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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2000

"City of Richmond Update"

ISIAH TURNER
City Manager

Isiah Turner brings 30 years of experience to his current job as City Manager for the City of Richmond where he manages 1,200 employees.

Under his leadership in Richmond, unprecedented successful collaboration among public agencies, community-based organizations, labor, education and the business community has occurred. This has resulted in thousands of jobs for Richmond residents and an increased tax base for the City's general fund. He is currently leading an ambitious economic development program that will create 4,000 new jobs; the building of 3,000 new homes ranging from \$170,000 to \$600,000; a transit village in the heart of old downtown Richmond; the revitalization of the old Ford Building; the start up of a new ferry service; and the creation of three retail/commercial centers in the Hilltop area, in the Marina area and in the Richmond Annex area.

He has hired the first black police chief and the first black recreation and parks director in the city's history. He also promoted a black woman to the position of employment and training director, and promoted a black man to interim fire chief; both are Richmond residents. As far as increasing revenues for the city, under his leadership \$5.4 million in Department of Labor funds have been obtained and over \$10 million in Housing Urban Development funds have been obtained this past year.

By far, his biggest accomplishment has been that he has been able to work productively with the mayor and eight council members, and he continues to be accessible and very visible in community activities and events.

Chairman of the Day: JEFF NATHANSON

Door Duty: LLOYD HENRY and JOHN NICOL

LAST WEEK

At our last meeting for the century, President DON LAU called the friendly Richmond Rotary together at the Mira Vista Country Club. The secret food critic declared that lunch this day was indeed a well kept secret. Following the pledge, Chair for the Day, JONATHAN LAWLIS, shared this gem, "Never argue with a fool. They will always defeat you and then beat you up with experience."

Guests: BUD MARTIN's guest was Chris Almeida. JOE BAGLEY escorted his daughter Lana. Ann Blackman was HERB COLE's invitee.

Announcements:

DAVID K had the sad duty to report that WERNER SCHWARZ's mother had passed away in Israel. JIM BEAVER and DONNA BELL reported that the auction was a great success and that over \$7,000 had been made from the event. DON LAU stated that the holiday party, with its casual format, was well attended and well received. The party committee was commended for its efforts. The Board has allocated \$2,500 for the Peres School program and Betty Calfee has donated \$5,000 which will be used for the Peres program. BOB NICCOLLS reported that the Board had approved a revised process that should expedite the time for actually installing new members.

Election:

Richmond Rotary held its annual election for officers and directors at this meeting. Elected were the following: President - LESLIE LEVY; Vice-President/President Elect - RICH BRANDES; Treasurer - DONNA BELL; Secretary - JOE NUSBAUM; Directors - JOE GREEN, PAM JONES and HORACE (Stoney) STONEWORK.

Recognitions and Happy/Sad Dollars:

JET BEAVER did the honors at this morning. He commenced by recognizing RICHARD ALEXANDER's uncanny ability to never remember a name but to always forget a face. RICHARD and JET seemed to enjoy the holiday party anyway. TOM MCGOWAN celebrated his birthday and anniversary recently. TOM was especially thankful for the good wishes that the pupils from Peres Elementary School sent his way. JOE KELMAN is celebrating something mysterious! Congratulations to TOM BUTT on another wedding anniversary. HANK COVELL announced his 41st wedding anniversary. HERB (always pleased) COLE was happy about shaken not stirred martinis. JUDY KAFKA is enjoying the best year of her life. BILL WAHBEH was so grateful that his daughter planned and orchestrated her own wedding that he turned over just about all of his savings to

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Program:

JONATHAN LAWLIS introduced Kara Hubbard, choir director and music teacher from Portola Middle School. Kara stated that just a few years ago there were no choral programs in any of the middle schools in the District. In just two years, the program has expanded significantly to a chorus of several boys and girls. The chorus entertained with a wonderful selection of holiday songs and show tunes. There was even choreography! In a

season that symbolizes love and good will, the chorus came through in sensational style. Richmond Rotary gave Kara and her group a standing ovation. There was a raffle and three bottles of Champagne were won by three people who wish to remain anonymous.




Best wishes to all for a happy new year. May your wildest dreams come true!

Your scribe,
Giuseppe (master of the split infinitive) Verdi



DRS. TANITA and CHEN

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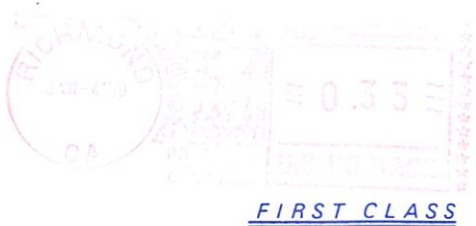
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"Richmond Art Center"

STEPHANIE JUNO
Director of Education

Stephanie Juno has served as the Director of Education since April of 1999. She comes to the Richmond Art Center with ten years of experience in the arts as an instructor, program designer, director and artist. As an instructor, she has taught a wide range of art media including drawing, painting, sculpture, installation, performance, animation, video, book-making, and creative writing. Her students have ranged in age from 3 to 75 and she has taught energetically at museums, community centers and universities alike including the San Diego Museum of Art, Tribal School of Barona, CA, and the University of Santa Barbara. As a program designer, Stephanie has created custom-designed, innovative programs such as school-wide integrated artist residencies, creativity seminars for corporations, and education outreach for public art projects. For five years, Stephanie directed the 4d Institute for the Arts which was founded to promote inter-disciplinary art at the grass-roots level. She also co-directed the program, Zero to One, a mentorship program dedicated to nurturing emerging artists through guidance by established professional artists. As an artist herself, Stephanie has exhibited her interdisciplinary work nationally and in Canada at over 50 shows since 1989 at venues including the Museum of Modern Art, Hallwalls and PS122 in New York, Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions (LACE), and Banff Centre for the Arts in Alberta, Canada.

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LAST WEEK: President DON LAU, in his best imitation of the Pope, wished everyone new year's greetings in about 22 different languages at the first meeting of 2000 of the Richmond Rotary. Very impressive. We met at the Mira Vista Country Club. The main course for lunch swam to the meeting and died upon arrival. Bon appetit. Vice President LESLIE LEVY led the assembled throng in a spirited rendition of the pledge. DAVID BROWN read his college entrance essay to all in attendance. Everyone was reminded of how old DAVID had become over the years.

Visiting Rotarians: Gary Pokorny and Mark Scott from El Cerrito. **Guests:** JOE KELMAN's guest was Dan Ercolini. Debbie Weeks was introduced by LESLIE LEVY.

Announcements: PRESIDENT LAU presented new and special pins for Richmond Rotary officers LESLIE LEVY (Incoming President), RICH BRANDES (Incoming Vice President/President-Elect), DONNA BELL (Treasurer) and JOE NUSBAUM (Secretary).

* RICHARD ALEXANDER distributed information about this year's "Job Shadow" program. Richmond Rotary and Richmond High School will work together on the school to career program which is scheduled for February 2 & 4. Anyone interested in participating in the program should contact RICHARD as soon as possible.

• JUDY KAFKA announced that the Community Services Committee would meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Richmond Public Library.

• Dr. DAN TANITA reported that the school based dental program at Peres is about to commence. The children of Peres will be given basic dental services as provided by Dr. DAN. This is a first for any Rotary in the Bay Area and probably one of the firsts in the Nation. Anyone who has access to new tooth brushes and fresh tooth paste should contact Dr. DAN immediately.

New Members: Congratulations to Richmond Rotary's newest inductees, PAUL HODGEN and GINNY GREEN. PAUL, who is with Chevron, was sponsored by TOM (Fine) ARTZ. GINNY GREEN, sponsored by JUDY KAFKA, is the principal of Stege Elementary School.

Recognitions & Happy/Sad Dollars: II Davido di Smitho was this week's recognition capo. Congratulations to MICHAEL FINLEY who celebrated his 16th wedding anniversary on Dec. 24. DAN READY celebrated his 70th high school graduation anniversary and his 50th year of membership in Richmond Rotary. JIM (leave it to) BEAVER enjoyed his birthday by buying back his golf clubs from his Rotary colleagues. His favorite birthday present was sweat pants (and they do bring out a certain something about Jet). TOM MCGOWAN is delighted and proud of the work of Richmond Rotary in developing and implementing the "adopt a school" program at Peres. DONNA URIYU was delighted that on Jan. 12th a significant announcement concerning the relocation of a major corporation to Richmond will be made. The firm will employ thousands of workers and will be located on a 27 acre parcel of land near the Port of Richmond. TED ABREU is happy to announce that his wife's health has taken a turn for the better. Judge JONI HIRAMOTO was sad that she missed the holiday auction and paid accordingly. RUSS SCHULZE was sad to announce that

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he was moving his membership from Richmond to Orinda, but pleased to know that in his heart he will always be a Richmond Rotarian.

Program: JEFF NATHANSON, the day's program director, re-introduced Isiah Turner, Richmond City Manager, who had addressed Richmond Rotary about 16 months ago. JEFF outlined several of Mr. Turner's accomplishments since he became City Manager in May of 1998, but the work of which he is proudest is finding new and exciting ways to form a productive partnership with the Mayor and ALL eight members of the City Council.




Mr. Turner reported that when he took office he found a City lacking a sense of direction. Working closely with the City Council and members of his senior managerial staff, a mission, vision and values were identified. Using the mission and values for guidance, a set of goals has been identified for implementation by mid-2001.

Richmond is now seen as a prime spot for community and residential development. Approximately 3,000 new housing units are either under construction or soon will be. Several new companies have been attracted to Richmond including Grace Baking, Allen Ritchie and a major player in the communications industry. The City has entered into a public/private partnership for the operation of the City's marina. These new companies will help to upgrade Richmond's financial stability, but not entirely. Richmond is a full service city and as such has a broader array of services to offer and a higher level of expectations to meet than other cities in CCC. Over the next several months, a City-wide survey will be undertaken in order to ascertain priorities for review and

repair. Examples of work to be done include but are not limited to: The City's infrastructure long-standing need for modernization; part of the City continue to need a permanent removal replaced by an on-going sense of community pride; outstanding safety issues continue to hamper the City's ability to grow and prosper; and the City's role in working with the County to improve the unincorporated area known as North Richmond is ongoing. He indicated that the full scale undertaking to bring about these long needed improvements will cost hundreds of millions of dollars and involve the good work and good will of everyone in Richmond.

JOSEPH GREEN, Giuseppe Verdi's American cousin.

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Congressman George Miller

U.S. Representative George Miller, a leading spokesman on the environment, children and families, has represented the 7th District of California in San Francisco's East Bay since 1975. His district includes portions of Contra Costa County and Solano County, including the cities of Richmond, Concord, Martinez, Pittsburg, Vallejo and Benicia.

As vice-chairman of the House Democratic Policy Committee, senior Democrat on the House Resources Committee, and the second most senior Democrat on the House Education and the Workforce Committee, Mr. Miller is responsible for developing policy positions on a wide array of issues for the Democratic Caucus, covering social, economic, foreign and environmental policy.

Congressman Miller's legislative priorities now include: improving student achievement by raising the quality of teachers and holding schools and students accountable to higher standards; campaign finance reform; ending child labor and sweatshops, both in the U.S. and abroad, including in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, a U.S. territory; eliminating unjustified and environmentally damaging natural resource subsidies; and preserving and expanding environmental resources such as urban parks and open space, national parks, coastal and marine wildlife and historic buildings.

For 10 years, Mr. Miller has led the effort to clear the names of the Port Chicago "Mutineers", 50 black sailors from WWII who refused to resume loading munitions at the Port Chicago Naval Weapons Station in Concord, following a still unexplained explosion that killed 320 sailors in 1944, most of whom were black. Mr. Miller, working with historians, journalists and the sailors themselves, helped demonstrate that racism played a strong role in their courts martial and that their convictions should be overturned.

Mr. Miller has helped cities and counties in his congressional district secure federal funding for transportation, economic development, housing, mental health treatment, crime prevention and the conversion of the now-closed Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

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LAST WEEK

President DON LAU called the meeting to order and asked Past President JOE BAGLEY to lead us all in the pledge to the flag. GARY BELL followed up with a thought for the day.

Visiting Rotarians: Michael Welton from Vacaville Sunrise and Janet Hildebrand from El Cerrito Rotary.

Guests: DAVID SMITH introduced his guest, Tom Amess, a former member of the club; BARRY GORDON brought Robert Contreras; GARY BELL had James Carter as a guest; and DIANA BECTON-SMITH introduced her guest, Helen Nichols.

Announcements: Secretary JOE NUSBAUM was awarded a secretary's pin by President DON LAU. TED ABREU, standing in for RICHARD ALEXANDER, who is away on active duty, asked for volunteers for the annual Job Shadow program on February 2 or 4. This program provides students a rare opportunity to gain insights about the world of work. JUDY KAFKA announced that the Community Service Committee will meet on January 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Richmond Library. JOHN NICOL had information about the Reno Intercity excursion on January 23-24, 2000.

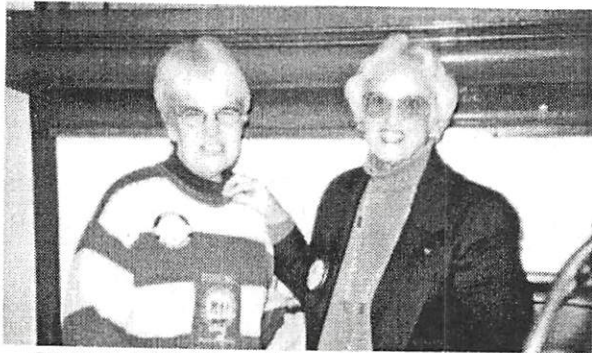
Recognitions & Happy Dollars: Past President DAVID SMITH presided over the recognitions, starting with JOE NUSBAUM who, along with wife Anne, celebrated an anniversary on December 20. JOE's division of his contribution prompted the semi-annual question about the Carl Reh fuss fund. DAVID SMITH glibly provided an explanation of who Carl Reh fuss was, the nature of his bequest to the club, and the intent of the current Carl Reh fuss fund. Now we all understand! ELOF GRANBERG stated that he was an *octogenarian*, but wondered what you call someone in their nineties. An erudite Rotarian volunteered that such a person is a *nonagenarian*. Numerous old blues settled their bet on the outcome of the big game. JOHN LAWLIS had happy dollars for another great year at Harbor Plastics. GLORIA JOHNSTON was happy to be with us and announced that February 1 will be her first anniversary as Superintendent of the WCCUSD. This reminded HERB COLE that he was been happily retired for one year.

Program: Chairperson for the Day, GARY BELL, introduced Stephanie Juno, Director of Education at the Richmond Art Center. She began her talk with a list of Art Center collaborations with Richmond Rotary in the past century. These included DON HARDISON who was on the team that designed the building; Rotarians HANK COVELL and DON MILLER have been on the Board, GARY BELL is currently a member of the Board,

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and many Rotarians participated in the Art Center's "Millennium Mural Project". She then presented a slide show which illustrated the many programs provided by the Center. They have the largest basic art collection in the East Bay. About 1000 students per year visit the Center on school study trips. She also revealed that the Center provide artists for a twelve week residency in a school classroom. The school pays about a third of the cost of the program, about \$1,000. Rhetorically she asked, "Why artists in the schools?" The Carnegie Institute has found, she stated, that students who do art in school do better academically, exhibit more leadership skills and self-esteem, and have a higher rate of attending college. Children today have not had the exposure to art, that we of the older generation had, and they are in fact often "scared" of art. Obviously, The Richmond Art Center is doing much to alleviate this fear. **Raffle:** The winners of the wine were Father CHRIS WOERZ and LESLIE LEVY.

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CANDACE MARKWITH
Chief Operating Officer

This week's speaker will be Candace Markwith, Chief Operating Officer of Doctors Medical Center, San Pablo and Pinole. Ms. Markwith will discuss the redesign of Doctors Medical Center operations that involves concentrating acute medical care at the San Pablo campus and specialty, outpatient surgery and long-term care at the Pinole campus.

Candy Markwith attended the University of the Pacific where she earned her PhD. in pharmacy. She began her career with Tenet Health Systems in 1977 at Twin Cities Community Hospital on California's Central Coast. Ms. Markwith moved to the Bay Area in 1998 when she was promoted to Chief Operating Officer for Doctors Medical Center, San Pablo/Pinole.

She is married to Bob Markwith and has three grown children.

Chairman of the Day: DAVID BROWN

Door Duty: GLORIA JOHNSTON and JUDY MORGAN

LAST WEEK

President DON LAU brought the meeting to order and called upon MICHAEL DOWNER to lead us in the pledge. DAVID BROWN gave us a thought for the day.

Visitors & Guests:

JONI HIRAMOTO introduced our visitors and guests. Visitors were Monica Kortz and Gary Pokorny from the El Cerrito club. LESLIE LEVY's guest was Deborah Weeks, JOE KELMAN's guest was Dan Ercolini. DAVID BROWN's guest was Dan O'Malley.

Announcements:


TED ABREU reminded us that you can still sign up for the Job Shadow program which will appropriately take place on Groundhog Day. JOHN NICOL announced that the speaker for the Reno Trip will be the "Mouthpiece of the Mob", the Mayor of Las Vegas. OSCAR LUGO announced that the East Bay/Oakland Symphony will play at the Richmond Auditorium on January 29th -- and tickets are a half price deal!

