosemary Corbin, Richmond's Alcalde, did her “Who Am I?”. Rosemary was born and raised in Santa Cruz. As a child and into her teenage years, she wanted to follow a career in drama. Because of that particular interest, Rosemary went to SF State which was then known for its theater arts program. While at SFSU, her curiosity broadened and she took up coursework in international relations. Also, while at SFSU, she worked in the college library in a variety of jobs. She enjoyed working in the library so much that she decided to pursue a career in librarianship. Rosemary earned her library science degree at UC Berkeley. Her library work took her from documents librarian at Stanford to the business branch of the SF Public Library to the Richmond Public Library. She married Doug in 1968. In the '70's, Doug was named to be a judge in Contra Costa County. That assignment required relocating from San Francisco to Contra Costa County. They settled in Point Richmond. Upon Doug's retirement, they rented out the house and their dog and spent a year in Spain. Upon their return to Richmond in the early '80's, Rosemary became very active in local politics, all leading to her election as

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mayor. Their daughter is a lawyer in Boston and their son is a biologist working on a Ph.D. Rosemary, it is a pleasure to have you in the Richmond Rotary.

Recognitions, Happy & Sad Dollars:

Before opening the festivities, DAVID SMITH pointed out that he was reading *Dutch* the memoir of Ronald Reagan. He commented that there are great similarities among politicians and actors and was not at all surprised that Rosemary Corbin chose a life in politics. DOUG (Jet Lag) STRAUS has returned from a whirlwind tour of France, Belgium and Holland. Some people will do anything to find a good candy bar. DOUG celebrated his 44th birthday while abroad. Congratulations. CHARLIE FENDER and the lovely Clavel had another joyful wedding anniversary. CHARLIE and Clavel are on their way to South America but not in pursuit of candy. Rosemary Corbin was happy to report that she was selected as one of only 12 U.S. Mayors to represent the U.S. Conference of Mayors at a special meeting in Florence. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss art in public places. Rosemary will be providing information about Richmond's efforts in that area. TOM McGOWAN announced that the "Many Hands" project has almost reached its goal of finding 70 sponsors. Several Richmond Rotarians kicked in contributions to the program and TOM was pleased to share that good news with us.

Program: DAVID (Gem-Master) BROWN introduced our speaker for the day, Secretary of the State of California, Bill Jones. Mr. Jones is originally from Fresno. His family has a significant ranching concern in that area. Prior to his election as Secretary of State in 1994, Mr. Jones served in the California State Assembly. He served with distinction rising to the rank of Speaker of the Assembly. He reported that by dint of the most recent Statewide

elections, he is now the highest ranking Republican official in the State. He did not plan it that way, but politics can create unusual results. In his capacity as Secretary of State, Mr. Jones' responsibilities include but are not limited to all aspects of elections, voting, campaign reform legislation, voter registration, maintenance of the State's archives and various trade initiatives. He is a member of the World Trade Commission. Clearly, the majority of Mr. Jones' time is dedicated to election issues in California. Following is his overview of outstanding issues:

- A program to clarify voter rolls so that there is clear distinction between registered voters and eligible voters. Although California has a better than average voter turnout record, the current methodology for counting voters detracts from the true number of people who actually did vote in relation to those eligible to vote.
- There must be an effort Statewide to encourage young people to feel a sense of empowerment in the election process. There is real concern that young people are not registering to vote. Consequently, Mr. Jones' office has begun a pilot program with 10 school districts in California to dedicate more time to teaching government. The program is called C.I.V.I.C.s.
- For the first time, California will play a significant role in the nomination of candidates for President. By moving up the primary to March, 2000, California automatically becomes the pivotal state in the primary campaigns. Candidates who are visiting this state are now using their time to raise issues AND money.
- The upcoming November election has 20 Statewide initiatives. This program has become difficult to manage and probably does not work as originally intended.

Respectfully submitted,
Mean (but not cheap) JOE GREEN

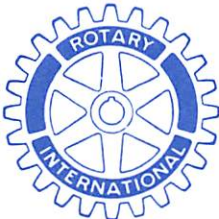
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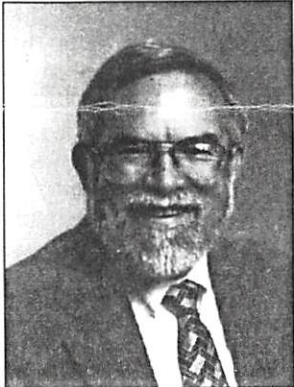
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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT



WILLIAM C. SPALDING
Governor

DISTRICT 5160
1999-2000

Bill has served as Treasurer of District 5160 since 1996-1998, and along with eight Governors from adjoining Rotary Districts was responsible for the 1999 Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS). He is a member of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek-Sunrise since 1985; its president 1990-91; and was the club's Rotarian of the Year 1992-93.

He grew up in Oakland and attended Saint Mary's College of California, graduating in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Bill has been a Certified Public Accountant for 36 years. An accomplished tax and business compliance veteran, he is responsible for providing a broad range of tax planning and accounting services to a diversified individual, corporate and professional clientele at Blanding, Boyer & Rockwell, LLP in Walnut Creek.

A dedicated community leader, Bill has been recognized with the prestigious Silver Beaver Award by the Boy Scouts of America and is an Eagle Scout. Over the years he has been involved in a number of community organizations and projects, including Contra Costa County Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board, Rehabilitation Services of Northern California, DARE, and the Lindsay Wildlife Museum.

Bill and his wife, Pat, Past President of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Sunrise, are Paul Harris Fellows and Benefactors. Between them they have six children and six grandchildren. Their avocations include music, travel, gardening, hiking/walking, flyfishing and skiing.

Chairperson of the Day: DON LAU

Door Duty: GEORGE EGAN and DAN SANDERS

LAST WEEK

President DON (it's casual again) LAU called the weekly meeting of the Richmond Rotary sometime in the middle of the day at the Mira Vista Country Club. DON welcomed back long missing brothers from a different mother, HANK KELMAN and WALTER CONNOLLY. WALTER led us in a unsyncopated rendition of the Pledge. MICHAEL FENLEY quoted a childhood hero, Wilt Chamberlain who said, "When you're not sure you're watching a commercial or a ballgame, if the shots are going in, you are watching a commercial."

Guests: Christopher Almeida broke bread with us this week. BOB NICCOLLS introduced us to Rae Robinson and Joe Robinson. Joe is a former Richmond Rotarian and acting Fire Chief for Richmond.