President DON gave us a summary of the Board Meeting: JOHN MEDLOCK will be the chair for Christmas in April. Although JOHN complained a bit on being forced into the job, we know he will do a great job and will be glad he did it. The club will also do a bit of Christmas in April at Peres School -- the Peres project is being spearheaded by TOM ARTZ. DIANA BECTON SMITH is leading the "Spirit of Excellence" program. PAM JONES is signing up mentors for Peres School. ERLE BROWN is working with DAN TANITA on the dental care program for students. ERLE will be trying to come up with 650 toothbrushes. To top off the Peres project, TOM BUTT is doing additional fund raising. Great work and thanks to everyone involved!

LESLIE LEVY informed us that the early registration deadline for the District Conference has been extended to February 15th. We will have a hospitality suite at the Radisson Hotel. LESLIE also talked up the main event on the USS Hornet. She also reminded us that information on local activities must be turned in ASAP in order to be publicized at the conference.

Recognitions:

DAVID SMITH pointed out that Sunset Magazine had an article on lighthouse getaways and East Brother Lighthouse in Richmond was prominently featured. Three Aquarians were celebrating birthdays: GEORGE EGAN is doing just fine at 58; HANNS SHAPER will be

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donating 17% more than his age to the Carl Rehfuß Fund; and DAVID BROWN offered \$100 for us not to sing Happy Birthday.

Happy \$\$\$

DAVID KUCHENTHAL was happy for his recent fishing adventures; JEFF NATHANSON had a bittersweet \$5 that he is entering his last week as Executive Director of the Richmond Art Center; HERB COLE was happy to have a new grandson; Gary Pokorny let us know that JIM BEAVER did a great job as speaker at the El Cerrito Club. He let us know, however, that the BEAV got a free lunch and a meeting make-up out of the deal. BEAVER offered some bucks to make up for the embarrassment.

Program: DAVID BROWN gave a warm left-leaning intro to the Honorable GEORGE MILLER who has been this district's Congressman ever since DAVID can remember. Congressman Miller, who was born in Richmond, showed the extent of his knowledge about Richmond and the region he serves. He spoke at great length about the challenges of improving our educational system, praising superintendent of schools GLORIA JOHNSTON and the work Richmond Rotary is doing in the local schools --especially Peres. He was right on when he said that "kids need a big dose of community involvement". As Senior Democrat on the education committee he will become chair of that committee if the Democrats become the majority party in the next election. He discussed his desire that every classroom have a

qualified teacher. As it is now, many schools will take anybody who is willing to go into a classroom regardless of their qualifications. As a result, poor schools with poor students have poor teachers and this equals a poor education.

There was no question of the Congressman's politics as he discussed the GOP's trillion dollar tax cut proposal. It is remarkable how large the state's and national surplus is - and how the surplus continues to grow. It is the longest and most prosperous financial recovery in modern history, but the rich are getting richer and the gap between the haves and have nots is growing. Social Security, health care and education are all important topics he discussed in terms of the growing national surplus. As Congressman Miller described it, the goal of federal funding historically has been to close the gap between the rich and poor, majority and minorities. He plans to focus on this to help all students gain a better education and ultimately a fighting chance for a better life in America.

The Congressman closed with a "promise" for a full, productive and harmonious Congress. The question and answer session that followed had a number of good discussions regarding MTBE's; debt reduction vs. education reform and health care.

There was no raffle.

Pinch hitting for your regular scribe,
JEFF NATHANSON

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2000

"Living and Working on the Net"

BRIAN ELLIOTT

Brian Elliott is Vice-President of business Development for Alibris. Alibris is the world's easiest and most reliable source for delivering hard to find books to consumers, booksellers and libraries. Using the power of its warehoused inventory, dealer network and e-commerce systems, Alibris makes it easy for people and companies to locate and purchase books they otherwise could not find.

Although Brian's primary focus is books, he intends to talk about starting a business on the Internet; how doing business on the Internet is different than "bricks and mortar" selling; and the impact that the Internet has had on doing business.

Brian has over ten years experience working with consumer products and retail companies to develop and implement growth strategies, including new product development, channel entry and international expansion plans. Before joining Alibris, he was a leader in the Boston Consulting Group's e-commerce practice focusing on consumer marketing and business development. Brian also served as an independent advisor to several Internet startups in the business to consumer arena.

Brian holds an undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and received his MBA from Harvard Business School.

Chairperson of the Day: JOE GREEN

Door Duty: PAM JONES and DON MILLER

LAST WEEK:

Howdy to all the Richmond Rotary dudes and dudettes. I am happy to be back from my sojourn in Texas. Thanks to TED ABREU and JEFF NATHANSON for serving as substitute scribes.

President DON (like the shirt) LAU called the meeting

to order at the dampened Mira Vista Country Club. JOE KELMAN led us in the pledge followed by the latest question of the millennium from Steven Wright, "If God took acid would he see man?" DAVID BROWN channeled Steven Wright's question.

Visiting Rotarians: Gary Sloan and Monica Kortz of the El Cerrito Club.

Guests: Mallory Tripp was JUDY KAFKA's guest. Dan Ercolini, who holds the Richmond record for most visits to the club prior to induction as a member, was the guest of JONATHAN LAWLIS.

Announcements:

DAVID K. reported that former Richmond Rotary president, Dean Barbieri, had a heart attack. Long time member WALTER WOLFFS is recovering from several procedures conducted recently. Richmond Rotary sends get well message to both Dean and WALTER.

New Members:

Congratulations to DAN ERCOLINI, Operation Manager of Harbor Plastics, who was inducted into Richmond Rotary on January 28th. Also, a warm welcome to DEBBIE WEEKS from El Cerrito whose badge will say "graphics".

Recognitions:

DOUG (Lip) STRAUS called on the following to take their respective lumps or kudos or both: JOHN NICOL, who is a spry 77 and has the kilts to prove it; TED ABREU celebrating his 20th wedding anniversary with Kathleen (We are pleased to learn that her health is holding its own); and Dr. DON MILLER had another birthday and does not look it.

Happy/Sad Dollars:

Dr. DAN TANITA wanted to kick in some bucks as a way of recognizing Mr. LAWLIS's efforts at the Peres School; HERB (you can call me lucky too) COLE had big thanks for JONATHAN LAWLIS throwing good luck his way on the Reno trip and for the excellent organizing job that JOHN NICOL did in putting the trip together; RICHARD ALEXANDER was glad to be back to Rotary after more active duty work; ERLE BROWN is off to Mexico for a month to enjoy (not necessarily in this order) tacos, tamales and tequila; ELOF GRANBERG was so taken with President Clinton's "State of the Union" speech that he had to make a contribution to Rotary. ELOF said that if Clinton can deliver on even half of his hopes America will be in even better shape. He also had a comment that I cannot recall about the Republicans; TED ABREU was happy about the high marks that Middle College High School achieved on a recent index of school performance; DAVID K. is entered in a sturgeon

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(smoked please) contest. We are counting on DAVE to haul in a big one.

Program:

DAVID BROWN introduced Gary Sloan who is Executive Director of Doctor's Medical Center in Pinole and San Pablo.

Mr. Sloan stated that in the last two years, thanks to the merger of the Doctor's Medical Center in Pinole and the former Brookside Hospital in San Pablo, medical care in West County has improved.

There have been significant improvements at the former Brookside Hospital including a full service cardiac lab, a more inclusive ob-gyn clinic, one of the outstanding cancer treatment centers in the Bay Area and an expanded emergency room. Through the synergy between the two hospitals, the hope of bringing greater efficiencies in hospital management and patient care is in hand. The Tenet Corporation, which oversees the hospitals, has made a \$20 million investment towards the improvements.

Despite these upgrades, Mr. Sloan pointed out medical services in West County continues to be presented with significant challenges. Among these:

The efficacy of emergency room services operation from San Pablo in lieu of both San Pablo and Pinole.

Moving an intensive care unit from Pinole to San San Pablo.

The relationship (or lack of one) of both hospitals with Kaiser Medical Services.

The incredible confusion that exists concerning insurance coverages for everyone, but especially senior citizens which was summed up very well in a short story conveyed by Gary Sloan.

Finding ways of maintaining sound finances while continuing to meet unfunded mandates.

Community education programs to develop a better informed public about health care in general and hospital services in particular.

Richmond Rotary appreciates the hard work Mr. Sloan and wishes him well.

Raffle: There was a convoluted and noisy raffle which culminated in wins by BILL WAHBEH and JOHN NICOL.

Respectfully submitted:
Giuseppi Verdi,
Your returned scribe.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2000

"Old Time Radio"

JERRY JOHNSON

In honor of St. Valentine's Day, Richmond Rotarians are encouraged to bring spouses and significant others to the February 11th meeting. We are going to have fun with Jerry Johnson and his band of merry players.

Jerry who has directed several theatrical productions in the Bay Area will bring his crew to Richmond Rotary to present a series of skits based on old time radio. If you remember (and even if you don't) remember the "Bickersons" or "Vic and Sade" or the Jack Benny Show or any of those great programs from the '30s and '40s, you are in for a treat as they will be recreated at our club's meeting.

Jerry promises that the audience will even have a chance to get involved with the show.

Chairperson of the Day: **JOE GREEN**
Door Duty: **HENRY KELMAN & JOHN MEDLOCK**

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2000

"Struggle for the Stamp"

CHRISTOPHER SPRINGMANN

Chairperson of the Day: **LESLIE LEVY**
Door Duty: **JOE KELMAN & TOM MCGOWAN**

LAST WEEK

President DON (Gong he fa choy, baby !) LAU called the meeting to order at the Mira Vista Country Club. The meal was made all the more appetizing after being informed that the El Cerrito Rotary eats the same meal on Thursday. What's the menu on Monday? Captain **RICHARD ALEXANDER** led us in the pledge. The

thought for the day came from the famous American philosopher, Jackie "Mom's" Mabley, "If you keep doing what you always did, you'll keep getting what you always got."

DON LAU reminded one and all that copies of the Governor's reports are readily available from the club as well as through the website.

BOB (Swoosh) NICCOLLS reported on his excellent adventure with the Rotary International Ski Club in South Lake Tahoe. He commends the organization to all Rotarians and encouraged all of us to plan to join BOB with the skiers in Jackson, Wyoming, next year.

Recognitions:

DOUG (a scoch more room) STRAUS did very well considering the limited number of individuals to be cited this past week. Happy birthday and happy wedding anniversary to **RICH BRANDES** after which DOUG moved quickly to...

Happy/Sad Dollars: DON LAU was glad to pay the fine for forgetting to wear the Governor's presentation cap. DON, there is a lot hair under that hair! Congratulations to **DAVID K.** for hauling in the fish pen. Could have been the biggest fish DAVID caught last week. **RALPH** (not yet over the) **HILL** related a fine story about how **RICH BRANDES** stole a beautiful young secretary away from the museum where **RALPH** was working the fateful day that **RICH** met his beautiful bride to be. A story good enough for Valentine's day. **DOUG STRAUS** is very proud that his daughter has her picture on the cover of the Lair of the Bear newsletter. **PAUL HODGEN** announced that Chevron blended its billionth gallon of regular gasoline sans MTBE. **PAUL** says that Chevron is now moving on to premium without MTBE but there may be some MSG in the mix. Father **CHRIS WOERZ** was saddened by the passing of a fellow brother at **Salisian** but pleased to know that he had lived a productive life in the service he had chosen as his life's work.

Program:

JOE GREEN introduced **Brian Elliott** who is Vice-President for **Alibris, Inc.** **Alibris, Inc.** is a relatively new company that deals exclusively on the Internet. Its focus is the purchase and sale of used and hard to find books to individuals, libraries, corporations and bookstores.

Brian pointed out that at any given time there are approximately 500,000 books in print. Anyone who wants to acquire one of those titles will have an easy time locating and buying the book. The item can be found in many bookstores, catalogs and the Internet. However, if the book is no longer in print, finding the book would

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have been difficult were it not for Alibris. Alibris acts as an agent for the secondary book market for a wide variety of books. The aspect of the service that is new is that the Internet acts as the intermediary in locating the hard to find book. What once was difficult is now easy! Brian Elliott's job is to bring together various companies that are involved in bookselling and tie them to Alibris' strengths. Companies such as Amazon or Borders work with Alibris in delivering out of print books to their customers. An individual will locate a book at the library or a catalog or a recommendation and will want to buy it only to learn that it is rare or out of print. By turning to a wide variety of book selling outlets, the individual can order as though the piece were readily available. The order will be turned over to Alibris which will locate it, ship it and bill it through its partners. This kind of activity has been made possible through the Internet with its worldwide reach.

Alibris' organization represents the new virtual office with its corporate operation in Emeryville, its library division in Oregon, its top executive staff in Seattle and its warehouse in Sparks, Nevada. The company is comprised of about 80 individuals all working in tandem thanks to the 'net. A process that previously could take weeks to complete can now provide a guaranteed turn-around time of 24 hours.

Although books are the most heavily currently sold item on the Internet, Brian sees Internet commerce growing incrementally - especially in those areas that require intensive labor to locate rare materials. He also sees the Internet as the means for blending more and more of companies into seamless streams of commerce. The

secondary market for books represents a multi-billion enterprise that will grow to its greatest value on the Internet. Despite the increase in trade, Brian shared the advice of his boss, "If you want to make a small fortune in the book business, start with a large fortune."

When asked if the Internet will replace books or libraries, Brian said that the future of the book is safe - the idea of using the laptop for storytelling time is really unappealing; computer aided recreational reading at the beach is a gritty proposition; and history has taught us that the book is the preferred method for communication. The likelihood of changing computers for books remains questionable. Anyone who thinks we are moving to a paperless society should take a look at his/her desk.

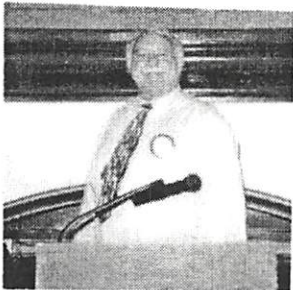
Lottery: HANK COVELL and JOHN (be in it and win it) NICOL won.

Respectfully submitted by your scribe,
JOE Forest GREEN

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"Struggle for the Stamp"

(A slide presentation telling the story of Dr. Bodai's heroic efforts to make the best-selling Breast Cancer Research postage stamp a reality.)

CHRISTOPHER SPRINGMANN

Christopher Springmann is an award-winning portrait photographer and speaker based in San Francisco, California, who specializes in photographing "real people" for advertising, corporate annual reports, brochures and specialty trade magazines.

Christopher's stunning portraits have appeared in FORTUNE, BUSINESS WEEK, FORBES; ELECTRONIC BUSINESS, SOFTWARE, TOWN & COUNTRY and THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE; and in corporate annual reports for AT&T, Exxon, New York Life, Shell, Syntex and Intel.

COMMUNICATION ARTS magazine said that, "Springmann's portraiture achieves a delicate balance between the literal and the incongruous while maintaining a wry and witty sense of humor so lacking in visual representations of Corporate America. Springmann must be an unusually tactful and persuasive artist with his subjects."

Christopher has taught location lighting and portraiture for seven consecutive years at the prestigious Santa Fe Photographics Workshops while appearing as a speaker in the USA and worldwide for Victor Hasselblad AB, the Swedish camera manufacturer.

To learn more about our speaker see Chris' web site at:
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LAST WEEK:

Despite the El Nino type weather, a fine throng of Rotarians with guests met at the semi-beautiful Mira Vista Country Club. PRESIDENT DON (I think I remember the '60'S) LAU called us together. After the pledge the words of the day were recited in light of the fact that Valentine's Day was fast upon us; African-American History Month, and the rainy day. Billie Holiday said, "Don't threaten me with love, baby, let's go walking in the rain".

Visiting Rotarians: Jerry Cates from Pinole and Barbara D'Enio from Berkeley.

Rotarians with Guests:

CHARLES WONG with valentine of more than 50 years Jean; WERNER SCHWARZ with his better half Lea; REN PARTRIDGE with Jeanne; and JUDY KAFKA with new husband Vince.

Announcements:

Don turned over the program to Barbara D'Enio fresh from touring the country selling Ronco products. This time Barbara was doing her best to drum up trade for the District Governor's conference scheduled for May in Berkeley at the Radisson Hotel. This is the first time in more than 40 years that the Governor's conference will be held in Richmond's immediate neighborhood. Every local Rotarian should attend what sounds like a wonderful 3 days of fun and good fellowship. Among the highlights of the conference will be a golf tournament and a wonderful dinner/dance aboard the U.S.S. Hornet in Alameda. Barbara asked us to meet two challenges which are: 1) Beat all previous attendance records for a Governor's conference, and 2) Build the best kite in the kite competition.

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Announcements (Continued):
JOHN MEDLOCK, chief honcho of the Christmas in April Project, is looking for volunteers for this year's assignment. Please contact John as soon as possible when you are ready to volunteer.
JUDY KAFKA was proud to report that her Community Services Committee had received 650 toothbrushes from the Butler Company. The toothbrushes will be used by Dr. Dan Tanita and his dental team at the Peres School project. We are counting on some really bright smiles.