Announcements:

- JUDY KAFKA wants every Rotarian to participate in the Read Aloud program at Peres School, Richmond Rotary's adopted school. This is a special event scheduled for November 3. The school would like us to read stories to school children at Peres which is located at 5th and Pennsylvania. The program will run from 5:15 p.m. to about 7 p.m. Dinner will be served. Should you wish to participate, please call JUDY as soon as possible.
- Our annual auction will occur December 10th. Please start hunting for items that would be suitable for raising large sums of money for Rotary programs. Examples of these items include dinners at fine restaurants, stays at excellent hotels, and semi-precious bottles of wine including muscatel. JIM BEAVER has been selected as auctioneer. DON LAU suggests that we think of the auction as the kickoff to our annual holiday party which also is scheduled for December 10th.

Recognitions and Happy & Sad Dollars:

DAVID (you want what kind of pizza?) SMITH reported that it was a slow time in the fertile valley with no birthdays or anniversaries to cite. He moved with alacrity (do you know who alacrity is?) to happy and sad dollars. JONATHAN (deep pockets) LAWLIS was pleased to report that he met IRS' final day for filing. DAVE (everything's coming up roses) NINOMIYA was pleased to announce his new contract with ColorSpot. MICHAEL DOWNER is happy that many dollars were raised from the raffle sponsored by Rotary. In particular, he was delighted that his boss, BILL (SAHIB) REID, will be going to India thanks to the raffle. DON LAU had happy and sad dollars - sad about Michigan's loss

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but happy that Valparaiso was 2-0 and in first place in the Pioneer League. JOE GREEN was obligated to give proper honor to DONNA URIYU for her excellent work in bringing ferry boat service to Richmond.

Program:

MICHAEL FENLEY introduced Dr. Charles Spence who is Chancellor of the Contra Costa Community College District. Chuck Spence came to Contra Costa College in 1996. Prior to his tenure in California, Dr. Spence held similar positions in Florida and Iowa. In a recent study, Chuck was recognized, as one of the most effective community college presidents.

Dr. Spence provided us with a profile of the current college and the differences between current enrollees compared to their counterparts from 30 to 40 years ago. More students are now enrolled in community college than 4 year programs. The average age is 32. They are predominately female. They are working. A near majority are raising children. The average time taken to earn a degree is 8 years. Most of the students are returnees after several years away from the classroom. There is a clear distinction from the average students to the '50s & '60s.

Chuck sees the principal role of Contra Costa Colleges as creating a partnership with the employers in this region so that a steady flow of well trained workers is available to this job market. 80% of the jobs in this area

require a minimum of the Associate's degree. He pointed out that the clear majority of the students have entered the community college program in order to improve opportunities in finding a more fulfilling job. He gave several examples of the success stories of students who have pursued new careers through the Contra Costa Colleges.

Dr. Spence indicated that the major challenge now facing the colleges is finance. At \$11 per credit, students receive good education support. However, the programs are limited because the overall operations are not supported at a sufficient level. The college's infrastructure is in need of repair. New programs such as a state of the art computer center must be installed if the colleges are to remain competitive in the job placement market. After more than 25 years, the impact of the Proposition 13 has been felt deeply. Next year, a referendum issue to improve tax support for the colleges will be on the ballot. Dr. Spence looks forward to our support.

Respectfully submitted by:

You can call me J or you can call me Joe or you can call me Mean or you can call me Don Jose or you can call me Giuseppe but ya doesn't hafta call me MR. GREEN.

Your humble scribe.

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Assemblywoman Dion Aroner

14th Assembly District

Dion Aroner was elected in 1996 to represent District 14, bringing more than 20 years of hands-on legislative experience to the California Assembly. As Chair of the Assembly Human Services Committee, she oversees public assistance, childcare, foster care, adoption and services for the elderly and the disabled. She is also a member of the Budget, Judiciary Revenue and Taxation committees as well as the Select Committees on Coastal Protection, Mental Health and Work Force Investment.

Her accomplishments during her first term include:

- Co-chairing the joint committee on welfare reform where she had a profound influence on protecting the “safety net” for children.
- Obtaining millions in state funding to rebuild and retrofit aging East Bay schools.
- Extending Healthy Start to bring needed health and social services to low income students.
- Prohibiting sale of handgun ammunition to buyers under 21.
- Holding the first ever hearing on the effects of dioxin pollution on poor and low income families who are consumers of fish from the Bay.
- Convening a successful roundtable discussion with community leaders on regional health care planning and the lack of community control and input in crucial decisions such as the closing of emergency rooms.

For the 1999-2000 session, Aroner is authoring bills concerning community health care planning and emergency room closures, juvenile justice reform, physician-assisted dying and CALWORKS modifications. She also reintroduced bills on trigger locks, healthcare for foster kids and people with disabilities and childcare worker compensation.

Dion Aroner holds a B.S. from the University of California, Berkeley. She lives in Berkeley with her husband, David. They have two children Danielle, 22 and Josh, 25, who are graduates of the Berkeley public school system and U.C. Davis.

Ms. Aroner will brief the club on the upcoming session, anticipated legislation and other topical subjects, sure to be of interest to all who attend. Don't miss this one!!

Chairperson of the Day: MICHAEL FENLEY

Door Duty: CHARLIE FENDER and BILL REID

LAST WEEK

Another foggy day in Richmond Town but President DON (let a smile be your bumpershoot) LAU brought us up for another meeting of the friendly Richmond Rotary Club. BILL REID led us in the pledge. DAVID BROWN shared another jewel from the German funny man-Goethe.

Visiting Rotarians: Barbara D'Anne, Gary Buffon and Nobuko Makai all of the El Cerrito Club.

Announcements: Nobuko, President of the El Cerrito Club, invited all Richmond Rotarians to the annual El Cerrito Rotary Pancake breakfast scheduled for November 24 at the Eagle Hall.

• RICHARD ALEXANDER announced that the job shadow program with Richmond High School begins on October 29. RICHARD is looking for more volunteers to work with students who are interested in learning about various professions. The “shadowing” takes about 1/2 day and culminates with taking the student to a Rotary club meeting. The appointed day is always Friday. For more information contact RICHARD (it's my job) ALEXANDER.

• JUDY KAFKA is looking for Richmond Rotarians to share the fun on November 3rd at Peres School - Rotary's adopted school. The school is sponsoring a “read to me” program for parents and students. Richmond Rotarians and their guests will be reading stories to the pupils of Peres. The program goes from 5:15 to about 7:00 p.m. Dinner follows the readings. Interested Rotarians should contact JUDY immediately.

• BOB (we need more members) NICCOLLS is trying a new tactic in his never ending pursuit of new Rotarians. If any of us have contacts at the larger employers in the area, please pass those names on to BOB. BOB will contact those individuals to ascertain degree of interest.

• JIM (can I get a bid) BEAVER announced that the annual Richmond Rotary auction will be held on December 10th at the semi-beautiful Mira Vista Country Club. It is not too early to start looking for appropriate items to include in the auction. That hubcap that you found that does not fit any of the cars in your garage just might fetch big time bucks at the auction. In the next few weeks, Rotarians will receive calls remind us of this important fund raiser.

• DON LAU suggested that the auction should serve as a perfect lead-in to the holiday party also scheduled for December 10th. The party will be held at Brickyard Landing at Brickyard Cove in Richmond. The cost to each Rotarian will be minimal, but the fun will be great. Details are forthcoming.

Honors: ERLE BROWN, coordinator of the Rotary

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Foundation of the Richmond club, called on JUDY MORGAN, GEORGE EGAN and DAN TANITA. JUDY and GEORGE were recognized for their \$1,000 contributions to the Rotary Foundation. DAN TANITA received two sapphires on his Paul Harris pin for his contributions which exceed over \$3,000.

Recognitions and Happy & Sad Dollars: DAVID (I am just doing my job) SMITH was particularly pleased to be the recognitions master this day. Did you catch the jaunt in his walk? The only birthday to be recognized was CHARLES (just desserts) WONG who will be 74 very soon. BILL REID was recognized for several times including his great pride in Mechanics Bank continuing to be a very successful community bank as recognized in the media and for his prowess on the golf course. ERLE (fandom has its price) BROWN just could not resist another "go bears" cheer. DAVID K. is extremely pleased about the Richmond High School's basketball coach who really does have a clear understanding of the term "student-athlete". DON HARDISON had sympathetic dollars for his grandson. JEFF NATHANSON had happy and sad dollars. JEFF was pleased about the results of the mural program at Marina Bay, especially Rotary's efforts; the fact that he received high praise and recognition from the County Arts organization; sad about the passing of his grandmother and bittersweet about his pending departure as Executive Director of the Richmond Art Center. DOUG STRAUS was happy and sad about the fact that Richmond now has something else in common with San Francisco. I'll let DOUG explain. STONEY STONEWORK expects every Richmond Rotarian to be at the 75th anniversary party for the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held on November 6th. For more information contact JUDY

MORGAN. DAVID BROWN is happy to join in the celebration of his father's 75th birthday. DAVID SMITH's daughter has reached her 13th birthday and he is almost prepared to have a teenager in the house.

Program: DON LAU introduced Bill Spalding who is the Governor of Rotary District 5160. Along with his wife, Pat, former President of Walnut Creek Sunrise, this dynamic couple represent ideal Rotarians.

Bill sees his primary responsibility as fostering the goals of R.I. with the theme of R.I. president being credibility, continuity and courage. The President introduced no new goals, but stated that we must continue the initiatives of previous administrations so that programs up and running can grow and foster Rotary's already enormous credibility. Programs identified include the Rotary Foundation, scholarships, youth exchange and group study exchange.

Of course one of the special features of Rotary is the enjoyment of our mutual company and chance to work and play together. Upcoming events include: a dinner dance on December 1 at the Fairfield-Suisun Club; the annual intercity trip to Reno scheduled for January 23, 2000; on the upcoming District Convention scheduled for May in Berkeley. Bill pointed out that this would be the first time in 40 years that the convention would be held in our immediate area. About 150 volunteers are needed to work on the annual convention. Interested Rotarians should contact Leslie Levy.

The highlight was the recognition that in each Rotary there are a few members who quietly and professionally make sure that everything stays running. Bill gave special recognition to our member who fits that description perfectly - JOE NUSBAUM. Thanks for the visit Bill, we enjoyed your remarks. -Don Jose del Verde-

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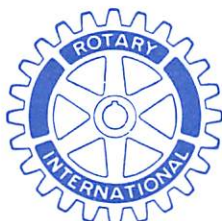
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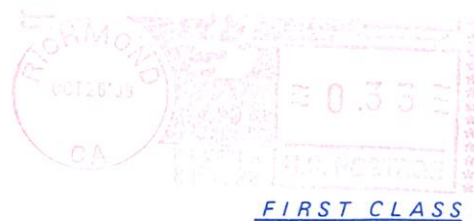
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1999

Contra Costa Grand Jury DONNA CAMPBELL-THOMAS

Donna is a 16 year resident of West County and a graduate of California State University Hayward with a BA in Sociology. Married to Luther, they are the proud parents of one son, David. Donna is active in her community of Hercules and a sitting member of the 1999-2000 Grand Jury. She has been nominated by her peers as Foreman Pro Tem.

JOHN T. (Jack) PONTING

Jack is retired from California Oils Corp. (Subsidiary of Mitusbishi Int'l Corp.), a vegetable oil crushing and refining plant located at the Port of Richmond, formerly Pacific Vegetable Oils Corp. Products included Safflower oil, Corn oil and Walnut and Almond oil. He was General Manager of the Safflower Seed and Oil Division. Other experience includes Banking, Bank Consulting and Agriculture as Terminal Grain Manager (including grain merchandising and exporting) and Seed Company Manager (vegetable oil importing and exporting).

Jack has a BA (History) from Stanford University and an MA (Communications and Business) from San Francisco State University. He is a member of the 1999-2000 Contra Costa Grand Jury.

Chairperson of the Day: LESLIE LEVY

Door Duty: MICHAEL FENLEY and DAN READY

LAST WEEK

Attendance could have been better--much better, when President DON LAU called the meeting of the friendly Richmond Rotary together at the Mira Vista Country Club. Perhaps it was the weather which was too perfect to have Rotarians make the trek up the hill. Your participation at these meetings would be appreciated. After the pledge, MICHAEL FENLEY shared this quote in honor of the victorious New York Yankees, "Be careful where you're going or you might get there." Yogi Berra, allegedly, said that.

Visiting Rotarians: Barbara D'Enneo from El Cerrito joined us today.

Guests: DAVID BROWN escorted his wife, Cheryl. HANK COVELL's guest was Pat Player who is running for the West Contra Costa School Board. (Late bulletin - she won.)

Announcements:

- Those Rotarians who pledged dollars for the participation of TOM BUTT and JOE NUSBAUM as Rotary's representatives in the Annual Walk Against Hunger will be proud to know that once again Rotary beat Kiwanis, even though TOM and JOE had to walk about 81 miles to do it.

- Congratulations to Richmond Rotarians TOM BUTT and GARY BELL who were elected to the Richmond City Council. To quote an ancient Chinese proverb, "may you live in interesting times".

- It is not too late to sign up to attend the 75th anniversary party of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. For details call JUDY MORGAN at the Chamber.

Recognitions and Happy & Sad Dollars:

DOUG STRAUS reported that everyone who could have been recognized was absent so he moved directly to asking for pictures of Abe Lincoln. DON LAU was assessed the traditional fin for forgetting part of the meeting agenda but I forget what the part was. JOE NUSBAUM and TOM BUTT had to admit that perhaps that they exaggerated their walking exploits somewhat. It is a billion times worse to exaggerate than it is to understate. JOHN NICOL had a happy five because of the appearance of one of his favorite customers - Dion Aroner. DAVID BROWN chipped in a happy five. JIM BEAVER, again, reminded everyone to be prepared for the call from a friendly Rotarian about this year's auction scheduled for December 10th. Did you ever unwrap the 13th Old Spice gift pack that you received in 1997. Consider that for the auction.