Recognitions: Congratulations to LLOYD HENRY who celebrated his 35th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day. DONNA URIYU underwent another birthday that appeared to be painful to report. All single members were called on to make a contribution that complements the contributions of the marrieds in Rotary. I think we collected \$4.25. Don't know where the quarter comes from. WERNER SCHWARZ, ever the fashion plate, was fined for too much consecutive color coordination. Werner, now we know why sweat suits are called sweat suits. Thank you very much.

Happy/Sad Dollars:
DAVID NINOMIYA was happy to grace the raffle table with two beautiful orchids for Valentines Day. LESLIE (good grades r us) LEVY is happy once again over her son's outstanding report card. DON HARDISON was happy to report that his wife's shoulder surgery went very well and that she is making a speedy recovery.

PAUL HODGEN, demonstrating that the best way to solve a problem is to walk away from it at least 3 times, was pleased to report that Chevron finally was able to blend premium gas without MBTE. CHARLES (buddy can you spare a dime) RAMSEY is pleased that the new middle school will really be built with brick and mortar and will not be a series of temps. DAVID BROWN had a wonderful stroll down memory lane at the Oakland Arena. David said it was 1972 all over again. DOUG STRAUS had sad dollars which made some of the audience happy.

Program:
In honor of Valentine's Day, we took a nostalgic trip to the days of old time radio. Jerry Johnson and his band of merry players presented a series of skits that brought back memories of the golden age of radio entertainment. The audience was treated to a short broadcast based on the Eickerson's (the Bickerbroods) replete with commercials for Lanborn's coffee with beans (mostly coffee) from Sumatra, Java, and the Bronx. We watched a complete show of Vic and Sade which was a show that combined Burns and Allen with Fibber McGee and Molly. Vic, Sade and Russ Gook were quite amusing. We finished with a visit from Mrs. Hollywood ever the gourmet with a new recipe for Boloney, Boloney (her sponsor). Rotary's response was much better than what the players received at their last performance at the convalescent center.
And so it goes
Giuseppi (you can call me Vic) Verdi

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2000

"Outlook on Current U.S. Economy"

BRIAN PRETTI


The Mechanics Bank

Brian Pretti, Vice-President, Investment Office of Mechanics Bank will present his outlook on the current state of the U.S. economy. Brian brings a banker's perspective to this interesting topic having been with the Mechanics Bank 11 years and over 20 years experience in the investment business. His presentation has provided Rotarians with valuable information concerning their investments.

Brian has an 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 of the Day: JOE GREEN

Door Duty: STEVE KOBAYASHI & NORM LUNDBERG



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LAST WEEK:

On a day that makes one glad to be alive, Vice-President LESLIE LEVY tapped Richmond Rotary Club to order at the Mira Vista Country Club. OSCAR LUGO led us in the pledge followed by the thought for the day delivered by LESLIE LEVY

Visiting Rotarians: Welcome to Joanne Blum from the Berkeley club and Doreen Covell and Linda Lester of the Pinole club.

Guests: GEORGE EGAN introduced his guest Bette Boaten who was recently elected Vice-President of the Association of California Water Authorities.

Announcements:

• LESLIE LEVY reminded one and all of the upcoming District Governor's Conference set for May 4-6 at the Radisson Hotel in Berkeley. LESLIE reported that the caterer had been selected and that the food will surpass everyone's expectations -- HORACE STONEWORK's doubts notwithstanding. One highlight of the conference will be the "go fly a kite" contest. Members of each club will be competing for honors in this new event. JOHN NICOL is Richmond's first entrant.

• DAVID K. reported WALTER WOLFFS continues to recover from a series of complications that came about from major surgery. There is hope that WALTER will be returning home in the near future. Former Richmond President, DEAN BARBIERI, now with the Walnut Creek Rotary, is coming along nicely after heart attack.

• President DON LAU is in Hawaii visiting his father who recently underwent a very serious illness. We all wish DON and his father success.

Happy/Sad Dollars:

JOE KELMAN, in the best tradition of the Rotary Four-Way Test, gave to the cause as a means of apologizing to TOM MCGOWAN for allegedly missing door duty when in fact TOM's calendar was right on the money. JOE GREEN was very happy to see that WERNER SCHWARZ has a new sweat suit after suffering the merciless and unkind review of his wardrobe from DOUGLAS STRAUS. PAUL HODGEN had good reason to be happy. His wife has qualified for the LPGA program. His son is the leading player on his high school golf team and PAUL's daughter's basketball team is racking up lots of big wins. JOE BAGLEY is glad because he's glad because he's glad because he's glad. CHARLES (dinged but not dented) FENDER was pleased to chip in to the pot in anticipation of Cal's victory over Stanford in basketball. Gotta admire that optimism. JONI HIRAMOTO, in her most scholarly fashion, informed the Richmond Rotary that Richmond Police Chief Samuels was mistaken in describing the discussion concerning the Cal-Stanford football game as gambling. Judge JONI pointed out the Rotarians were participating in conditional promise donations which are perfectly legal. DAVID BROWN's assistant recently underwent procedures for breast cancer detection and treatment. Upon

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careful review, doctors report that it appears that the matter was captured early enough so that full recovery is anticipated. Everyone in Rotary sends best wishes.

Program:

LESLIE LEVY introduced our speaker for the day, Christopher Springmann. Mr. Springmann is a well known photographer/writer. At the age of 21, he photographed the war in Viet-nam for Time magazine. He has photographed Presidents including John F. Kennedy. Georgia O'Keefe was one of his subjects and he has photographed numerous titans in the business world.

One of his most recent pieces was a feature story in Parade magazine. The article concerned Dr. Ernie Bodai who almost single handedly brought the Breast Cancer Research stamp to America. Christopher Springmann impressed upon his audience the concept of random creativity which takes a simple concept and grows it exponentially. Dr. Bodai, a cancer specialist in Sacramento, wanted to do something about the limited funding that breast cancer research receives. In a random act of creativity, he thought that if the United States Postal Service were simply to add a small surcharge on a stamp for breast cancer research that funds collected by the sale of that stamp could be used solely to increase funding for research. That random act grew into a huge learning experience for Dr. Bodai. To be successful, Dr. Bodai's creativity would require an act of the U.S. Congress. Some of the things that Dr. Bodai learned included the following:

- "Not invented here", "you are on my turf", and "who died and made you God" are creativity killers that are all part of the cancer prevention world and get in the way

of progress towards a cure. Dr. Bodai's answer is that he may not be God, but he was named God's messenger in working toward the cure for breast cancer. Adversaries are simply people not yet onboard.

- Whenever Dr. Bodai felt angered or annoyed by negative reaction to his proposal, he remembered to turn that anger into creative action and to check his ego at the door so that he would not trip over it.

- If one person is willing to put all that he or she holds dear and valuable on the line, that one person can achieve what originally appeared to be only a dream. Dr. Bodai's journey defines personal courage.


- Random acts of creativity result in developing a creative culture that will lead to turning one's dreams into reality. Ernie Bodai's dream became his vision which became our reality. The Postal Office printed 200 million stamps in the initial phase of what is described as an experimental program. The "experiment" resulted in a complete sale of all stamps.

Mr. Springmann's wonderful photographs of Dr. Bodai's patients and allies brightened his inspirational story.

Christopher Spingmann works each day in the very broad field of photography which clearly is an area ripe for creative endeavors. Yet, it is the small random acts of creativity that inspire him and that will inspire us as well.

Raffle: Markku Pelanne who is taking handwriting classes from his family physician and JOHN (not again) NICOL won the raffle.

Respectfully,
JOSEPH Blue GREEN
Your scribe

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Candidates for Judge of the Superior Court

JOHN M. STARR
JOEL GOLUB
DAN O'MALLEY

John Starr has lived in Contra Costa County since 1964. He is married and has two adult daughters. Mr. Starr worked in the Contra Costa County DA's office from 1970 until 1974. Since 1974, he has been in private practice representing businessmen, corporations and individuals in matters relating to real estate sales, construction and liability. He has served as a judge pro tem, arbitrator, mediator and settlement commissioner, and has completed over 100 jury trials.

Joel Golub was in private practice in San Francisco from 1980 to 1993, and has worked as a Hearing Officer for Alameda County Superior Court from 1991-1993. He has served as a judge pro tem in San Francisco, Alameda and Marin counties. He currently works as a Commissioner of the Superior Court of Contra Costa County, at the Walnut Creek courthouse. Mr. Golub teaches at JFK School of Law and has taught at the CJER Judicial Studies Program, SFSU, USF and other schools.

Dan O'Malley has lived in Contra Costa County all his life. He is married and has two sons. Mr. O'Malley has worked for the Contra Costa County District Attorney's office since 1987. He has worked in the White Collar Crime, Homicide, Three Strikes and juvenile Units and as a supervisor in Homicide and Misdemeanors. He is an instructor at the Los Medanos College Police Academy and at DVC, Los Medanos and CC College. He has served on a number of Boards (Juvenile Justice, Bar Association, etc.).

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID A. BROWN
Door Duty: DAVID KUCHENTHAL and OSCAR LUGO

LAST WEEK

All of the Richmond Rotary high mucky-mucks took the day off and left RICHARD ALEXANDER with awesome responsibility of running the February 25th meeting of the club in the kiddies room of the Mira Vista Country Club. RICHARD did a masterful job. We never would have spotted him as a rookie. After the pledge, JOE GREEN asked the question of the week, "If a fool and his money are soon parted, how did the fool get the money in the first place?"

Visiting Rotarians: DOREEN COVELL of Pinole and Kevin Strong of El Cerrito.

Announcements: ELOF GRANBERG reported that DAN READY is back in the hospital. More details are forthcoming. An inter-club meeting will be held on March 15th with the Berkeley Rotary.

Recognitions/Happy and Sad Dollars:

JIM (Jet) BEAVER is happy to be back to good ol' Richmond Rotary. JOE BAGLEY has been especially blessed with a temporary closing of payments to CalPoly as well as his daughter's continuation of outstanding academic excellence at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo. CHARLIE FENDER was sad about the tank job that Cal performed versus Stanford. Nevertheless, CHARLIE could be happy that Cal did make history in basketball annals. Father CHRIS WOERZ pointed out that although priests do not marry, they do celebrate anniversaries. CHRIS was pleased to announce that he had just completed 24 years as a priest. He also is very happy about the successful fund raising for new athletic facilities at Salesian. DAVID BROWN had sad dollars because of the way El Cerrito Honda's application was received and treated by the City of Richmond. DONNA BELL had a particular bright smile at this meeting. Her braces are gone! DAVID K., REN PARTRIDGE and MIKE WINTERS were dining in the big people's room at the Mira Vista courtesy of the Pacific Security Real Estate. Many Rotarians felt this slight was finable to the tune of the cost of the weekly lunch at Rotary. These three (3) big wheel realtors now owe Rotary \$11 each for their snub. Judge JONI HIRAMOTO felt that the three perpetrators should have a chance to appeal the charge especially in light of the fact that the charge was rendered in absentia. Her finding was over-ruled by RICHARD ALEXANDER who stated that he would match the fine from his personal financial cache.

Program:

Brian Pretti is Vice-President in the Investments Office of Mechanics Bank. This was Brian's third visit with Richmond Rotary. Many Rotarians look forward to his

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investments. Brian pointed out that this rip-roaring economy was creating unheard of opportunities for long term, prudent investors. A real split is developing between those who view the stock market from a broad perspective to those who take advantage of a narrow line of companies primarily in the technology field. This change has created a huge market of undervalued properties and this is a wonderful time to take advantage by buying stocks at bargain basement prices.

Bank of America, which is now merged with NationsBank, is once again one of America's largest banks. The company is finding ways to improve its price/earnings ratio as well as reducing risks of its assets. The current price of the stock is down by about 1/3 from September, 1999, and for one who is looking for a worthwhile investment over the next 3 to 5 years. BofA could be a good choice. Because "everybody's got to eat", an investment in Safeway is another of Mr. Pretti's recommendations. Safeway is a well managed organization that is beginning to reassert itself as a market leader, especially in the sales area. Brian sees Safeway stock having significant earnings power over the next 3 to 4 years. He compared Safeway with Internet grocer Webvan which Brian predicts will file for bankruptcy while Safeway continues to take market share. Pharmaceutical giants Merck, Pfizer, and Johnson&Johnson are three undervalued stocks that dominate their respective market. Price/earnings is steady despite the reduced price of the stock. Both companies produce products that overwhelm competition

marketing similar drugs. Brian sees that dominance continuing for the next few years. With the steady growth of American's real estate market, Washington Mutual's profitability from home lending should grow. That growth should lead to a net advance of the value of the stock. Washington Mutual is an attractive company for corporate takeover which could increase its stock value. Lucent Technology, well known for its research capabilities, stands on the forefront of the next wave of exciting technology stocks. Brian reports that there are three basic modes of communication - electric, digital and optical. Lucent is the leader in the optical field and with the advent of optical's growth in technology, this undervalued stock should do well as a growth asset.

Some of Brian's other recommendations are: Long's Drugs, MCI WorldCom, Republic Services, a company that specializes in solid waste management in Sun Belt states, should realize significant earning within 4 years. Brian's final suggestion for investment was U.S. Government issued bonds.

We look forward to having Brian with us in 2001.

Raffle: DONA MILLER and DAVID BROWN took home some extra fine products.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it,

Your scribe,
JOE Olive GREEN

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2000

"Peres Elementary School"

ANTOINETTE HENRY-EVANS
Principal

Antoinette Henry-Evans is Principal at Peres Elementary School located at 719 Fifth Street in Richmond. Peres enrolls 634 students in prekindergarten through sixth grade and has 30 teachers at the school.

Antoinette came to work in WCCUSD in 1983 as a teacher and in 1994 she was appointed Dean of Students at Pinole Valley High School. She was named Vice Principal in 1997 and then appointed Principal at Peres Elementary in 1998.

Richmond Rotary has adopted Peres Elementary School and Antoinette will introduce everyone to the outstanding students and staff at her school.

Chairperson of the Day: GLORIA JOHNSTON
Door Duty: JON LAWLIS and STEVE LUDWIG

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Richmond/Berkeley Intercity meeting is scheduled for March 15th at H's Lordships in Berkeley. The meeting starts at 12:15 p.m. The guest speaker will be Christopher Springmann of "Real Heroes". Christopher addressed Richmond Rotary a few weeks ago.



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Guests: John Troughton and Judge Bessie Drebeilbis

Visiting Rotarian: Al Howe of the Orinda Club.

Announcements:

- Community Services Committee will be meeting on March 15 at the Richmond Public Library. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m.
- The Board of Directors of Richmond Rotary will meet at 12 noon at the Coronado YMCA. Any "red badge" Rotarian who wants a blue badge should consider attending this meeting. JUDY KAFKA is Chair of the Committee.
- JOHN (Fix 'em up) MEDLOCK is coordinating this year's Christmas in April work. Anyone who would like to volunteer should contact JOHN as soon as possible. April 29th is the appointed day for Christmas in April in Richmond.

Recognitions:

JAMES (never too busy for Rotary) BEAVER presided over a wide range of statements from Richmond Rotarians. Congratulations to DON and Shelly LAU on their wedding anniversary. ERLE (PV) BROWN was happy to announce that he is now eligible for Medicare. ERLE, please save some for the rest of us! Judge JONI HIRAMOTO enjoyed a birthday that begins "it really is that birthday this year."

Happy Dollars:

JIM BEAVER was very happy to Bessie Drebeilbis. Bessie was happy to see all of the Richmond Rotarians. LESLIE LEVY, who attended another Rotary PETS (President-elect Training Seminar) complimented the organizational aspects of the program and came away with an even greater appreciation for the work of Rotary. DON LAU had happy dollars because his Dad is doing great and because RICHARD ALEXANDER did a fine job presiding over the February 25th meeting. DAN ERCOLINI is very proud of his daughter who is involved with Los Amigos. Los Amigos is a youth version of the Peace Corps. She will be working in Costa Rica this

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summer. Judge JONI HIRAMOTO commended RICHARD ALEXANDER for his decisions concerning the "wascally wealtors". He we quick, decisive and moved on. Speaking of the realtors, despite the vociferous Richmond Rotary - 3/3/2000 objections of DAVID K, restitution was made by DAVID and MIKE WINTERS with a matching grant from RICHARD ALEXANDER. Case closed. BOB (The Cardinal) NICCOLS is very happy about Stanford's basketball while CHARLIE FENDER is sad about Cal's misspent basketball year. DEBORAH WEEKS was proud to announce her parents' golden wedding anniversary as well as the commencement of her new job. Good luck DEBBIE! JOHN NICOL and DOUG STRAUS had a "marvelous" lunch at some kind of political event which caused them to miss a Rotary meeting. JOHN and DOUG wanted to prove that there is no such thing as a free lunch. JUDY KAFKA is thrilled with the mentoring work that Judge DIANE BECTON SMITH is doing at Peres School.

DON LAU believes that we may be reaching his goal of collecting more money from Happy/Sad Dollars than we raise from recognitions. Keep up the good work!