District Meeting: Barbara D'Enneo, convention organizer and primary cheerleader, brought us up to date on the upcoming District Conference scheduled for early May 2000. Barbara reminded all of us that these events are only successful if a enough Rotary volunteers step up and offer their services. At least 175 individuals from the various clubs are expected to share their time in putting the program together. The convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Berkeley. This is the first time in 40 years that the event is going to be held in Berkeley. Barbara shared some of the planning with us and indicated that the highlight will be a terrific '40's style party aboard the U.S.S. Hornet in Alameda. Hope you're "in the mood". Part of the party will be a USO style talent show. If you or family or friends are interested in a spot in the show, Barbara is sure she can find a way for you to try out. At this time, the most important component of the planning is finding volunteers to assist Barbara and

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other event organizers. Should you wish to volunteer, please contact LESLIE LEVY as soon as possible.

Program: MICHAEL FENLEY introduced our guest speaker for the day, Assembly woman Dion Aroner. Ms. Aroner's district includes most of Richmond. Her remarks dealt with some important events from last year in the California State Assembly. She pointed out that the year began with great expectations because for the first time in several years, the Governor, the Assembly and the Senate were all from the same party. However, it became evident that this Governor is a very different kind of administrator and that all items that the Democrats had anticipated breaking their way because of political affiliation did not go smoothly. Nevertheless, Ms. Aroner is encouraged by the direction Sacramento is heading and that most things she wanted done were, at least, reviewed for initiation or further development. Some of the highlights that Assemblywoman Aroner pointed out included:

- The State's commitment to education grew through significant increases in funding to various programs including classroom/student ratio reductions. New challenges are now on the scene. In particular, California is faced with the enormous demand for new teachers as well as finding ways of keeping teachers.
- Although legislation dealing with HMO's has its shortcomings, Ms. Aroner is encouraged that the Assembly's measures, which enable victims of HMO alleged malpractice, to take action against HMO's. Developments in mental health parity were positive. Nursing staff ratio in hospitals has also been legislated. Works needs to be done in prescription plan programs and in hospice care.

• Tax Relief and tax credits was expanded to corporations doing sizable work in research and development. This is a positive development for a State that has the world's 7th largest economy. Ms. Aroner discussed the State's efforts in becoming a greater player in the world's economy and efforts of forming private/public partnership with corporations abroad. As an example, she used work with California's sister state in Italy, Umbria. Significant work dealing with earthquake preparation has been made in Umbria and California has been able to take advantage of that work through our partnership.

• In the area of Social Services, Ms. Aroner's primary responsibility in Sacramento, strides were made in improving foster care legislation. Major legislation dealing with juvenile justice programs that emphasize prevention rather than incarceration was enacted. School programs that deal with protecting the rights and safety of gay and lesbian students was passed.

• Ms. Aroner was not particularly positive in stating that the request to have West Contra Costa County Unified School District's request to have its debt forgiven would be approved. However, she did state that a compromise measure giving some relief to the debt is under consideration. On the issue of revisions to California's initiative program and its current state of malfunction, she indicated that no plans are on the way to bring reform in this area.

Raffle: Vampire wine and Voodoo beer were the prizes. Happy Halloween.

Respectfully,
Giuseppe (there's a song in my head that won't go away) Verdi.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1999

Richmond Parks and Recreation JESSE WASHINGTON

Jesse (to the rescue) Washington has been recently appointed as Director of the Richmond Department of Parks and Recreation. In this capacity, Mr. Washington is responsible for all programs and services from Richmond's parks, community centers, swimming pools and auditorium.

Prior to his arrival to Richmond, Mr. Washington held similar positions in several communities in Southern California. His most recent job was in Thousand Oaks with the parks district in the community. Mr. Washington is the immediate past President of the Parks and Recreation Managers Association of California.

A Rotarian of long-standing, Mr. Washington regards his coming to Richmond as a homecoming inasmuch as he is originally from the Oakland area.

Chairperson of the Day: JOE GREEN

Door Duty: NORM FOLEY and CHARLES RAMSEY

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Nov. 19 - CHIEF SAMUELS - *Richmond Police Dept.*
Chairperson: Leslie Levy
Door Duty: Barry Gordon and Markku Pelanne
- Nov. 26 - NO MEETING - DARK
- Dec. 3 - DELAINE EASTIN, *State Superintendent for Public Instruction.* Chairperson: David Brown
- Dec. 10 - ANNUAL AUCTION, Chrm. Jim Beaver
- Dec. 17 - CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, Chrm. Jon Lawlis

For those Rotarians who receive this particular issue of the Flywheel after our meeting scheduled for November 12, 1999, please accept my apology. Due to a number of unfortunate events tied to the meeting for the 12th, finishing this issue was delayed.

LAST WEEK:

President DON LAU called the regular meeting of the friendly Richmond Rotary to order at the Mira Vista Country Club. We met in the kiddies room which made our numbers appear greater than when we meet in the

great hall. Anyway, it felt like a better than usual turnout. We sat close enough to one another that not only did I hear all of WERNER SCHWARZ's unusual attempts at humor, I actually understood them. Laughing at them is another story. After the pledge, led by Sups GLORIA JOHNSTON, LESLIE LEVY shared a thought from Mark Train, "Good breeding consists of how little we think of others and how much we think of ourselves."

Welcome to the visiting Rotarians from El Sobrante.

Guests: TOM ARTZ' guest was Paul Hodges from Chevron; JONATHAN LAWLIS brought Dan Ercoline from Harbor Plastics; Pam Barrigan of the Hilltop Marriott came with LESLIE LEVY; BARRY GORDON's guest was Rich Gophin from Oakland; and DAN TANITA's guest for the final time was his associate, Dr Charlene Chen.

New Member: The reason that Dr. Chen was making her final visit as a guest was that she was inducted into our ranks as a Richmond Rotarian. DR. DAN TANITA did the honors with a presentation of many valuable items including a Rotary pin (gold) and Rotary badge (red). DR. CHEN will move on to a big blue badge when she does her "Who Am I", attends a Board meeting and joins a committee.

Announcements: DAVID BROWN reported on speakers scheduled for upcoming meetings. BOB NICCOLLS passed around a sign-up sheet for soliciting new members from various employers in Richmond-sort of a connecting chart. JOE NUSBAUM reminds us that those who made pledges for the Hunger Walk that a pledge is your word and that payment is now due. JIM (Auctioneer) BEAVER used his time to talk about the upcoming Holiday Auction scheduled for December 10. The auction is the club's major fundraiser for community services. Rotarians are asked to really push the envelope on bringing items for the auction. Instead of 1 fruitcake, bring 2 pannetone. Well, you get the idea. The holiday party is also set for December 10.

Congrats and thanks to those Rotarians who participated at the November 3rd "read out" at the Peres School. Your efforts helped bring about success at Rotary's adopted school.

Recognitions and Happy & Sad Dollars: Happy Birthday to WERNER (did you hear the one about) SCHWARZ who is enjoying his senior moments more and more often. A tip to the Community Fund is appreciated. DOUG STRAUS felt obligated to cite DR. TAN TANITA for his loss of memory and physical stature during his long, long, long tenure as a Richmond Rotarian. TOM BUTT is happy that the campaign season is over. He also

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was fined for indicating that one thing that at least 12 Richmond Rotarians will have in common is a birthday in 1999. ERLE BROWN was happy to kick in some bucks for Cal's recent victory over USC as well as the results of the election of Richmond City Council and School Board. DR. DON MILLER was pleased that his suffering through continuing education at the Ahwahnee in Yosemite had finally come to an end. BOB NICCOLLS expressed his sadness and concern that DR. DAN TANITA's steady hands were beginning to betray him during the induction of DR. CHEN. OSCAR LUGO is pleased to announce that the monthly Chamber of Commerce Mixer will be held at his store on November 12. RICHARD ALEXANDER will miss the next two meetings because he has been called for active duty for eight days in Hawaii. Katherine will be joining him.

Program:

LESLIE LEVY introduced Jack Ponting and Donna Campbell-Thomas. Mr. Ponting is a member of the Contra Costa Grand Jury and Ms. Campbell-Thomas is Foreman Pro-Tem of the Jury. The two speakers used this opportunity to explain the workings of the Grand Jury and make a bald plea for individuals to consider membership.

In Contra Costa County the Grand Jury is impaneled annually and is comprised of 19 members. The members are selected from a solicited pool of 160 applicants. The responsibilities of the grand jury represented by Ponting and Campbell-Thomas investigates civil matters. The Grand Jury works to ensure that the best interests of all citizens of the county are being served by their governmental bodies. Examples of the work of the Grand Jury include, but are not limited to the following:

- *Inspecting and auditing of city and county books to insure accountability of public funds.
- *Examination of records of nonprofit organizations receiving county or city funds.
- *Inquire into the conditions and management of the jails and detention centers.

All inquiries made by the Grand Jury are done in secrecy and individuals are not identified by name in the reports of the Grand Jury. Grand Jury findings or recommendations are issued in written reports which must be approved by a minimum of 12 members of the Grand Jury. Copies of the reports are available through public officials, libraries, the news media and interested organizations.

Contra Costa residents are urged to apply for service on the Grand Jury. Applications are available from the: Secretary of the Superior Court, 1020 Ward St., Martinez, CA 94553, 510-646-2345. In order to qualify for the Grand Jury, one must meet the following: U.S. citizenship; be 18 and a resident of Contra Costa County for at least one year prior to being sworn; be in possession of natural faculties and ordinary intelligence and be reasonably fluent in English. Potential jurors are interviewed by a judge. Individuals from each supervisorial district are selected. The one year term begins July 1 of each year. Jack and Donna stated that it is not too early to submit your name for consideration.

Raffle: JUDY MORGAN and DON HARDISON won this week heart stopping, thrilling drawing.

Respectfully submitted,

Giuseppe Verdi

Your faithful, if somewhat bewildered scribe.

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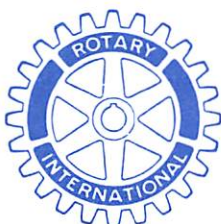
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Richmond Police Department POLICE CHIEF JOSEPH SAMUELS, JR.

On August 2, 1999, Joseph Samuels, Jr., was sworn in as the first African-American Chief of Police of the Richmond Police Department. He administers an agency of 263 employees with an annual budget of \$25.8M.

Chief Samuels was born and reared in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the local high school in 1967. In 1971, he attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Lincoln University PA and moved to California. In 1988, Chief Samuels attained a Master of Public Administration degree from California State University, Hayward.

Chief Samuels joined the Oakland Police Dept. in 1974 after working for a Finance Corporation as a Branch Manager. He rose through the ranks of the Police Department to the position of Captain where he spent three years in the Patrol Division. He also served in investigative and support units of the Department.

On October 21, 1991, he was appointed Chief of Police of the City of Fresno. On August 9, 1993, Chief Samuels was appointed as the first African-American Chief of Police of the Oakland Police Department. As Chief of Police, he has served on the board of directors of several agencies in both Oakland and Fresno and was the recipient of numerous social, civic and professional awards. He has also recently served on the Board of Directors of the Oakland Boys and Girls Club, the Alameda County Chapters of the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross and the Oakland Police Activities League. He is a member of the National Advisory Committee of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids and the California Wellness' Foundation Violence Prevention Initiative.

The Chief's professional affiliations include membership in the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the Police Executive Research Forum, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the California Peace Officers Association, and the California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA). He is a member of the Governing body of the CPCA and is serving as the elected 4th Vice President of the IACP.

On a more personal note, Chief Samuels is the eldest of six children. He is married and he and his wife, Sabrina, have a son, Joseph. Mrs. Samuels owns and operates a finishing school for young girls. The Chief is a Deacon at

the Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland.

Chairperson of the Day: LESLIE LEVY

Door Duty: BARRY GORDON and MARKKU PELANNE

NOVEMBER 26, 1999 - DARK

Thanksgiving Digestion Respite

LAST WEEK

On a lovely Fall day, the Friendly Richmond Rotary was called to order by DON (How Now) LAU. One of our own veterans, DAN READY, led us in the pledge. The gem of the day was delivered by mean JOE GREEN, "Whenever I have thoughts of physical exercise, I lay down till they pass." This was attributed to Robert Benchely.

Visiting Rotarians - Jesse Washington of the Thousand Oaks club. Nobuko Makai, President of the El Cerrito club, joined us just so that she could have us serenade her on her 29th birthday.

Rotarians with Guests - TOM ARTZ' guest was Paul Hodgins of Chevron. DAVID BROWN's son, Aaron, and MICHAEL FENLEY's son, Cameron, joined us for the day.

Announcements:




- The annual holiday bash this year will be a Rotary hosted affair. The club invites all Rotarians to an "open house" type party at the **Clubhouse at Brickyard Landing**. The event will be held on **December 10**. The party will run from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Club will sponsor all members and one guest each. The charge for additional guests is \$5.00 each. A signup sheet is being circulated at each meeting. Also, each Rotarian can reserve by calling either CHARLIE (Do No) WONG or DON (La LA) LAU. Please make your reservations early. It really helps in planning with the caterer.

- It is almost too late to sign up for the *Inter-City Trip to Reno*. If you are interested, please contact JOHN NICOL immediately.