Program:

In an effort to help Richmond Rotarians keep up their civic duty, DAVID BROWN put together a "meet the candidates" program. Candidates for Judge of the Superior Court John M. Starr, Joel Golub and Dan O'Malley appeared at Richmond Rotary. Each candidate had five minutes to make a statement concerning his candidacy. John Starr, who is in private practice, used the bulk of his five minutes to discuss Propositions 30 and 31 (insurance measures) which are designed to strengthen the Fair Insurance Practices Act. Joel Golub described his personal and professional background. He explained his current job of Commissioner of the Superior Court in Contra Costa County. Dan O'Malley is part of a family deeply involved in jurisprudence in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. All three candidates stated that they are moving toward a "no" vote on Proposition 21 (juvenile justice and capital crimes). The candidates demonstrated that the wide, wide, wide world of the law cannot easily be described in 30 minutes. Thanks DAVID for putting together a program that reminded us that as Tip O'Neal said, "all politics are local".

Respectfully submitted by your scribe,
JOSEPH Nigel GREEN

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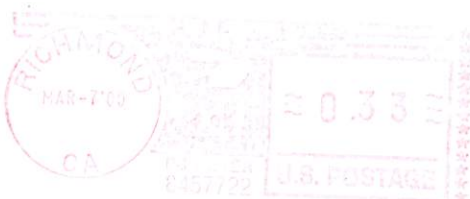
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2000

W.C.C.U.S.D. Maintenance & Construction

VINCE KILMARTIN

Vince Kilmartin is Assistant Superintendent of School Support Services. He manages the following departments: Maintenance and Operations, Transportation, Facilities Planning and Construction, Information Services, Police Services, School Safety, Food Services, Violence Prevention and Disaster Response. The School Support Services includes 545 personnel and a budget that exceeds \$87 million.

Before coming to WCCUSD on August 10, 1999, Mr. Kilmartin had just been selected as a Captain in the U.S. Coast Guard. Vince has served over 25 years in the United States Military Sea Services.

His previous education experiences include stints as a teacher in Orinda, CA, as a Vice Principal/Counselor in Pacific Grove, CA, and as a Principal in San Carlos, CA.

Vince will speak on the WCCUSD construction and maintenance projects in the City of Richmond, and the new middle school to be built on the Harry Ells Campus.

ANNA BLACKMAN

Anna Blackman started her educational career with the Richmond Unified School District in 1966, working as a teacher, dean, vice principal and principal before becoming an administrator of curriculum and secondary education. She is now a Regional Superintendent over the elementary, middle and high schools in South Richmond, El Cerrito and Kensington, and again feels that closeness working with the students, parents and staffs of the schools.

Today Anna Blackman is accompanying Vince Kilmartin who will be discussing maintenance and construction projects in the City of Richmond. This includes the New Richmond Middle School, which is to be built on the property that was formerly Ells High School.

Chairperson of the Day: GLORIA JOHNSTON
Door Duty: DAN ERCOLINI and LESLIE LEVY

LAST WEEK

On a day that smelled of rain, ever pleasant President DON LAU called the very friendly Richmond Rotary Club to order at the Mira Vista Country Club. Lunch was faux Swiss steak. After the pledge, DON delivered the gem of the day, "Experience is the worst teacher. It gives the test before the question."

Guest: Helen Smiler, Director of Project Seed

Announcements:

The Bay Area Rescue Mission is holding its annual auction on March 31. Raffle tickets are available from OSCAR LUGO. TOM ARTZ is putting a "Christmas in the Springtime" project at Peres School for Richmond Rotary. Details about the program will be announced shortly. JOHN MEDLOCK is looking for more volunteers for Christmas in April scheduled for April 29th. CHARLIE WONG reported the passing of Bob Foo who was President of the Pinole Rotary and very active in civic functions in West County. Many Richmond Rotarians remember Bob with admiration and respect.

Recognitions:

DAVID SMITH held forth as citations officers for all occasions great and small. Congratulations to JONATHAN LAWLIS on his latest wedding anniversary. Rotary helped JONATHAN remember the important date. Happy Birthday to Dr. STEVE (the straightener) LUDWIG. DAVID SMITH was particularly pleased about Rotary's involvement in medical services in the Philippines. Valparaiso U. alum, DON LAU, is happy that his alma mater is in the "big dance" basketball tourney. This dynasty has made the NCAA games for the 5th year in a row. RICH BRANDES is pleased to announce that the Red Oak Victory Committee will be publishing a quarterly newsletter. TOM ARTZ is pleased that his trip to Hawaii went well but he is also happy to be home. RICHARD (ever hopeful) ALEXANDER had a few anticipatory bucks for Cal's win over Arizona.

Program:

HERB COLE had the honors of introducing Antoinette Henry-Evans. Antoinette is already known to many Richmond Rotarians because she is Principal of Peres School which Rotary "adopted" this year.

Antoinette is most appreciative of the projects that Rotary has undertaken on behalf of the school. It is becoming clear that the school is a community center and fills a role that goes beyond classroom teaching and learning. Some of the programs now underway at Peres School are:

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* Career Day which involves Richmond's private and public sector agencies and companies in a presentation of jobs. The police, fire departments, East Bay M.U.D. are examples of this program.

* School Fix Up Day which began in 1999 and will expand in 2000 to include Rotary's contributions. Of particular note is the Peres School Garden which was an outgrowth of the Fix Up Day. The garden grows vegetables, herbs and flowers and introduces children from urban backgrounds to an entirely new environment.

* Peres Dental Clinic brought about through the leadership of Dr. DAN TANITA. Six hundred children from Peres School will receive dental exams, consultations, fluoride cleanings, sealants and education at the clinic built and operated within the Peres School.

*Reading programs which include adults reading to kids as well as time set aside each time for reading are now part of the daily routine at Peres School. The programs are designed to foster a love of reading in young people as well as improvement on reading tests. There are several awards programs tied to reading projects.

* Peres School has worked hard on developing ongoing discipline among all of its students. Creating a culture of better student behavior has resulted in significant reduction in problems among the students. Peres is also putting together a peer mediation program which will enhance the culture of good student conduct.

* Peres Healthy Start Collaborative which is designed to foster better health among resident living in the Peres School vicinity.

Antoinette turned the program over to DIANE BECTON SMITH who is Richmond Rotary's coordinator of the Spirit of Excellence project at Peres. The Spirit of Excellence program is designed to foster individual excellence in young students. The rewards for ongoing participation include a week at summer camp as well as other prizes awarded during the year. Richmond Rotary has made a significant financial commitment to the success of this program.

There are many exciting projects in the works, and Richmond Rotary looks forward to developing its relationship with Peres School.

Raffle: Sante and cin-cin to DEBORAH WEEKS and JOHN MEDLOCK who won Dubonnet and Compari.

Respectfully submitted by your friendly scribe,
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2000

Internal Revenue Service

LARRY WRIGHT

Today's speaker is Larry Wright. Mr. Wright is the Public Affairs Officer for the Northern California Internal Revenue Service District. He joined the IRS in Los Angeles in 1977 and has been based in Northern California District Public Affairs Office since 1979. The Northern California District is responsible for 7.2 million tax returns filed each year, collecting more than \$51.2 billion.

Mr. Wright serves as the spokesperson for the IRS on local and national radio and television broadcasts. He does hundreds of news interviews a year regarding tax cases and issues involving millions of dollars in federal revenue. He is regularly quoted as the official source of IRS information in newspapers and magazines across the country.

Outside of business hours, Mr. Wright is a professional magician performing under the name "Zappo the Magician." In addition to more than 100 paid performances a year, Mr. Wright makes several appearances each year to benefit local charities. He lives in Contra Costa County with his wife and teenage son.

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN
Door Duty: PAUL HODGEN and GINNY GREEN

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2000

"W.C.C.U.S.D. Strategic Planning"

GLORIA L. JOHNSTON, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Door Duty:
DIANA BECTON SMITH and JONI HIRAMOTO

LAST WEEK

In honor of his blessed Irish mother, President DON McLAU called the meeting of the Richmond Rotary to order at the Mira Vista Country Club overlooking the verdant hills of El Cerrito and Richmond. Lunch was purified corned beef and cabbage (cooked fully 4 hours to insure cleanliness). GLORIA JOHNSTON shared the thought for the day.

Visiting Rotarians: Gary Pokorny and Monica Kortz of the El Cerrito Club; Joanne Blum of the Berkeley Club and Joseph Moore of Novato. **Guests:** OSCAR LUGO's guest was Hans Bernwall, businessman who builds self-steering propellers, from Point Richmond. Welcome also to TED ABREU's guest from the School District.

Announcements:

- Special commendations to Richmond Rotarians OSCAR McLUGO, DON McLAU, TOM O'ARTZ who served as principals for the day at schools in the West Contra Costa County Unified School District. This special Richmond Chamber of Commerce program is a wonderful education program both for the visiting principals and the students at the various schools.
- President DON needs pictures of various Richmond Rotary events that have been held during the year. Anyone with photos should get them to DON as soon as possible.
- Anyone who has volunteered for the Christmas in April project needs to sign a release form and order a tee shirt NOW! Please contact JOHN MEDLOCK in order to complete this assignment.
- The Peres School fix-up project in multi-faceted and will require long term attention. TOM ARTZ and ERLE O'BROWN are leading the way in getting the work underway. Anyone who would like to volunteer for the program should contact TOM or ERLE as soon as possible.
- OSCAR LUGO continues to hawk raffle tickets to the annual Richmond Rescue Mission auction. The event is scheduled for March 31.
- Let the record show that Interim Treasurer and newly elected Treasurer, DONNA BELL, is doing an OUTSTANDING job and Richmond Rotary is very fortunate to have her expertise in managing our accounts.

Recognitions and Happy/Sad Dollars:

Congratulations to HENRY and Kathleen O'KELMAN on 15 years of marriage. Inasmuch as Kathleen does not read this newsletter, HENRY's comments of ongoing bliss will not be reported in the excruciating detail he provided at the March 17th meeting. JOE and Marcia O'GREEN are pleased to announce 32 years of marriage. Their wedding anniversary is March 17th. How appropriate for the

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GREENS to be wed on St. Patrick's Day. TOM McBUTT had very happy dollars in anticipation of the formal announcement naming the South Shore of Richmond as a National Historical Park District. BART O'WALLACE is pleased to be back to be back to Richmond Rotary. LESLIE O'LEVY is on her way to Maui thanks to the Rotary trip raffle. She also had a few happy dollars because Ethan is outstanding. DAN McERCOLINI had happy and sad dollars. The father of his long time friend passed away but at least the passing was peaceful and quick. GEORGE EGAN is happy to continue his rescue of dogs. GEORGE, we thank you for your efforts. Judge JONI McHIRAMOTO was very pleased that she found a great parking spot on an absolutely perfect weather day! For a short period, it appeared that the outstanding mediation skills of Judge HIRAMOTO would be required to settle the miscommunication between DON LAU and ERLE BROWN concerning the anticipated promissory payment over the Valparaiso/Michigan State game. However, cooler heads prevailed with DON and ERLE acknowledging fair middle ground in spite of Michigan State's win. ERLE, by the way, has dollars set aside so he can yell. "Go Spartans, go Bears!" for the next few meetings.

Program:

GLORIA JOHNSTON, Superintendent of W.C.C.U.S.D. introduced Vince Kilmartin, Asst. Supt. for Support Services and Anna Blackman, Regional Supt. for Schools in South Richmond, El Cerrito and Kensington. Mr. Kilmartin, after a long and distinguished career with the military joined the WCCUSD in the fall of 1999. He has oversight for a number of programs including but not limited to facilities management, school policing, meals, new construction, transportation. Vince identified several

construction and maintenance projects that have been undertaken by the school district over the past 10 years. He commended the cooperative efforts between the district and the City of Richmond on the completion of the new swim center adjoining the Kennedy High School. His comments were highlighted by a description of the new Richmond Middle School slated for construction on the site formerly occupied by the Harry Ells High School. The new school will cost approximately \$30 million. The Harry Ells High School which was built in the 1940's cost almost \$1 million. The school incorporates all of the features of a modern educational facility incorporating classrooms, libraries and administration in a combined program. Groundbreaking for the new school is scheduled for April 4th. Demolition of the old school will occur during Spring of 2000 and new construction should commence summer/fall of 2000. The new school should open in 2002.

Anna Blackman has been with the educational system in Richmond for 30 years. She is well equipped to implement a new curriculum for the new middle school. The school is fully equipped to handle new technology as well as more traditional classes. Students who attend this school should receive their educations in classes of fewer students inasmuch as the new school will bring much needed relief to the overcrowding now identified in the 3 existing middle schools in the district.

Rotary commends Dr. Johnston, Mr. Kilmartin and Ms. Blackman as they move forward in improving educational opportunities in Richmond.

Raffle: JOHN O'NICOL and BILL McWAHBEH got to take home a taste of Ireland.

Respectfully submitted by your faithful scribbler,
JOE Kelly O'GREEN

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2000

"West Contra Costa Unified School District Strategic Planning"

GLORIA L. JOHNSTON, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

The West Contra Costa Unified School District encompasses the cities of El Cerrito, Richmond, San Pablo, Pinole, and Hercules as well as several unincorporated areas within its 110 square mile area. Nearly 34,000 students are enrolled in preschool through grade 12 in 59 schools. The annual general fund budget exceeds \$200 million, and the District has nearly 4,000 employees.

While working for school districts in California and Illinois, Gloria has been a district-level administrator in the areas of bilingual education, curriculum development, student assessment, state and federal categorical programs, preschool services, and human relations. She also worked as a teacher and principal in schools in Illinois and spent three years teaching English as a second language in Caracas, Venezuela.

Gloria received her A.A. degree from Elgin Community College, her B.S. and M.S. degrees from Northern Illinois University, and her Ph.D. in Public Policy Analysis from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her doctoral dissertation was a study of the work of public school superintendents.

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REMINDER

PLEASE RETURN THE
SECRETARY'S DATA SURVEY FORM
TO JOE NUSBAUM

LAST WEEK

On just another perfect day in paradise, President **Don (easy) Lau** called the Richmond Rotary Club to order (no mean feat) at the Mira Vista Country Club. After the pledge, the thought for the day as delivered by substitute thinker **Doug Straus** was "never have a battle of wits with an unarmed opponent."

Guests: Judy Kafka's guest was Mallory Tripp.

Announcements:

Hank Covell reported that long-time Richmond Rotarian, Jerry Cullen, had passed away. He is fondly remembered for his contributions to Rotary. **John (House Captain) Medlock** is still collecting volunteers for **Christmas in April**. Anyone who has already signed up as a volunteer needs to complete a waiver immediately. T-shirt sizing also needs to be done. Waivers are available from John.

Who Am I?

As part of the transition from red badge to blue badge, **Paul Hodgen**, dressed splendidly in blue Chevron uniform, presented an oral autobiography. Paul was born in New Jersey in March, 1955. He grew up on the East Coast and graduated from Penn State University. One of the seminal events in Paul's life occurred in 1973 when he saw "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid". That movie inspired Paul to make the move West. He started his career with Chevron labs, moving between California and Houston. With the permanent relocation of the labs to Houston, Paul moved from the labs to the refinery where he has been since the 1980's. Paul is responsible for gas blending and optimization at the refinery. Paul reports that he is on the money making part of the refinery. 'Nuf said.

Paul is married and has two children, August and Michelle. Paul's wife is the coach of the golf team at Novato High School, and is enrolled in the PGA qualifying school. Paul lives in Novato. His sponsor in Rotary is Tom Artz. Paul, your "Who am I" was very well done.

Recognitions:

It was Architects Day at Richmond Rotary. Both **Tom Butt** and **Don Hardison** celebrating birthdays which coincidentally fall on the same day. Don reported that he has been a Richmond Rotarian since 1946! Happy birthday to **Judy Morgan**. **Richard and Katherine Alexander** celebrated St. Patrick's Day and their wedding anniversary by going to San Francisco only to learn that no one their age publicly celebrates St. Patrick's Day. By the way, your scribe omitted **Norm Foley's** outstanding account of the story of St. Patrick

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from last week's Flywheel. Norm's story included quips from Rotary's equal opportunity tormenter, Werner Schwarz. Norm concluded his presentation with the question, "If St. Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland, can we assume St. Olaf (Scandinavian Saint) drove all the Volvos out of Sweden?"

Happy birthday to **Paul Hodgen**.

Happy Dollars:

John Medlock is very pleased with the latest recreation bulletin from Albany. **Erle Brown** and **Charles Wong** had happy dollars for Cal's wins in the NIT. **Erle** also is happy about Michigan State's progress in the NCAA. **Charles Ramsey** is happy that UCLA made it to the big dance in the first place.

Program:

Jeff Nathanson had the honor of introducing Larry Wright a.k.a. "Zappo the Magician". In the tradition of the three greatest lies, Larry introduced himself this way, "The check is in the mail; this won't hurt at all (directed at the dentist's table) and I'm from the IRS and I am here to help". Yes, Larry is the Public Affairs Officer for the Northern California Internal Revenue Service District. This was Larry's second time before the Richmond Rotary. He came voluntarily.

Larry regaled the Rotarians with stories from IRS customers. For example, he read an IRS letter that had been written in taxalese with a request written to the President that the IRS provide translation services. Every now and then, the IRS will send letters to individuals who have left for parts unknown. One of those letters prompted a suggestion that if the IRS is having trouble locating missing taxpayers perhaps they could improve the return rate by putting pictures of

missing taxpayers on the side of milk containers much like the pictures of missing children. Although the IRS is not putting pictures of missing taxpayers on milk containers, they are now posting pictures of missing children on some of their publications. After all the IRS is all inclusive. Bureaus which deal with missing and abused children report that the service has increased the number of leads received. Larry recounts the story of one San Francisco man who wanted to increase his deduction because of depreciation on his breeding horse. Turns out the horse was a gelding. One should never use gelding and breeding in the same sentence.

About 2 years ago, IRS, in response to the Presidential requirements, held public hearings in Washington concerning customer service. The reports were less than complimentary. As a result, the IRS is now undergoing it's largest reorganization since 1954. In order to gain efficiencies as well as for IRS agents to develop deep subject expertise, IRS will be divided into four sub-agencies which will specialize in particular categories of taxpayers. The groups are:

- *tax exempt organizations
- *organizations and companies with income in excess of \$5 million
- *wage and investment income
- *small business and self-employed individuals

Auditing will also be done on a divisional basis. These changes are set to occur October 1, 2000, with full implementation in place by 2002. Larry, we are glad you came to Rotary, and you did help!

Raffle: Guest Mallory Tripp won, as did one lucky Rotarian. Respectfully submitted by your scribe, GIUSEPPE (No Audits Please) VERDI

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2000

"Commercial Real Estate"

John D. Troughton
Commercial Brokerage Group
Cushman & Wakefield of California, Inc.
Oakland, California

John Troughton specializes in leasing and sales of industrial and R&D properties. Born and raised in Richmond and active in the community, participating in leadership training while attending public high school, he was among the principals of a highly successful industrial leveraged buy-out, the Pacific Rim Packaging Corporation, formerly Rheem Manufacturing. PRPC doubled sales to \$50 million while increasing EBDIT by reducing overhead and transportation cost, hence substantially increasing shareholder value.

Mr. Troughton graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of California, Santa Cruz, earning a Bachelors Degree and a Masters Degree in Economics. He has also been the recipient of numerous academic awards including UC Regent, Chancellor and Department Scholarships. While participating in the doctoral program for Business Administration at the University of California, Berkeley, Mr. Troughton developed security and real estate valuation models. Mr. Troughton is married and has one son. The family enjoys hunting, fishing, skiing, surfing and travel. He is a supporter of education and charitable organizations.

Mr. Troughton maintains a strong belief in integrity, hard work, thorough research and primary dedication to his clients, which has ensured repeated successful engagements.

Chairperson of the Day: STONEY STONEWORK

Door Duty: CHARLES WONG and
DEBORAH WEEKS

LAST WEEK

On the 29, 220th day in the life of Richmond Rotary, President **Don Lau** called the meeting to order. Richmond Rotary was founded on April 1, 1920. To celebrate this important occasion, **Jim Beaver** doled out scotch, a toast was drunk, and all present sang happy birthday to this august body — now 80 years old. **Bill Wahbeh** led us in the Pledge to the Flag, and **Gloria Johnston** had a thought for the day: *If you seek to change the culture of an organization, you must first change the conversation.*

Guests:

Jenny Green with her mother, Sally Green, and her son **Darren**. **Jonathan Lawlis** presented his father, **Bob Lawlis**, who is visiting from Maine.

Announcements:

Fill out information sheets for **Joe Nusbaum**. Christmas in April is coming up the last Saturday of the month and could use more help. This year's tasks appear to be not too difficult or complicated. **Pam Jones** announced that there will be an orientation for mentors at Peres Elementary on Monday, April 17th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Paul Hodgen was awarded his blue badge, and **Jenny Green**, seeking hers, gave her "Who Am I." Accompanied by visual aids (ever the teacher, Jenny) and family members to attest to the truth of her remarks, Jenny related that she grew up in Albany and graduated from De Anza High School in 1964. Following that, she had the opportunity to travel with her father, a Bechtel engineer, and family to Africa, where, in Cairo, she met Malcolm X. Jenny attended the University of Cape Town for one year and completed her degree at San Francisco State University. Her first job was working with **Judy Kafka** at the Richmond Children's Center. She earned an administrative credential at St. Mary's and is presently the Principal of Stege Elementary School in the WCCUSD. In addition to **Darren**, she has two other sons, **Brian** and **Gabriel**.

Recognitions:

Doug Straus extracted \$5 from President **Don** for giving away a blue badge. **Tom Artz** spent his birthday relaxing on the delta. **Doug Straus** started the happy dollars by announcing that he and Donna are going to China shortly to adopt another daughter. **David Brown** had a sad dollar on the passing of his grandmother at age 96. **Michael Fenley** was happy about the prospect of Magic Johnson and 24 Hour Fitness coming to Hilltop Mall. He

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was additionally happy that he would be attending the first Giants game at PacBell park that evening. **Hank Covell** announced and recommended the Pinole Valley High School production of "Hello Dolly" and offered a money-back guarantee to any one disappointed by the show. **Elof Granberg** reported sadly that **Dan Ready** is back in the hospital. **Paul Hodgen** was happy about some family golf scores and about his blue badge, and **Deborah Weeks** was happy about the El Cerrito bonds to rebuild the community center. Last of all, **Joe Kelman** reported that his wife lost the diamond out of her wedding ring, but he bought her a replacement — a happy dollar for Cindy, but we're not so sure for Joe.

Program:

Gloria Johnston, WCCUSD Superintendent of Schools, introduced herself and, alluding to a flyer on the tables, began her talk about the District's *Strategic Plan*. Such a plan starts with a future vision, then an audit of current status, and lastly a plan to fill in the gap between the two. She discussed the District's *Mission Statement* and the *Core Values*, which are the operational boundaries.

With these in mind, the Board of Education has approved seven strategic priorities.

- Student achievement and attendance
- Safety and behavior
- Personnel training and professional development
- Safe and nurturing facilities
- Faculty and community partnerships (e.g., Richmond Rotary's project at Peres)
- Equity
- Communication

In closing, Gloria once again referred to her earlier thought for the day about the conversation in the District. It is quite evident that the conversation is changing.

Raffles and Prizes:

Jenny Green was the winner of the Academy Award contest with a perfect six out of six. Her prize will be determined later. Raffle winners were **Don Lau** and **Elof Granberg**.

Your substitute correspondent,
Ted (I hope I didn't kiss up too much) Abreu

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2000

"Richmond Municipal Sewer District and the Economic Development of Richmond"

JOSHUA G. GENSER
Attorney at Law

Joshua Genser was born and raised in West Contra Costa County, and is the second generation of his family to provide legal services to West County businesses. Mr. Genser is also the Chief Executive Officer of the Richmond Development Company, LLC, developing office, warehouse, industrial and commercial properties in and around Richmond.

Mr. Genser has a Master's Degree in Economics from Stanford University and his law degree from the University of California at Berkeley. He has practiced law since 1983, handling litigation and transactions in business and real estate matters. In addition, Mr. Genser has served the community as Chair of the Richmond Municipal Sewer District Blue-Ribbon Committee, Chair of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee, Chair of the Private Industry Council, Chair of the Human Relations Affirmative Action Commission, Secretary of the Hilltop Business Association, Vice-President and General Counsel of the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program, President and Director of Temple Beth Hillel, and member of the Richmond Kiwanis Club.

Chairperson of the Day: STONEY STONEWORK

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LAST WEEK:

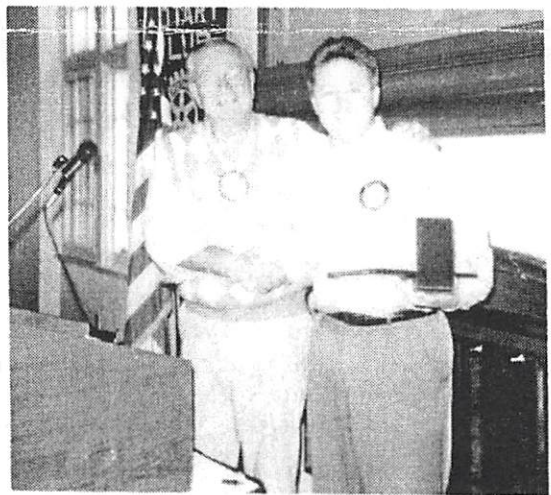
Once again we met in the semi-elegant quarters of the Mira Vista Country Club overlooking the nitrogen rich golf course. Lunch was non-habit forming. Our newest blue medallion, PAUL HODGEN, led us in the pledge. Benjamin Mayer, mentor and colleague of Martin Luther King, when asked about individuality said, "I'd rather go to hell alone then to heaven with the crowd." That gem was delivered by STONEY STONEWORK, program chair for the day.

Visiting Rotarians: Terry Gates and Gary Sloan of the Pinole Club.

Guests: JONATHAN LAWLIS' Hoosier hotshot Ron Phillips all the way from Lafayette, Indiana. BOB NICCOLLS' guests were Debbie Longwell of College Foundation and Christina Pagan, head of sales and marketing for Hilltop Courtyard by Marriott. John and MaryJo Troughton were STONEY's guests.

Announcements: Captain JOHN MEDLOCK continues to do his excellent preparation for Christmas in April. There is room for more volunteers. Anyone who has volunteered but not signed a release form should do so immediately. Gary Sloan encourages all Richmond Rotarians to enter the Pinole Rotary Gold Tournament. The event is scheduled for May 4 at the Diablo Creek Golf Club. For details, please contact Gary.

Congratulations: ERLE BROWN presented MICHAEL DOWNER with his Paul Harris pin.



Who Am I? DAN ERCOLINI, who already holds the Richmond record for most guest visits prior to induction into the club, now is the proud owner of another record which is still being amassed - most time taken for one "Who Am I". The new record is based on the ratio of the number of years of one's life against the number of minutes

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used to describe that life. DAN ERCOLINI completed, somewhat anxiously, part one of his "Who Am I". DON LAU is busy finding an appropriate time slot for DAN to continue the long and winding road of his life to date. DAN was born in San Francisco and grew up in Petaluma. He is one of eight children - six girls and two boys. DAN went to work on a chicken farm tending to the cleanliness of the coops. This background prepared him for many future events in his life. DAN is a graduate of Sonoma State University where he majored in history and public speaking (my notes were a mess by this point). Despite his name where one would think that DAN is completely Italian, he is of Spanish, Irish and Italian descent. The percentages added up to three people so DON LAU will be scheduling 3 more "Who Am I's". DAN has spent a great deal of time traveling abroad. He enjoys the chance to learn about new cultures. DAN has been married since 1973 and has 3 children. When completing part 1 of his "Who Am I", DAN had just joined Standard Oil. Boys and girls, join us next time for another installment of the exciting adventures of DAN ERCOLINI brought to Rotary by JONATHAN LAWLIS Enterprises.

Recognitions: Except for the citation for filibustering levied against ERCOLINI by DOUG STRAUS, recognitions and happy/sad dollars were postponed until the next Rotary meeting.

Program:

HORACE (You Deserve a Break) STONEWORK introduced John Troughton of Cushman and Wakefield, a commercial real estate company. John is a native of Richmond and easily recalls the days, not very long ago, when many Rotarians, local business people, government officials, all had to invent ways to get companies and

individuals to show any interest in visiting Richmond as potential members of the local business community. John feels that pleading is probably not too strong a word. Within the past 2 years, there has been a reversal and interest in coming to Richmond that is peaking. John identified several projects that are underway or planned in the immediate area. Of particular interest is the development along the Richmond Parkway. This thoroughfare, opened within the past 25 months, has enabled Richmond to fulfill its promise as the premier crossroads for commerce in the East Bay. That location, coupled with advantageous real estate rental and purchase pricing costs in Richmond, is opening commercial, industrial and retail opportunities in Richmond. Whatever difficulties may be faced in this development, long needed soil amelioration, improved roadways, more housing, stronger schools, the work that Richmond needs to do to meet these challenges, is not as great as has been felt in other nearby areas. With the "we can do it" attitude of Richmond, those obstacles toward development can be overcome.

John intimated that this is an exciting time to be in Richmond. With the combined efforts of the City and the business community, we look forward to bringing Richmond another booming economy. Who knows, Richmond could be the heart of another kind of "Silicon" valley.

Raffle: DAVE NINOMIYA and guest Ron Phillips won "liquid cheer".

Humbly submitted,
Pee del Verde
Your mellow scribe.

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CHARLES E. RAMSEY Assistant Basketball Coach U.C. Berkeley

Charles E. Ramsey, regarded as one of the young up-and-coming basketball coaches in the country due to his abilities both in recruiting and on the floor, is in his fourth season as an assistant coach at California. In his first year at Cal, Ramsey was instrumental in helping the Bears post their best overall record since 1960 (23-9), as they reached the Sweet 16 of the 1997 NCAA Tournament.

Prior to arriving in Berkeley, Ramsey was a member of Ben Braun's staff during two different stints at Eastern Michigan. A 1991 graduate of EMU, he first served under Braun as an assistant coach from 1990-93, including the 1990-91 season when the Eagles captured the MAC championship and also advanced to the Sweet 16. Ramsey then coached one year as an assistant at Tennessee State, helping the team to a 19-11 record, an Ohio Valley Conference title and berth in the NCAA Tournament. From there, Ramsey went to Drake University for two seasons, serving as associate coach. He returned to Eastern Michigan in April of 1996 before making the trip to Berkeley with Braun in the fall of '96.

In addition to his collegiate experience, Ramsey also has coached extensively on the high school level, with five seasons as an assistant boys' basketball coach at Ypsilanti HS in Michigan from 1982-87. He was head coach of Team Michigan, a squad consisting of top college prospects in Michigan. A native of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Ramsey attended Fisk University, where he was a member of the basketball team from 1979-81 and earned conference all-freshman honors. At Easter Michigan, Ramsey received a bachelor's degree in sociology. He is a member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches and is a lifetime member of the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

Chairperson of the Day: ERLE BROWN
Door Duty: MARKKU PELANNE &
WERNER SCHWARZ

LAST WEEK:

On another beautiful spring day, President DON LAU called the Richmond Rotary together in the quasi-funeral parlor of the Mira Vista Country Club. Lunch was a new piscatorial hybrid. The kitchen likes to keep us guessing. TOM ARTZ delivered the pledge. The gem of the day, "In the space age, the most important space is between the ears" - Thomas Barlow, recited by DON LAU.

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests Duncan Ingraham, Neil Wells and Ms Kortz.

Announcements:

CHARLES RAMSEY reported that a large contingent from the West Contra Costa Unified School District will travel to sacramento on May 11 to march in support of the proposal to have the State forgive the School District's debt to the State. Interested Rotarians should contact CHARLES.

Recognitions:

Happy belated birthday wishes to BILL REID.

Happy/Sad Dollars:

JOE KELMAN is thrilled that the Dodgers swept the Giants at the new PacBell Park. Joining in JOE's happiness are JIM BEAVER and MICHAEL FENLEY. ERLE BROWN is delighted that Michigan State University won the NCAA basketball tournament. BILL REID is pleased with his move to the new farm in Petaluma. DAVID BROWN is grateful for his medical plan. JOE GREEN is happy to be back in Richmond after a very uneventful trip to Charlotte, NC.

Program:

DOUGLAS STRAUS had the honors of introducing our guest speaker, Attorney Joshua Genser. Joshua introduced himself as chair of the Richmond Blue Ribbon Panel on Wastewater Management. He attained that lofty position by being the Chamber of Commerce's representative to the Panel as well as being a rare individual on the panel who also lives in the Richmond wastewater district.

In the fall of 1999, the City of Richmond authorized a \$40 million act for upgrading and improving the City's aging wastewater operations. There are two major aspects of this act. One is the collection of water and the other is treatment. As part of the act, the City Council appointed

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a Blue Ribbon Committee with the responsibility of reviewing the operations and reporting if the increase in sewer fees could be justified. The Panel was able to determine that the Wastewater Facility on Canal was in need of upgrade because in rainy seasons, its capacity is overwhelmed. Furthermore, backups in older parts of the City are common occurrences. This part of the study was relatively quick in determining because access to the plant is easy. On the other hand, reviewing the piping system throughout Richmond has been difficult. There has never been a comprehensive study of the sewers, pipes and their viability. Nevertheless, the Panel was able to determine that much of the system was in bad condition and in need of repair or replacement. The fees are in line with the work that needs to be done.

Along the way, the Panel reviewed options besides raising fees. These included: partnering with East Bay Municipal Utility District for wastewater treatment which is politically problematical because of rates assessed to other municipalities in the district; establishing flexible rates for service as opposed to fixed rates which is virtually impossible to do because of the significant differences in how various agencies or residences use water; and privatization of the plant. The Panel's work was to be completed with the review of the fees question. However, the Panel has been asked to work on a request for information with the City's Public Services Department and review the results pending a final decision on the privatization of the City's wastewater plant.

Joshua reported that he learned more about wastewater treatment than he thought he ever wanted to know. He also learned that sewage pooling can be incestuous; the City's water collection system is in bad shape; and that working with attorneys who are involved in wastewater questions can lead to a few lunches.

Joshua managed to do a very good job making the topic interesting. Furthermore, the person who thought that wastewater treatment would make for a good after dinner program must be a genius.

Humbly submitted by your late scribe,

Giuseppe Verdi

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2000

Fernando DeBernardinis Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar

Fernando DeBernardinis is a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar. He is from Avezzano, Italy, a small city located about 100 miles from Rome.