- **Auction:** JIM (The Jet) BEAVER will be the auctioneer once again on December 10th at the club's annual auction. Because this is the Club's most significant fundraiser, everyone should be prepared to bring an item to auction as well as to bid early and often. Please let JIM know as soon as possible what you plan to enter into the auction.

Recognitions-Happy & Sad Dollars:

DOUG (I'm not Levi) STRAUS enjoyed, once again, citing many Rotarians in a wide variety of ways. Happy anniversary to DR. DON MILLER who has been married for several (can't remember the total) years. Martha

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Miller knows. Happy birthday to MALCOLM (General) LEE on his 64th birthday. Also congrats to MAL on being named President of the National Association of Rescue Missions. BART WALLACE is happy to be celebrating both a birthday and anniversary. NORM FOLEY was happy to be back to Rotary after his neck surgery. I guess that's at least one less pain in the neck, NORM. Also, NORM is celebrating another wedding anniversary. DON LAU was double dinged. First for underestimating DAN READY's ability to rise to the occasion of leading the pledge and second on the occasion of his birthday and his father's (Hawaii's answer to Don Knotts) birthday. JONATHAN LAWLIS and MIKE READY kicked in happy dollars. Judge JONI HIRAMOTO had happy and sad dollars. Sad dollars for the ordeal of sitting through the Pokemon movie and happy dollars for being happy to run unopposed. BART WALLACE kicked in happy bucks in appreciation for all of the fine programs that Rotary offers. Nobuko Makai celebrated her birthday with us. DAVID BROWN was happy to announce that Aaron Brown's report card showed a 4.0 G.P.A. Of course, this had nothing to do with the anticipation of driver's license eligibility. GARY BELL was very happy that the campaign for Richmond City Council was over and that he WON!

Program: JOE GREEN introduced Jesse Washington. Our announced speaker, Jim Otto, did not make it to the meeting. Jesse, in great Rotarian fashion, stepped up to the plate and delivered an enjoyable and fact-filled presentation.

Mr. Washington is the newly appointed Director of the Richmond Parks and Recreation Department. Prior to his arrival to Richmond, he directed Parks and Recreation Departments in several communities in Southern California. Most recently, Jesse was Director of the Conejo Parks District in Thousand Oaks. He is a long time Rotarian. Mr. Washington reviewed ongoing programs in the Recreation Department. Of particular interest are:

- *Upcoming concerts from the Oakland/East Bay Symphony Orchestra.
- *Opening of the Richmond Swim Center and Randolph Pool.
- *The annual Snow Ball and Senior Dance at the auditorium.
- *Relocation of the Department headquarters to the old YMCA building at 32nd and Macdonald.

Mr. Washington pointed out that the Department has a wide variety of youth programs at the community centers throughout Richmond. Jesse took his new position in late September and he is certainly aware of the history of the Department and is working diligently to restore vitality to the organization. He finds the work challenging, however, because of his wide experience in the field, he is certainly up to the task. We look forward to seeing Jesse at future meetings of Rotary.

Raffle: GARY BELL and DAVID BROWN won boxes of candy. Dr. David Ludwig was happy.

Humbly submitted by your scribe,
Mean JOE GREEN

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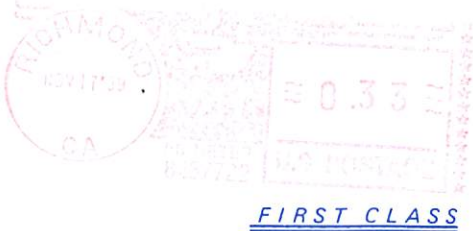
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1999

"CHRISTMAS PROGRAM"

Chairman of the Day: JON LAWLIS

Door Duty: DON HARDISON and DAVID NINOMIYA

LAST WEEK

President DON LAU called a very large group of Richmond Rotarians, visitors and guests to order. HERB COLE led everyone in the pledge to the flag. Chairman for the Day, GLORIA JOHNSTON proposed this thought for the day: *If you want to change the culture of an organization, you must first change the conversation..*

Visiting Rotarian: Linda Lester from the Pinole club.

Rotarians with Guests: There was a long list of guests including: Sally DeWitt with OSCAR LUGO, Antoinette Henry-Evans with HANK COVELL, Paul Hodgen with TOM ARTZ, Stephanie Juno with JEFF NATHANSON, Glenn Holsclaw with JOHN MEDLOCK, Dan Ercoleny with JON LAWLIS and Michelle Itagaki with JUDY MORGAN. GLORIA JOHNSTON's guests included Jenny Green, Pat Dugan, Dean Hardman and Vince Kilmartin. Bonnie Foley and Cheryl Black were the guests of respective husbands NORM FOLEY and DAVID BROWN.

Announcements:

- JEFF NATHANSON had an announcement about the Richmond Art Center's annual fund raiser. One of the prizes is a limited edition Wheaties box with Ronnie Lott as portrayed by Leroi Nieman.

- It was announced that RUSS SCHULZE has retired and is transferring his membership to the Orinda club.

- The list of nominees for Richmond Rotary officers for next year was announced. Nominees are LESLIE LEVY, President; RICH BRANDES, Vice President; JOE NUSBAUM, Secretary; and DONNA BELL, Treasurer. Nominated for the Board of Directors were BARRY GORDON, JOE GREEN, GLORIA JOHNSTON, PAM JONES, JIM SHATTOCK, STONEY STONEWORK and MIKE WINTER. Voting will be in two weeks at the December 17 meeting.

- JIM BEAVER reminded everyone about next week's auction. A list of enticing offerings was headed by the preparation of a living trust estate and by various vacation accommodations.

Recognitions:

WALTER CONNOLLY's shorts were recognized to the tune of \$10. BILL REID's new home and increased domestic happiness was worth \$100. REN PARTRIDGE had a double header, his birthday (70) and his wedding anniversary (20). CHARLIE FENDER celebrated his 81st birthday and kicked in the \$10 owing for the Cal "debacle" last week. Other UC alums will have the opportunity to pay up next week. JEFF NATHANSON was grateful for a \$10,000 grant for the Richmond Art Center from Mechanic's Bank.