Fernando is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program at UC Berkeley and is studying electrical engineering. He obtained his undergraduate and masters degrees from the University of Pisa in Italy.

In addition to Italian and English, Fernando speaks French and German. He enjoys music, playing the piano, photography, snow skiing, tennis and is looking for a mountain biking partner. His father is a physician, his mother a teacher. He has one brother.

Like all Italian men, he is blessed with good looks, charm and a quick sense of humor. Please come and meet the Rotary Foundation's good works in person.

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID SMITH

Door Duty: MARKKU PELANNE and
WERNER SCHWARZ

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 5 - "Center for Human Development"
James A. Becker

May 12 - "Contra Costa County Update"
Joe Canciamilla

May 19 - "State of the State" Tom Torklakson,
Assemblyman, 11th Assembly Dist.

May 26 - "Water Resources in California"
Bette Boatman, Director, Div. 4

LAST WEEK

A small but energetic group of Richmond Rotarians was called together by President DON LAU at the Mira Vista Country Club. The pledge was led by GINNY GREEN. "People who are resting on their laurels are wearing them on the wrong end" - the gem of the day uttered by our own gem, ERLE (the Pearl) BROWN.

Visiting Rotarians: Fire Dude Mark Scott from the El Cerrito Rotary.

Announcements:

- LESLIE LEVY encourages all Rotarians to attend all or part of the District Governor's conference scheduled for the first weekend in May at the Radisson Hotel in Berkeley. Several outstanding speakers have been added to the agenda. It is a good time for fellowship and new friendships. Inasmuch as Richmond is a co-sponsor with El Cerrito (the principal sponsor is Berkeley), a strong turnout by Richmond Rotarians would only enhance our reputation.

- The Peres School Computer Project still needs sponsors. The Little Brother Lighthouse fundraiser-party scheduled for May 10th continues to have available space. Anyone who would like to attend or provide a donation to the cause should contact JUDY KAFKA as soon as possible.

Congratulations: To DAN ERCOLINI who moved from red badge status to blue badge. He completed the three tasks required for the blue badge. The 3 tasks are committee membership, the "Who Am I" and attendance at a Board Meeting. Anyone with a red badge is encouraged to make the move to blue badge. There is no extra charge and it feels really good.

Recognitions: Happy Birthday greetings to DAN TANITA, CHARLES RAMSEY, HERB COLE and JOE GREEN, all enjoying birthdays in early April. Congratulations to RALPH HILL on the celebration of 25 years of "blissful marriage".

Happy/Sad Dollars:

- DAVID BROWN had very happy dollars because Richmond Rotary will contribute \$400 for the "Every 15 Seconds" program at El Cerrito High School. This program is designed to educate high school students about the consequences of driving while under the influence. The program's impact is designed to be dramatic and has

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been organized essentially by one El Cerrito police officer who has given much of his time and energy to the program.

- DAVID K. is happy because of Richmond Rotary's Christmas in April efforts.
- Let's see if I can remember this properly. Dr. DON MILLER has happy and sad dollars. While on his rounds at hospital visiting a patient, Dr. DON noticed that a patient named John Nicol was in the next room. Dr. DON, being the caring fellow he is, felt it only fitting to visit a Richmond Rotarian who had been hospitalized. Much to his amazement, Dr. DON noticed that this John Nicol was about 20 years older and much thinner than he had remembered. Upon his arrival at Richmond Rotary, Dr. DON was very pleased to see that our JOHN NICOL continued to be in good health!
- Dr. DAN TANITA is happy because the new dental clinic at Peres School is a big success and according to School Board President, Gien Price, the favorite place of many of the pupils at Peres.
- HERB COLE had happy dollars upon his return as well as knowing that CHARLES RAMSEY is ensconced in beautiful new chambers in Oakland.
- JOHN (I am well) NICOL brings greetings from several former Richmond Rotarians including Judge Laurel L.
- DON LAU has enormous thanks to Victor and JUDY KAFKA for their financial contributions to the Peres School. At last count, the Peres fund exceeded \$21,000.
- ERLE BROWN is grateful to DONNA BELL for her outstanding work as Treasurer. We now have "user friendly" financial information.

- DONNA BELL is pleased to announce that her son has been accepted into the Air Force.
 - TOM BUTT reported that the plan to have part of Richmond's shoreline designated as a "national historic park" continues to be on track with Senators Boxer and Feinstein introducing legislation tied to the designation.
- Program:** Our designated speaker, Assistant basketball Charles Ramsey of UC Berkeley could not make it to the meeting. Mr. Ramsey is a candidate for the head coaching job for Tennessee State's basketball team and was in Tennessee for an interview.
- Raffle:** Dr. DON and DAN ERCOLINI won holiday cheer.

Respectfully submitted,
with no apologies for using filler,
Your humble scribe,
Giuseppe Verdi

Editorial Comment: Prior to the meeting someone asked, "If this is the day Jesus was crucified, why do we call it 'Good Friday'?" In another role, I am Richmond's City Librarian. I have access to answers to interesting questions such as the one posed at our meeting on Good Friday. Here is the answer to that question which I found in *Morris Dictionary of Word and Phrase Origins* by William and Mary Morris. "It may seem strange that the saddest, most solemn day in the entire Christian year should be Good Friday. The reason is that this is an archaic sense of good, synonymous with 'holy'. A similar use is found in the ancient description of Christmas as the 'the good tide'."

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2000

Contra Costa County Update

JOE CANCIAMILLA
Supervisor

Joe Canciamilla brings an exciting range of experience to public service. Combining a background in business and the legal profession, Canciamilla has served more than 25 years as an elected official representing constituents in east Contra Costa County.

Born and raised in Pittsburg, Canciamilla began his public service early. At the age of 17, while still a senior in high school, Canciamilla won election to a seat on the Pittsburg Board of education, becoming the youngest elected official in the country. Canciamilla served four consecutive terms before moving on to win a seat on the Pittsburg City Council where he served two terms, including two years as Mayor. In March of 1996 Joe was elected to the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors where he currently represents the Fifth District.

While on the Board of Supervisors Joe Canciamilla has proven to be an effective leader and consensus builder. Over the past two years he helped craft a cutting edge industrial safety ordinance, led the new growth management effort in the County, and is the leading proponent of a sub-regional strategic plan to deal with growth and its impacts.

His recent accomplishments include providing a new home for the Antioch Historical Society, funding for the Pittsburg Veterans Building, and creating a highly effective code enforcement program.

He is now spearheading the drive to develop a transitional shelter in East County and is leading the effort in the County to develop a "no-kill" animal shelter by building a new shelter and creating a new partnership between animal services and youth probation.

Joe Canciamilla has earned a reputation as a dedicated and hard working public servant. In addition to his duties as a full-time County Supervisor, Joe currently serves as: President of the Delta Diablo Sanitation District Board of Directors; Member of the Delta Protection Commission; Member of the Contra Costa LAPCO; Member of the Contra Transportation Authority; Board of Directors of the County Supervisors Assoc. of CA (CSAC); Board of Directors of the Urban Counties Caucus.

Chairperson of the Day: GEORGE EGAN

Door Duty: DAVID ALMEIDA and MICHAEL READY

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2000

"State of the State"

TOM TORLAKSON
11th Assembly District

Chairperson of the Day: GEORGE EGAN

Door Duty: DONNA BELL and MICHAEL DOWNER

LAST WEEK

President DON (He's Back!) LAU called another meeting of the friendly Richmond Rotary to order at the Mira Vista Country Club. HANK COVELL led us in the pledge. DAVID BROWN's hastily found gem of the day was, "To err is human but it against company policy" which I think originally was found in a Dilbert cartoon.

Visiting Rotarians: Janet Hildebrandt, DON LAU's favorite librarian from the El Cerrito Club.

Rotarians with Guests: Welcome to Anna Vega, Richmond's Finance Director, who was DONNA URIYU's guest. JOHN NICOL brought his son, Scott and MARKKU also had company.

Special Note: Greetings and salutations to a special delegation of Rotarians from Richmond's sister city, Shimada, Japan. Leader of the group, Mr. Nigai (translates to Long in English) gave a report on the visit. He mentioned that he had been to Richmond before and enjoyed playing golf at various courses in the area. This is a second visit for many from Shimada. TOM BUTT accepted several beautiful gifts from the delegation on behalf of both the City of Richmond and Richmond Rotary. I believe we had 12 visitors. They represented a wide variety of professions from engineer to merchant to elected official.

Special Citation: ERLE BROWN had the honor of presenting Nick Lawlis with his first Paul Harris pin and Nick's father, JONATHAN LAWLIS, with his second citation. This is a very special recognition and we are very proud of JON and Nick. JONATHAN's contributions are significant and important. We appreciate his efforts.

Recognitions and Happy/Sad Dollars: JAMES (Jet) BEAVER had the honors this Friday. He called on JOHN (wanna buy a car, buddy) NICOL who is celebrating his wedding anniversary with Felicia. DOUG STRAUS was dinged for his recreation of John F. Kennedy's famous "Ich ben ein Berliner" (I am a donut) speech. JIM had vivid evidence of DOUG's visual aids and felt it necessary to fine him for his borderline performance at Christmas in



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April. TED ABREU turned in his retirement papers to the Board of Education and said it felt "very, very good". CHARLES RAMSEY kicked in \$20 for his ongoing announcements concerning the campaign to have the State forgive the West Contra Costa Unified School District's debt. DAVID SMITH presented GINNY GREEN with a bottle of Champagne in recognition of her perfect score in predicting the winners of Academy Awards. The Japanese call "Happy Dollars" "Smile Money". Our visitors made a nice contribution of "smile dollars" to Richmond Rotary. Although DAVE NINOMIYA is somewhat removed from ongoing business in the flower trade, he still feels happy whenever the calendar comes close to Mother's Day.

Program: DAVID BROWN (Emcee Extrordinaire) introduced Jim Becker who is Director of the Center for Human Development. The Center, which has sites throughout Contra Costa County, helps communities become and stay healthy by placing viable solutions to serious problems. In his current position, he spends significant time and energy and working on both preventative programs and intervention systems.

Jim gave examples of the keys to success. For example, in working with young people there are 4 basic ingredients. They are:

- 1. Understanding the child's important place in the community.
- 2. Positive interaction with peers.
- 3. Strong belief in the power of education.
- 4. Will and desire to achieve.

The Center uses these keys in its programs starting in Pre-School with the "HIPPY" Plan. Hippy stands for "Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youth." The Center believes that the parent is a child's first teacher and that a strong early education foundation will help to insure a happy childhood. HIPPY is just one of the many programs The Center offers at its location in the Shields Reed Community Center in Richmond.

In addition to preventative programs, the Center assists through intervention. The Center provides pro bono mediation services which can be used as an alternative to small claims court. The Center will help neighbors resolve disputes; families to find ways to work together; and mediate problems amongst various citizen groups.

The Center relies heavily on community input and is looking for volunteers to serve on its Board of Directors. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Jim Becker at 510-234-5359. The Center provides a valuable service throughout California. We appreciate its efforts.

Raffle:
RICHARD ALEXANDER and MARKKU PELANNE took home liquid refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
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Your lucky scribe.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2000

State of the State

TOM TORLAKSON

11th Assembly District

Tom Torlakson began his service as the 11th Assembly District representative in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. During his first term in the Assembly, Tom became a leader in education and public safety while fighting for transportation improvements and a balance between jobs and affordable housing. Legislative achievements:

- Succeeded in writing a law that regulates permanent amusement park rides to provide greater safety for California's families as we visit our State's amusement parks.
- Passed a law which provides \$150 million to mitigate some of the burden borne by local governments from the property tax shift of the early 90's and \$425 million for the state's infrastructure bank to fund road improvements, water treatment and other infrastructure.
- Authored the largest school construction and improvement bond in California history - \$9.2 billion to build desperately needed new classroom, repair deteriorating school facilities and make schools computer-ready.
- Passed a law to accelerate the development and delivery of state and local transportation projects and makes more efficient use of funds in the State Highway Account.
- Co-authored legislation that placed the water bond and parks bond on the March ballot
- Recognizing the dire need for improvements to our library system, he co-authored a bill on the March 2000 ballot to provide \$350 million for new library buildings.
- Secured over \$1 million to develop and fund the first phase of the Delta Science Center.
- Wrote the law that provides for after-school programs for over 85,000 kindergarten through 9th grade students so these students have additional time to learn in a safe, supervised place between the house of 3-6 pm-the prime time for juvenile crime.

Chairperson of the Day: GEORGE EGAN

Door Duty: DONNA BELL and MICHAEL DOWNER

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2000

Water Resources in California

BETTE BOATMUN, Director, Division 4

Chairperson of the Day: GEORGE EGAN

Door Duty: JUDY MORGAN and BILL REID

LAST WEEK:

An almost effervescent DAVID (I am not a candidate) BROWN, filling in for President DON LAU, called the meeting of the friendly Richmond Rotary to order in the kiddies room of the Mira Vista Country Club. We were served stuffed cabbage for reasons that I do not know. Dr. DAN TANITA led us in the pledge. HANK COVELL shared a thought for the day from a student he recently interviewed, "I am part of all that I have met". LESLIE LEVY, in honor of Mother's Day, repeated this advice from her mother, "If you can't say something nice about someone, say nothing at all."

Visiting Rotarians: TOM McGOWAN's longtime friends from South Africa, Trevor and Denise Long, broke bread with us this past week. Richmond Rotary and Trevor's club have completed joint projects for schools in his area. It was a pleasure to meet these folks who have made such a positive difference in their community.

Guests: Lauren Katherine Alexander was squired by her daddy, Captain RICHARD ALEXANDER. We commend her for having her priorities in correct order. She took dessert first!

Announcements: In order to bring our roster up to date, JOE NUSBAUM needs your Clubmate data returned immediately. Several weeks ago, each Rotarian received a questionnaire which was to be completed and returned to JOE. Unfortunately, some Rotarians have not yet returned the data which JOE requires for the Richmond Rotary directory. Should you not have a copy of the form, please contact JOE as soon as possible.

Recognitions: JIM BEAVER, citations officer for the day, pointed out that the admonition from LESLIE's mother would probably defeat the entire purpose of the Rotary recognitions. Happy Birthday to DAVID K. who had no fish stories to tell. He did share with us that he had a wonderful trip to Yosemite. The waterfalls were gushing. I am not sure if BOB NICCOLLS is celebrating a birthday or anniversary or the recognition of the tarp that he dutifully pulls over his bright red car on all sunny days. Particularly impressive is the embroidered license plate identification.

Happy/Sad Dollars: HANK COVELL is very happy about the Spencer Scholarship program. He is involved in reviewing applications from 15 budding scholars, who all have been accepted at UC Berkeley. The average grade point average exceeds 4.0. Now, that's some bright kids! By the time you receive this Flywheel, DOUG STRAUS should be in China picking up his newest daughter Samantha Mae. Congratulations! We are all saddened to learn that BILL WAHBEH will be leaving

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Richmond Rotary after an 18 year membership. Nevertheless, we wish BILL all the best in his new job in Newark. BILL intends to join a Rotary club in the Fremont-Newark area. LESLIE LEVY had happy dollars because the District Governor's Conference was successful. FATHER CHRIS is delighted to announce that all 98 seniors have graduated and all 98 seniors will be going to college. TOM McGOWAN had happy dollars to commemorate the matching grant program that Richmond Rotary put together with Trevor Long's club in South Africa. Trevor also had happy dollars to mark the occasion. RICH BRANDES was pleased with the results of the Little Brother Light Station program which netted thousands of dollars for the Peres School program. CHARLES WONG had the sad duty to report that former Richmond Rotary President GEORGE WACKER had been placed in a care facility in Fairfield. ELOF GRANBERG was sad to report the passing of his brother in Kenwood, Saskatchewan. However, ELOF was proud to point out that although only 300 people live in Kenwood more than 700 attended the funeral.

Program:

GEORGE EGAN introduced Joe Canciamilla who is Fifth District (Pittsburg, Antioch, etc.) Contra Costa County Supervisor. Joe is completing his term on the Board and is currently running for the State Assembly.

Mr. Canciamilla pointed out that the most important issues facing the county have to do with safety and growth. The supervisors have worked hard to craft legislation that will provide for greater safety at industrial and agricultural sites. He also pointed out that the population of Contra Costa County has doubled twice since WWII. The roads throughout the County are

insufficient to deal with the ever increasing traffic burden. Without a comprehensive County wide program that identifies solutions collectively, commuters and residents throughout the County will find that the quality of life in the County will become more and more difficult.

It is clear that Mr. Canciamilla is well informed and hardworking. With this enthusiasm for the political activity, Joe should find Sacramento a very exciting place to be.

Raffle: The killer "b's", RICH BRANDES and JOE BAGLEY, had the winning tickets.

Respectfully submitted,

Giuseppe Verdi, Your devoted scribe.



Nick Lawlis with Paul Harris & JON LAWLIS with 3rd Paul Harris.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2000

"Water Resources in California"

BETTE BOATMUN, Director, Division 4

Bette Boatmun is the Division 4 Director of the Contra Costa Water District, representing Bay Point, Pittsburg, Antioch and the northeast portion of Concord. She served as president of the Board from 1990-1992 and vice president from 1981 to 1989. She has been on the Board since 1974 and was re-elected in 1995.

Bette is the former executive director of the YWCA of Contra Costa County and is active in community organizations, including the American Association of University Women, Sons of Italy, Soroptomist International, and she serves as a board member for the Center for Human Development, the Kennedy King Scholarship Foundation and Gallery Concord.

She is Vice President of the Association of California Water Agencies, a statewide organization that represents about 90% of the water delivered in California. She holds Chair positions on the Governing Board of the East County Water Management Association and the Contra Costa Special Districts Association. She is past Chair of the Sanitation and Water Agencies of Contra Costa County, and the Association of California Water Agencies, Region 5. Bette has a Bachelor of Science degree from Russell Sage College, Troy, New York, and a Master of Education degree from Holy Names College, Oakland, California. She was a teacher in public and private schools in California and New York.

Chairperson of the Day: GEORGE EGAN

Door Duty: JUDY MORGAN and BILL REID

LAST WEEK

Your faithful scribe was out and about last Friday showing out of town visitors the environs. A big thank you to DONNA BELL for putting together notes from the meeting. This report is being done by ESP inasmuch as I was not physically present at the Mira Vista Country Club when President DON LAU presided over the latest meeting of the friendly Richmond Rotary. Some of this report will be blurry.



Guests: JOE BAGLEY's sister-in-law Natalie came all the way from Chicago just to do a Rotary club makeup. CHARLES FENDER brought his photographer friend, Joe, from Berkeley and DON LAU's parents joined the Friday fray. Can one's parents truly ever be called "guests"?

Announcements: Peres School, Rotary's adoptee, is the beneficiary of the fund raising efforts of the Community Services Committee ably chaired by JUDY KAFKA. The latest success story of that group was a tour and party held at the East Brother's Lighthouse on May 10th. Over \$10,000 was realized on this one evening. The dollars will go towards outfitting classrooms with computers and printers.

Although our numbers were small, our impact was significant. At the District Governor's Conference held the first weekend in May, Richmond Rotary garnered several important recognitions. We received commendation for our Peres School project and LESLIE LEVY distinguished herself for her efforts in organizing the District Conference. Also, Richmond Rotary won the grand prize for its entry in the kite contest. JOHN (now back to Earth) NICOL designed the kite and was supported by DON LAU and JOE BAGLEY. JOE BAGLEY's description of the kite's adventure lasted longer than the flight of the kite.

Recognitions: Congratulations to DAVID BROWN on his 20th wedding anniversary. MICHAEL FENLEY celebrated his 46th birthday with dinner and movie. Don't know if he went solo or brought his family. He did enjoy "Frequency". Thanks to DAVID and MICHAEL, the Community Fund is richer.

Happy/Sad Dollars: DAVID SMITH was happy because the Bay Area's capricious weather smiled favorably on his friend's wedding. JONI HIRAMOTO is pleased that her son won first place in his school's science fair.

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MICHAEL FENLEY has good news that Magic Johnson will be opening a Fitness Center at Hilltop Mall. JONATHAN LAWLIS announced that his son will soon become a banana slug at UC-Santa Cruz. HANK COVELL is delighted that he is part of a group that awarded \$28,000 in scholarships to 10 area students. Also, HANK will resume his running in the Bay to Breakers. JOE BAGLEY vented concerning the recent melee between the Dodgers and Cubs. JOHN NICOL joined JOE's comments, but I don't know on which side. CHARLES RAMSEY is pleased with the turnout to the debt forgiveness rally in Sacramento on May 11th.

The entire Lau family beamed with pride in announcing the success of DON's daughter in winning a tennis tournament and a scholarship to Washington.

Program: The scheduled speaker, Assemblyman Tom Toriakson was delayed. Mr. Torlakson's Director of Communications, Robert Oaks, took the podium and outlined some of the significant issues facing the State legislature as it relates to our immediate area. Of particular concern are the following:

- * Groundbreaking for the Carquinez Bridge retrofit which will replace found lanes in each direction. The bridge is 73 years old.
- * Adding the number of trains running from Contra Costa County to Sacramento.
- * Debt relief from the State to the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Assemblyman Torlakson arrived and continued the discussion started by Mr. Oaks. Additional matters brought up included:

- *Commuter Lanes
- *Bridge tolls
- *Schools and teachers and salaries and tax relief for teachers.

Raffle: Natalie (JOE BAGLEY's sister-in-law) and JOHN (sure-bet) NICOL won cakes.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE (Kreskin) GREEN with
enormous support from DONNA BELL



Pres. DON exchanging banners with President of Shimada Club.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2000

EL Cerrito High School Forensics Team

CATHY BERMAN
Coach

Over the last twenty years, Mrs. Berman developed one of the most successful high school speech and debate programs in the country. During this time, Prop 13 budget cuts destroyed forensics programs at most public high schools in California. Despite financial setbacks, Mrs. Berman has maintained an environment in which her students accomplish the highest levels of academic excellence. A recent op-ed piece in the Los Angeles Times hailed the debate team at El Cerrito High School as the “only nationally competitive debate program in a California public school.”

Mrs. Berman will address the importance of forensics programs in our public schools. She will be accompanied by students who will present award winning performances, including the recently crowned California State Champion in Thematic Interpretation.

Chairperson of the Day: JONI HIRAMOTO

Door Duty: ELOF GRANBERG & JOHN NICOL

LAST WEEK:

Resplendent in Hawaiian shirt, President DON (Lame Duck) LAU called the meeting to order at the Mira Vista Country Club. Lunch was ribs de mastodon. JUDY MORGAN led us in the pledge followed by “Health and Beauty Tips” from Judge JONI HIRAMOTO. The words of wisdom are, “For beautiful hair, let children run their fingers through; for beautiful lips, speak words of love; to sleep soundly, live with truth and honesty; for beautiful eyes, look for good in people; and for a sound heart, live with respect and compassion for all living things.” With thanks to “Dear Abby”.

Visiting Rotarians: Deborah Stevens of the El Cerrito Club.

Rotarians with Guests: JUDGE JONI’s guest was Kim Burns, head of the recently opened Domestic Violence Court in Richmond. Anna Vega, Finance Director for the City of Richmond, came with DONNA URIYU. OSCAR LUGO brought Victor, an exchange student and jeweler from Korea.

Recognitions: *DAVIDE DEL SMITHO di Pinole*, with great aplomb and little ceremony, presided over this ever vexing responsibility. Congratulations to DAVID NINOMIYA who celebrated his wedding anniversary by attending an annual meeting of flower growers. The bloom is still on the rose. JOE NUSBAUM is extremely proud of JONATHAN LAWLIS for having Harbor Plastics named small business of the year for Northern California. JONATHAN was recruited for Rotary membership by JOE. Everyone in Rotary looks forward to the day when Harbor Plastics is named outstanding BIG BUSINESS. JONATHAN took time to commend everyone at Harbor Plastics for their superior work and dedication to the company’s growth. WALTER WOLFFS is Richmond Rotary’s longest standing member. He joined the club in 1936. By the way, WALTER’s granddaughter’s father-in-law is a member of the Rotary Club in Imperia, Italy. WALTER brought us a banner from that club.

Happy/Sad Dollars: Judge DIANA BECTON SMITH is pleased to announce that her Peres School project is moving along nicely. Also, DIANA is exceptionally proud of her son who scored very high on the SAT. PAUL (refined but not high test) HODGEN’s family members continue to rack up honors in the golfing circuit. About five years ago, JOE (let me carry your) BAGLEY recommended to his good friend from Whidbey Island, Washington, that he join Rotary. JOE’s friend took that

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advice. JOE is proud to announce that his good (no name given) friend has been elected President of the club in Whidbey Island.

Program: Judge JONI HIRAMOTO introduced Rolanda Pierre Dixon who is Deputy District Attorney for Santa Clara County. In 1991, Ms. Pierre was responsible for creating the first Domestic Violence Unit in that county. She has headed that operation since its inception and is one of California's leading experts on domestic violence. Some of the nuggets pulled from her presentation are:

- Domestic violence is the outgrowth of one individual's compelling need to control another. Ms. Pierre-Dixon drew a graphic picture of the painful downward spiral that relationships take when control is the motivating factor in the relationship.
- Domestic violence is finally being recognized as a community issue that impacts everyone not just family members. It has been a long and difficult effort to convince officials and citizens of that reality but we are finally making inroads in dealing with this serious problem.
- Ms. Dixon and her team established a protocol for dealing with domestic violence. Simply stated, if one is caught committing an act of domestic violence, he will be arrested. Police are directed to make arrests and court officers will deal with matters of intervention. This protocol reduces the number of repeat visits police must make to scenes of domestic violence and children are taken out of the line of fire more effectively.
- Most victims are reluctant, even afraid, to disclose that they have been abused. Nevertheless, police and medical records, when one suspects domestic violence, can be released and action can and will be taken.

- Domestic violence is an equal opportunity crime. There are cases of women battering men and men battering women. Cases cross all demographic lines -- age, race and national origin are represented. Ms. Pierre-Dixon and her team deal with about 65 cases per month. Perhaps the saddest example given dealt with domestic violence against pregnant women.
- Although it is very difficult, very intense and sometimes very depressing, it is everyone's responsibility to deal with domestic violence.

Thanks to her team and other teams around the State, improvements in dealing with domestic violence are being realized. We appreciate Ms. Pierre-Dixon's leadership.

Raffle: JOHN MEDLOCK & MICHAEL FINLEY stayed long enough to win comestibles.

El Sobrante from the meeting of May 26, 2000. DAVE ALMEIDA, Judge Bessie Dreibelbis, and Richard Granzella have been given honorary memberships in Richmond Rotary.

Thank you Bette Boatmun for your excellent presentation concerning the Association of California Water Administrations. We have good drinking water and well managed water use programs in California thanks to Bette and the groups she leads.

Submitted from the bottom of my heart, your scribe,
Giuseppe (whoever hear of Pepito?) Verdi

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2000

"The State of Our Courts in Contra Costa County"

HON. MARK B. SIMONS
PRESIDING JUDGE
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Judge Simons received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in 1967 and his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School in 1970. He worked as an associate with the law firm of Cooley, Godward LLP in San Francisco, and as a deputy public defender in Contra Costa County before he was appointed to the municipal court by Governor Brown in 1980. In March 1995, Judge Simons was elevated to the Contra Costa Superior Court by Governor Wilson, and currently serves as the Presiding Judge of the Court.

Judge Simons is a highly respected expert in the areas of California Evidence Law and California Preliminary Examinations. He has authored books by those names which are considered the "Bibles" statewide by attorneys and judges alike.

Chairperson of the Day: JONI HIRAMOTO

Door Duty: DAVID SMITH and STEVE LUDWIG

LAST WEEK:

At the always swell Mira Vista Country Club, a dapper, in a Polynesian kind of way, President DON LAU presided over the latest meeting of the always friendly Richmond Rotary where education and entertainment guide us. TED (almost retired) ABREU led us in the pledge followed by the gem of this day from Judge JONI HIRAMOTO, "In teaching you will be learning and in learning you will be teaching."

Recognitions: DAVID SMITH, one of the gang of three, finally explained the respective role that each "recognizer" takes. DAVID SMITH is the cool professional who expects individuals to use the "four way" test in meeting their obligations to Rotary. DOUG STRAUS is motivated by avarice and anticipates bonus payments for his direct, firm approach to club recognitions. JIM BEAVER gets to be cute. First up for a citation was DAN ERCOLINI who celebrated a May birthday. He is such a good sport! He did not know that first year members get a reprieve from recognitions, and made some very good contributions. MARKKU PELANNE continues to wonder what truly happened 53 years ago on the day he was born. He does not remember any of it. MARKKU, at least your parents do not hold you responsible for the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt! JOE NUSBAUM was able to sing "76 Trombones" last year but could not come up with a song for this year. All of Richmond Rotary chimed in with "77 Sunset Strip". Happy Birthday, JOE!

Happy/Sad Dollars: DAVID SMITH continues. TED ABREU is pleased to announce that his wife is doing better and thanks everyone for their good wishes. He also had a happy event dealing with a banana slug but details were not completely forthcoming. PAUL HODGEN is pleased that his good friend Willie Chang is relocating from Southern California to the Bay Area. Unfortunately, Willie is coming to the region as new manager of the Tosco Refiner. DON HARDISON's grandson is a recent graduate of UCLA and is now a journalist apprentice with the dreaded Los Angeles Lakers. In honor of our guests from El Cerrito High School, JOE GREEN recalled that attending North Central High School in Indianapolis represented seven of the best years of his life.

Program: JONI HIRAMOTO began by quoting from "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom. Mitch talked about the magic of finding a teacher who could identify

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the unpolished stone and bring it to a shining gem. JONI's guest, Cathy Berman, has polished many stones in over forty years of teaching speech and debate in the West Contra Costa County school system. Her students have gone to become highly skilled professionals. Cathy pointed out that skill in public speaking enables one to excel in job interviews; become more intellectually curious and competitive; and value elocution as an honorable pursuit. In her career, Cathy has seen public speaking competition go from a sexist, biased program with separate competitions for girls and boys to wide open contests where one becomes champion based solely on merit and skill. Adrian Man, who is one of Cathy's students, just won the California State championship for thematic interpretation.

Adrian is a sophomore at El Cerrito High School. She performed her prize-winning piece which is a compilation of thoughts by three Asian-American authors. The authors talk about the complexities of straddling two cultures - one American and one Asian. Adrian became Alvin Eng (Chinese) and Gita Reddy (Filipina) and Robert Olin Butler (Viet-Nam) when she moved into the heart and mind of each author. Her presentation was entertaining, educational and moving. I thought I saw a few tears in the house.

The Los Angeles Times spoke glowingly of the work of the El Cerrito High School speech and debate program. After seeing the results of Cathy Berman's efforts, we can all appreciate her strides toward excellence. We are fortunate to have Cathy in our school system.

As GEORGE WACKER would say, "where is everyone?". I wish that more Richmond Rotarians could have been on hand to see and hear this wonderful program.

Filler Time: A man walks into a psychologist's office and says, "Doctor, I think I'm a dog, can you help me?" The psychologist says, "Yes, but stay off the couch till we're sure."

Raffle: ERLE BROWN won a BMW and PAUL HODGEN took home a Ferrari.

Apologetically submitted,

Giuseppe Verdi

Your humble scribe.

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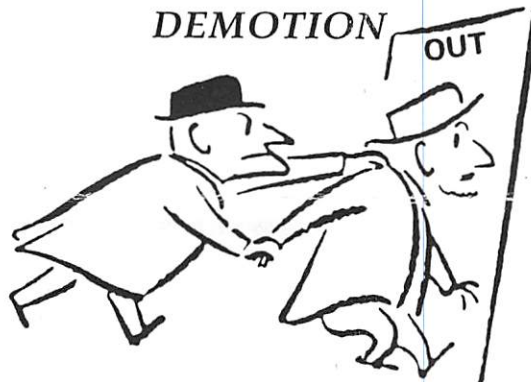


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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2000



Come one, come all....dressed Hawaiian style.....to help President DON LAU celebrate the conclusion of his twelve months at the helm of the Richmond Rotary Club. Don't miss the fun!

Chairperson of the Day: JOHN NICOL

Door Duty: DAVID BROWN and DOUG STRAUS

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2000

COLIN BRADY
Industrial Light & Magic

Chairperson of the Day: LESLIE LEVY

LAST WEEK

President DON (Put a fork in me, I'm done) LAU called another meeting of the always friendly Richmond Rotary to order at the Mira Vista Country Club. JONATHAN (I fought the) LAWLIS led us in the pledge. Judge JONI HIRAMOTO shared the thought for the day.

Visiting Rotarian: Anne Prescott of the El Sobrante Club
Guests: DONNA URIYU's guest was Anna Vega, City of Richmond Finance Director. Anna looks forward to becoming a Richmond Rotarian in the near future. JUDY KAFKA brought Antoinette Evans, Principal of Peres School. Dan Cold, accountant from San Ramon, was JOE KELMAN's guest. And putting in a special guest star appearance was Jordan Lau, son and Mini-Me of President DON. That kid sure can ring a bell as well as being an expert ticket picker.

Announcements:

- Our fellow Rotarian from El Sobrante, Anne Prescott, encourages all Richmond Rotarians to take a role in the Productivity Enhancement Program (PEP). This year's program involves a delegation of dentists from Russia who will be visiting our area starting on September 28, 2000. There will be an opening potluck and closing potluck to which all 6 clubs in our immediate area are invited. Anne indicates that the program needs individuals who can provide homestays for the visitors. Dentists who can show their offices are also needed. In order to participate, please contact Anne at 510-724-7730.

- LESLIE (Incoming Prez) LEVY reported that this year's "Rotary Fun Day" will be in August at CalExpo in Sacramento. Raffle tickets for fabulous trips and other great prizes will be available very soon.

- JUDY KAFKA reported that Richmond Rotary raised over \$30,000 this year for the Peres School project. Next year's Community Services Chair, PAM JONES, will continue the great work started by this year's team. Antoinette Evans is thrilled with the results of our program and would like each Richmond Rotarian to visit Peres School.

- On September 27, our colleague Dr. TAN TANITA will be honored by the West County Business and Professional Association. Every Richmond Rotarian should try to find the time to go this event which recognizes an individual who certainly deserves the award.