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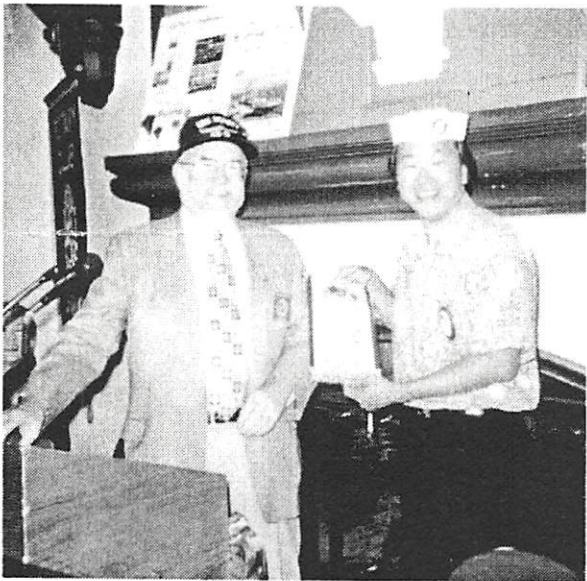
Program:
Our own WCCUSD Superintendent GLORIA JOHNSTON introduced Delaine Eastin, California's Superintendent of Public Instruction. Ms. Eastin began by reflecting on our present times. She pointed out that there is much to celebrate as we approach the new millennium. Economic conditions, health, education, the environment, and every other aspect of our lives have improved and in many cases are the best they have ever been. Important milestones in education, she said, have contributed to the advancements made in this century. These were the institution of compulsory education and the expansion of higher education after the Civil war, enhancing our entry into the industrial age, and the GI Bill after WWII which fueled the expansion of knowledge and information in the latter part of our century.

For the future, Eastin maintains education will need money and accountability. Of primary importance, kids must learn to think and to work together; life isn't all *multiple choice*, she said. The Superintendent pointed out that dysfunctional upbringing is often considered to be the major reason for the violence in our society and the population in jails. Yet, she pointed out, many successful people, in every walk of life, including possibly many Rotarians present in the room, may come from dysfunctional backgrounds. Easton suggest this is due to others who step in to mentor and take responsibility for nurturing our youth. She singled out Glenn Holsclaw, a guest in the audience, and his Making Waves Foundation, as an extraordinary example of how this can occur. She

ended her remarks by stating that we need to establish a longer school year, and we need to have better pay for teachers so that they can afford to live in the community where they teach. The Rotarians gave her a standing ovation.

Raffle:
Winners were JON LAWLIS and BILL REID.

Respectfully submitted,
TED (Am I Blue) ABREU
Substitute Scribe



President DON LAU with DG BILL SPALDING during his Official Visit.

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DELAINE EASTIN California State Superintendent for Public Instruction

On November 8, 1994, Delaine Eastin was elected to a four-year term as State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The superintendency is a nonpartisan state constitutional office. Eastin is the highest ranking official in California elementary and secondary public school system and the first woman to be elected State Superintendent. Prior to her election as State Superintendent, she served four terms in the State Assembly beginning in November, 1986. She represented the 20th District, which includes Fremont, Milpitas, Newark and portions of San Jose, Santa Clara and Pleasanton. She received numerous awards from organizations representing teachers, teaching specialists, school administrators and board members, including “Legislator of the Year” and a day care center named in her honor because of her strong commitment to children.

A native Californian, Eastin received her bachelor’s degree from the UC Davis and masters degree in political science from UC Santa Barbara. After receiving her degrees, she taught political science and women’s studies for seven years. Following her career in teaching, she served as a corporate planner for Pacific Telesis Group, a position she held until her election to the State Assembly.

As State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Eastin serves as the Executive Officer and Secretary of the State Board of Education and as the Director of the California Department of Education. In addition, the State Superintendent is a member of various boards and commissions that affect educational policy in the state. The most notable of these are the Regents of the University of California, the Trustees of the California State Colleges and Universities, and the California Round table on Educational Opportunity.

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN

Door Duty: ELOF GRANBERG & REN PARTRIDGE

LAST WEEK

President DON LAU called the small but enthusiastic throng of Richmond Rotarians together for our friendly weekly meeting at the Mira Vista Country Club. STAN (for medicinal and religious purposes too) TEADERMAN led us in the pledge. The gem of the day from Francis (Country Style) Bacon was “If we do not maintain justice, justice will not maintain us.” Delivered with restrained gusto by Vice-President LESLIE LEVY.

Visiting Rotarian: Gary Pokorny of the El Cerrito Club.

Rotarians with Guests: Gary Pokorny’s guest was Deborah Weeks. Dan Erkoleny was JOE KELMAN’s guest.

Announcements:

- CHARLIE (Party-meister) WONG is this years coordinator for the holiday get-together. The event will occur on friday, december 10th at the Brickyard Landing Clubhouse. The party will run from 5-10 p.m. JOE (Where should I send your) BAGLEY will be the dj. He will take requests if you supply the music. The theme is Hawaiian casual. The event is sponsored by Rotary. Richmond Rotarians and one guest will be “on the house”. There is a \$5 charge for each person beyond the two sponsored by Rotary. Should you wish to attend, please notify CHARLIE or DON LAU as soon as possible.

- JIM (Leave it to) BEAVER once again, is the auctioneer for Rotary’s annual fundraiser. The date of the auction is December 10th, and is the program for the day at Rotary. This event is Richmond Rotary’s primary fundraiser. JIM is anticipating a significant turnout with a great selection of items for bidding. Please notify JIM or JOE BAGLEY of your plans for the auction.

- JUDY (nee Coleman) KAFKA is holding the next meeting of the Community Services Committee at her house in Point Richmond on Wednesday, December 15th at 5 p.m.

- DONNA (Chimes) BELL has agreed to serve as Interim Treasurer for the balance of the LAU administration. The Richmond Board of Directors accepted DAVID ALMEIDA’s resignation as treasurer with thanks for a job well done.

- LESLIE LEVY is still looking for volunteers to assist with District Governor’s conference in May, 2000.

Recognitions/Happy-Sad Dollars:

JIM BEAVER reported that the folks to be recognized were not on hand for recognition so citations will be made at a later date.

BOB NICCOLLS followed through on his prediction that Stanford would prevail over Cal at this year’s Big Game with a bet that was amended by HANK COVELL and


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agreed to by all. This reporter ran out of paper trying to keep track of the adjustments to the bet, but it went something like this, "Should Stanford win, Cal alums would chip in \$10 each; if Cal wins, Stanford alums would kick in \$21.50 each." Cough-up day will be December 3rd.

DAVID BROWN was happy because he is a graduate of UC Davis where athletics does not pre-occupy the Alumni Association. Father CHRIS (Principal) WOERZ is happy to be back after a long convalescence. HANK COVELL is happy that the muscatel is still around, and looks forward to vigorous bidding at this year's auction. LESLIE (Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho) LEVY had a wonderful visit to Disneyland with her son. JOHN NICOL took his grandchildren to Disneyland and was pleased to have survived (maybe even enjoyed) the trip. DON LAU had very good hands at the latest poker game and wanted to share his fortune with the club. ELOF GRANBERG is the current reigning champion of his poker club. The winnings are small but the fun immense.

Program: LESLIE LEVY introduced Chief Joseph Samuels, Richmond's new Chief of Police. Chief Samuels came to Richmond after stints as Chief in Oakland and Fresno. He began his remarks by pointing out that he was sworn in on August 2, 1999 and sworn at on August 3. Such is the life of an individual who has to make difficult decisions that can change, perhaps disrupt, the lives of large numbers of citizens. In this case, Chief Samuels was referring to his actions concerning revisions to the Police Department's very popular community policing program. He concentrated his remarks in two areas. First was a review of those issues that he found when he came to Richmond. His main areas of concern were in:

- *No labor contract with the force as well as an under-compensated group of employees.
 - *A hard-working, dedicated force that was under-appreciated by too many individuals.
 - *The need for a complete review of the Community Policing program.
 - *A spurt in the homicide rate in Richmond tied with the perception that some communities had almost developed a benign tolerance for violence.
- Chief Samuels moved on to those areas where he plans initiatives for the Richmond Police Department. He identified the following as part of his plan:
- *Finding ways to have the community understand the close relationship of crime prevention and community development. Several studies indicate that when crime is reduced significantly the ability of cities to keep and recruit companies rises significantly.
 - *Strive for excellence in performance. While the Police Department is doing a good job, there is always room for improvement. Chief Samuels will work on ways to stimulate the force to perform at peak performance.
 - *Introduction of customer service orientation for all employees of the force.
 - *Upgrade in the communications between the Department and the community before implementing changes.
 - *Find efficiencies as a way of stabilizing the cost of doing business.
 - *Find other ways to have the community become more involved in public safety services.
 - *Develop a career development program for officers and non-sworn staff.
- Raffle:** JOE BAGLEY and JOHN MEDLOCK
Giuseppe (not at Carnegie Hall) Verdi

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"CHRISTMAS PROGRAM"



Portola Middle School Choir

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1999 - NO MEETING



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1999 - NO MEETING

HAPPY "2000" MILLENNIUM

LAST WEEK

On a crisp clear day, the Richmond Rotarians were called together by the always punctual and ever suave President DON LAU. After the pledge, we were treated to the gem of the day delivered by DAVE (Hard Rock) BROWN. In keeping with the auction, DAVE passed on words about getting and giving.

Guests: Paul Hodgen was TOM ARTZ' guest. LESLIE LEVY introduced Deborah Weeks. TOM BUTT's guests were his son Andrew and Andrew's fiancée, Kim Martin. Sandi Genser-Maack came with JUDY MORGAN. LOREN STRAUGHN escorted his wife Carol. REN PARTRIDGE brought his own chancellor of the exchequer - wife Jean. DAVID CALFEE came with his wife, Betty. JUDY KAFKA's guest was Ginny Green. Dan Ercoleny came with JONATHAN LAWLIS. Other visitors were Chuck Wright, Dave Troughtman and Bill Van Dyke. If I missed you or a guest, please regard it as an error of omission brought on by the brightness of all of the items up for auction.

Announcements: In keeping with the Club's bylaws a second notice of the candidates for the election scheduled for December 17, 1999, is hereby posted. Please note the following: LESLIE LEVY, President; RICH BRANDES, Vice-President; JOE NUSBAUM, Secretary; DONNA BELL, Treasurer. Nominated for the Board are: BARRY GORDON, JOE GREEN, GLORIA JOHNSTON, PAM JONES, JIM SHATTOCK, STONEY STONEWORK and MIKE WINTER.




Thanks to STAN TEADERMAN for providing each table with a bottle of his Chateau produced "Teaderipple". Robert Mondavi won't even miss the grapes that you shared with Richmond Rotary.

Auction:

President DON LAU wasted no time in turning over the meeting to auctioneers JIM (Jet) BEAVER and DOUG (Silver Tongue) STRAUS. Many veterans of Richmond Rotary told me that the array of items up for auction might have set a record for size and diversity. It is impossible to list all of the items that went in fast order. Was a raid in the offing? Nevertheless, some of the highlights of the day included the following:

- MIKE FENLEY successfully bid to win 4 tickets to a Giants game at the new PacBell stadium this coming spring. Keeping in the sporting life, MIKE also will be golfing at the Mira Vista Country Club with his foursome.

- A Day on the Bay with TOM MCGOWAN and his crew was taken by HENRY KELMAN. Perhaps thinking about all of the perils of being out on San Francisco Bay,

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HENRY also bought DAVID BROWN's Estate Planning package.

- One could be easily convinced that REN and Jean PARTRIDGE used the auction as an easy way to complete holiday shopping. Their lovely prizes included an evening and dinners at the Hotel Mac; Spa Treatment at the Claremont Hotel (JONATHAN LAWLIS also won the treatment at the Claremont and I hope no one is rubbed the wrong way.); an original reproduction photograph of Babe Ruth hitting his 60th home run (autographed too); Beanie Babies; a print of a giraffe by Deborah Winters and a cordless drill.
- No slouch himself, JONATHAN LAWLIS's bids often were winners. JONATHAN will be enjoying a stay at the Little Brother Light House. MR LAWLIS will be meeting for legal consultations over lunch with LESLIE LEVY. That bid was followed by a high bid for a basket of roses and chocolate.
- This year's visitor to PETE BRAY's cabin will be RICH BRANDES. RICH supplied the auction with two cases of estate bottled Chevron oil which went to DAVE NINOMIYA and REN PARTRIDGE.
- Dan Ercoleny will be enjoying his magnum of French Champagne.
- LESLIE LEVY took home the cookies supplied by HANK COVELL.
- Although it did not draw the highest bids, the little old bottle of Muscatel (vintage one Thursday in 1972 or so) brought the most sentimental action. Out of the goodness of his heart and so many fond memories, JOHN NICOL will be this year's guardian of the golden nectar. JOHN, please make sure the outstanding wrapping of the bottle is also protected from the ravages of time and merciless sunlight.

The Rotarian turnout for the auction was outstanding. The response for donations was inspiring to the point that the auctioneers ran out of time before they ran out of merchandise. Although the final tally has not yet been announced, it is safe to say that several thousand dollars was collected in this year's auction.

Holiday Party:
Thanks to the efforts of CHARLES (Party Animal) WONG and his merry band of party planners (DON LAU, JOE BAGLEY, PAM JONES, ELOF GRANBERG, JOHN NICOL, JOE GREEN), this year's holiday party was a great success. On Friday, December 10th, between 4 and 5 thousand (just a slight exaggeration) people enjoyed the festivities at the Brickyard Landing Clubhouse in Brickyard Cove. In keeping with PRESIDENT DON's wish to keep things casual, the party took on a breezy Hawaiian theme. Everyone enjoyed the fine eats and open bar provided by the friendly Richmond Rotary Club. JOE BAGLEY did a masterful job of spinning tunes that helped make sure that everyone had a good time. I am sure that CHARLIE would like to get your reaction to the party.

Respectfully submitted,
The scribe formerly known as
JOE GREEN

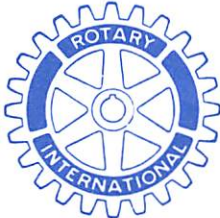
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