Recognitions: DOUG STRAUS in his last stint this year passed on his advice, "If you aren't picked up, fear nothing." Congratulations to HERB COLE and his bride on their 36th wedding anniversary. They enjoyed the day on a cruise up the Amazon. Their escort was a primate visiting from a local palm tree. Mr. and Mrs. DON HARDISON celebrated their 58th (is that a Richmond Rotary record?) wedding anniversary. DON, were marriages in junior high school allowed 58 years ago? CHARLIE WONG and wife also have a great thing going after 51 years. JUDY KAFKA had a surprise visit from a longstanding friend and alum from the University of Chicago.

Happy/Sad Dollars: GLORIA JOHNSTON was sad that she had missed a number of excellent Rotary programs, but was pleased to announce that many positive things are happening with the school district. DAN ERCOLINI is pleased that his daughter is on her way to Costa Rica to participate in community outreach programs. DONNA URIYU is sad that Anna Vega will not be joining Richmond Rotary until August 1. On the other hand,

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DAVID BROWN, incoming chair of the membership committee, is happy that DONNA has the wisdom to wait until his term begins. DON LAU is happy that his year as President is coming to an end, but even happier that Jordan had a great year in school, made wonderful progress in Tai Kwan Do and does lots of things that makes his dad very proud.

Program:

"American Concentration Camps: How Could It Have Happened" was introduced by JONI HIRAMOTO. In her very moving opening remarks, JONI pointed out this topic is a particularly difficult one because she has a personal relationship with those who were interred during World War II. Both of her parents were placed in the camps simply for being Japanese-Americans. For many years, her parents would not talk about this harrowing time in their lives. However, with the success of the Korematsu case, individuals who were at the camps started to tell of their experiences at places like Manzanar and Topaz and Tanforan in San Bruno. Difficult though it may be, JONI reminded us that we have an obligation to learn and to remember so these events will not occur again.

Our guest speaker was Bill Hirose who is a docent at the Japanese-American Historical Society. With remarkable grace and good will, Bill related the experience of the camps and the memories they hold for him. Some of the points that Bill brought to our attention included:

*Of the 120,000 individuals of Japanese ancestry imprisoned in the camps, 70 percent were American citizens. The rest were mostly their parents who were permanent residents ineligible for citizenship due to discriminatory laws based on ancestry. Even though some

of these people had been in America since Forty-niner days, they were excluded from owning property as participating in "normal" activities. Detainment in the camps was the ultimate discrimination.

*There was a certain irony in that even though Japanese-Americans were held in camps, many of their children were drafted to fight in WWII. The all-Japanese combat regimental team became the most decorated unit in US military history. Perhaps to show their bravery, their loyalty or that they could be "more American", the soldiers of the "Do or Die 442" gave more lives to the cause than any other units.

*It was only by 1988 that Japanese-Americans received an official apology from the US government for the injustice performed by one group of Americans against another group of fellow citizens. The Korematsu case, brought by Bill's legal colleague Dale Minami, also made small financial restitution to those who have been in the camps.

*Bill shared an essay that he wrote when he was in the 8th grade. It is a bittersweet statement about his feelings about America and being in the camps. He said, "then I would stroll around looking at the sights which I did not enjoy so good before...After this, I would get my old job. With my trusty camera I would go to the Presidio and get a few shots at the new cannons."

In keeping with Richmond Rotary's goal of education, Bill taught us a great deal. We should all take the time to visit the Japanese American National Museum.

Raffle: DON LAU took home "Above San Francisco".

Humbly submitted: Giuseppe Verdi

A little wiser thanks to Joni & Bill

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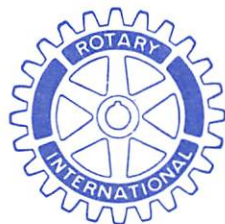
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2000

"Computer Animation: The Art Behind the Computers"

COLIN BRADY

Colin Brady, an Animation Director at George Lucas' Industrial Light and Magic, will explain the artistic foundations of Computer animation with a focus on Character animation.

After working for Rhythm and Hues (Hollywood) for a year and at Pixar (Pt. Richmond) for 6 years, Colin joined I.L.M. in San Rafael to help develop digital feature films.

At Pixar, Colin was a lead animator on Toy Story. He is Creative Director of their CD-ROM division, Supervising Animator for A Bug's Life, and Co-Director of Toy Story 2 (6/97-12/98).

Colin has a B.F.A. from the California Institute of the Arts in Valencia, CA and is currently living in Point Richmond.

Chairperson of the Day: LESLIE LEVY

Door Duty: TED ABREU and CHARLIE WONG

LAST MEETING

A stirred AND well shaken DON LAU called his last meeting as President to order at the Mira Vista County Club where the sun rises later than it does in Hawaii. Lunch was a Richmond Luau. DON led in the pledge. The gem of the day was from Mrs. David Smith, "DON LAU, he's a real nice guy and how!"

Visiting Rotarians:

Some big Kahunas were in town for the demotion: Incoming (as of July 1, 2000) District Governor Ron R. Piret of District 5160 (includes Richmond); District 5150 Governor E. Z. Zorr who takes office July 1, 2000; District Governor Elect Susan "the Queen" Wait (a name with endless possibilities) of 5160; although not a visitor, our own unredeemed former District Governor WERNER SCHWARZ joined this august body.

Guests: Shannon McGowan with husband TOM. The couple CHARLES and Jean Wong, who still look like happy kids after 51 years. The always beaming (don't ask how or why) Lea Schwarz. Nathan Alexander with dad RICHARD. Anna (twinkle toes) Smith with pop, DAVID. DON LAU's lovely and charming wife Shelly joined us for the meeting. Cany Souza, DON LAU's assistant at the "Y" also got release time to watch her boss perform.

Special Commendation: DC Ron Perit took time from the festivities to bring honor to one of Richmond Rotary's own. WERNER and Lea SCHWARZ received special recognition as incoming members of the Rotary Bequest Foundation Society. The bequest establishes ongoing support for various international activities of Rotary. The donation is significant and represents a perpetual opportunity to support Rotary's programs. Thanks and congratulations to the Schwarzs for their boundless good will.

Announcements:

DON LAU thanked everyone in Rotary for making this a successful year for him. In particular we should be impressed and pleased with the amount of money we raised and the creative ways we used it. Examples include: over \$36,000 for the Peres School projects (computers, dental lab, camp programs); and a great Christmas in April program; and a variety of other worthy projects. DAVID SMITH, DOUG STRAUS and JIM BEAVER did a great year serving as the unholy trio

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who collected funds for birthdays, anniversaries, bar mitzvahs, communions, adoptions, weddings and a host of other happy events. The Board of Directors received wonderful certificates in recognition of their efforts for Rotary. The whole year was marked by a wonderful combination of fearless fun and colorful collegiality.

Program:

Well boys and girls, ya shoulda been there. It was like a cruise on the love boat only more sophisticated. JOHN NICOL was cruise master. The event started off with wonderful Polynesian dancing. We were treated to hulas, a special dance called the "Lei of Stars" and the finale from Tahiti. DON LAU helped with the entertainment using the old Fats Waller tune, "Must be jelly cause jam don't shake that way". Adrian's Dance Studio of Pinole provided the dancers and promised all of us that we too could learn to dance just like they dance.

The highlight of the demotion was a rousing rendition of "There is no one like DON LAU" song to the tune of "There is Nothin' Like a Dame". The quintet of JOHN NICOL, JIM SHATTOCK, JOE BAGLEY, JIM BEAVER and DAVID SMITH, sang with gusto and good will to words scribed by DAVE SMITH's wife. Rhymes like, He's our sacred cow - DON LAU, he's a real nice guy - DON LAU. There is no one like DON LAU, and how!" are still ringing in my ears. These guys should try out for "Star Search"!

And just when we thought it could not get any better, we all sang a welcome to our new President, LESLIE LEVY. Everyone sang to the tune of "Hello Dolly" this verse:

"Well now we won't be sayin' there won't be complainin'
Cause there will and it's just part of your damn job
So, here's to you, LESLIE
Tame the monkeys in the zoo, LESLIE
LESLIE, we're glad you're here to stay
Elated Walter Helms didn't get his way
LEVY's in charge let's shout hip, hip hooray!"

LESLIE closed the meeting with this, "If we can have as much fun all year long as we've had today, we are in for a wonderful time."

Aloha and Mahola,

Your scribe,
Giuseppe Verdi

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2000

"Rosie the Riveter Park and WWII HomeFront National Historical Park"

DONNA GRAVES
Project Manager

One of the more exciting and important programs happening in Richmond is a project to have the former shipbuilding yards declared a national historical park. Donna Graves is the project manager and she will bring us up to date on several aspects of the program including the competition tied to the Rosie the Riveter Park, the oral history of individuals who worked in the shipyards during the war and the education project at Kennedy High School. Donna also will bring us up to date on the legislation tied to national park designation. Organization of public testimony concerning the national park designation is another part of Donna's responsibilities.

Donna Graves has directed several projects in the not for profit sector. Her expertise falls in the areas of public art and public history programs.

Chairperson of the Day: **LESLIE LEVY**

**Door Duty: RICHARD ALEXANDER &
FR. CHRIS WOERZ**

LAST WEEK:

Visiting Rotarians: We had the honor of having Scott Kirkland, Police Chief of El Cerrito, and Neil Wells, Orthodontist, as visitors. Both gentlemen are members of the El Cerrito Rotary Club.

Guests: JONI HIRAMOTO brought her sons, Brennan and Jason. DONNA URIYU brought her youngest son, Mark Van Landuyt and Anna Vega, the Finance Director for the City of Richmond. LESLIE LEVY had Michelle Rodgers as a guest. Members are encouraged to bring guests.

Happy \$\$\$\$

JONATHAN LAWLIS and RICHARD ALEXANDER will be world travelers. JON is heading to several top European destinations and RICHARD, who just celebrated his 52nd birthday, is taking Catherine to Italy. TOM BUTT gave dollars to the very real possibility that National Parks may come to Richmond. If you know any Republican lawmakers in D.C., please contact them, TOM reminded us.




Special Commendation

Forty seconds of drama stopped the happy dollar moment, when DAN READY choked on a piece of food in his throat and our venerable doctor, DON MILLER, demonstrated real-life action how to use the Heimlich maneuver to clear DAN'S windpipe. Thank you, DON, for your decisive and quick action. DAN, we are very happy that you were lucky to have a doctor at your table!

Announcements:

* JONATHAN LAWLIS had done a wonderful job of placing our club roster (with the digital pictures he took of us on his website) at www.harborplastics.com/rocard/. Please visit the site and send JON an email regarding any additions, corrections or suggestions you may have. Rotary Day at Cal Expo will be on Saturday, August 19, at the Sacramento State Fair.

* The Board has approved LESLIE's new and innovative enhancement of our raffle, which is as follows: tickets will be sold as usual, but only one will be drawn. The winner has the opportunity to

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pull an orange ping-pong ball out of an opaque bag which, the first week, has a total of 17 white balls and one orange one. Each week that the orange one remains in the bag, the white one that was pulled will be set aside, increasing the changes of getting the orange as the week pass. The person who pulls the orange one wins 1/2 of the "pot", that is, the accumulation of the raffle revenue; the other 1/2 goes to the club coffers. LESLIE sweetened the pot with a \$50 donation. Adding the raffle revenue for the day, the total now is \$85. Average weekly revenue is \$35-\$40, so you do the math and buy more tickets! The goal is to raise more club funds because, under the old system, we took in only about \$5 a week.

Program

Colin Brady gave his second presentation at our club. He is now the Animation Director at George Lucas' Industrial Light and Magic (ILM). Colin gave a fascinating comparison of two tycoons: Steve Jobs and George Lucas. Steve is an overbearing, powerful visionary, whereas George is shy, almost a recluse. Colin prefers to work for George. Steve Jobs has a 50/50 deal with Disney, whereas, George Lucas gets paid for the special effects his company contributes to motion pictures. When Pixar has such huge successes with Toy Story movies, which made hundreds of millions of

dollars, then it is obvious that Pixar profited more than what ILM can get for its contracts. Colin presented a video which showed how computer animators use humans for modeling characters by attaching electronic nodes on bodies. That gives animators clues how individuals move their bodies. Colin said that we have the technology now, which would make it possible to bring back John Wayne, or Marilyn Monroe animated images to the screen and that no one would know the difference. The point, however, would be what kind of story or role they would play which would interest the public. Also, with the help of software like MAYA, which costs \$7,000 and a Mac or other computer that costs \$2,000, anyone could make a Hollywood-quality movie. A good example is the movie "Matrix" which won four Oscars. Colin concluded that glory belongs to him who finds the better story.

Markku Pelanne

P.S. All errors and misrepresentations, if any, are completely mine, since this verdant vice scribe was asked, retroactively, to construe the events of our meeting.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2000

"American Concentration Camps: How Could It Have Happened?"

MR. WILLIAM HIROSE

DOCENT

Japanese American Historical Society

Mr. Hirose is an attorney and CPA. He is currently counsel to the San Francisco law firm of Minami, Lew & Tamaki. Born and raised in San Francisco, Mr. Hirose graduated from Mission High, and received his BA from the University of California in Business in 1951. In 1957 he received his law degree from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley. During the Korean War, Mr. Hirose served in the U.S. Marine Corp. from 1952-54. Mr. Hirose and his wife May live in El Cerrito. They have four grown children and four grandchildren.

Mr. Hirose also serves as a docent to exhibitions sponsored by the National Japanese American Historical Society. He will speak on the Japanese American concentration camps and his own experiences of being interned as a teenager.

Chairperson of the Day: JONI HIRAMOTO

Door Duty: HERB COLE and GLORIA JOHNSTON

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2000

"DEMOTION"

Chairperson of the Day: JOHN NICOL

Door Duty: DAVID BROWN and DOUG STRAUS

BULLETIN COVER AD CHANGES

If you wish to place an ad on the Flywheel bulletin cover or make a change in your existing ad, please contact your Secretary JOE NUSBAUM NOW as new covers will be printed for 2000-2001 starting July.

LAST WEEK

Two days after the record heat that enveloped our area, an always cool President DON LAU called the ever friendly, good looking and above average Richmond Rotary to order at the Mira Vista Country Club. Lunch was El Sobrante de El Cerrito Rotary. A chipper Dr. DON MILLER led us in the pledge. JONI HIRAMOTO's thought for the day was a top ten compilation from Chicken Soup for Kid's Soul. # One on the list of important do's and don'ts is, "Never go to bed with your mouth full of gum."

Visiting Rotarian: Nick Tarlson of San Francisco.

Guests: Judge Peter Berger was the guest of Judge JONI HIRAMOTO.

Announcements:

• RICHARD ALEXANDER introduced Nick Tarlson. Nick is coordinator of the San Francisco fleet of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians. RICHARD and Nick pointed out that the Rotaries of the Bay Area were once heavily involved in sea-going adventures. Nick and RICHARD would like to see those activities resumed and invite anyone in Richmond who enjoys sailing or just spending time on the water to join with those who are already on board. For more information contact RICHARD ALEXANDER.

• DON LAU reported on his final Board meeting as President. He was pleased to announce that the Club has a healthy cash balance of over \$5,000. He also pointed out that a long standing recommendation to add \$2,000 annually to the Rehffuss Fund was finally enacted this year. DON also informed us that contributions for the Peres School projects continue to come our way.

Recognitions: DOUG STRAUS just back from a trip to China to collect Samantha Mae, newest daughter, called on NORM FOLEY. NORM is celebrating his birthday but almost as important NORM is retiring from Crabtree Graphics. NORM, you are looking better already. Not only is DOUG STRAUS one happy dad, he also is enjoying his 15th wedding anniversary just in time for Father's Day.

Happy Dollars: RUSS SCHULZE is about to depart on an extensive European tour with visits in Ireland and Greece planned. Bon Voyage. LESLIE LEVY had a wonderful visit to South America where she represented Richmond Rotary at the International Convention. Buenos Aires was full of interesting things to do and LESLIE plans to give us more information when her prints are ready. BOB NICCOLLS was "punalized" for assuring LESLIE that someday her prints would, indeed, come. JON LAWLIS reported that Harbor Plastics is celebrating its 30th

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anniversary this year. And just think, they haven't broken the mold. DAVID BROWN also is about to take off on a trip to Europe and the Middle East. He appears to be quite happy about this kind of thing. JIM SHATTOCK proposes that we find a day that we can call "membership recruitment day" and each one of us bring a guest to the club that day. JIM, I think LESLIE will bring this up at a Board meeting in the near future. BART WALLACE reports that his son has made a full recovery after receiving a severe injury about a year ago. The recovery has been long and tedious, but BART's son has gotten better to the point that he can participate in sports once again. JONI HIRAMOTO is very happy for her cousin who also was in China adopting a child. Wonder if all of these babies are guests of the White Swan Hotel in Guangzho, China until adoption time. DON LAU, who can remember times when babies were the farthest thing from DOUG's mind, is quite happy for the entire Straus Family.

Program:

Judge JONI HIRAMOTO introduced Mark Simons, Presiding Judge of Contra Costa County. Judge Simons was appointed to Contra Costa Superior Court by Governor Wilson in 1995. Judge Simons presented Richmond Rotary with an overview of how the court system has changed in Contra Costa County in the last few years. In particular the Judge identified two major changes which are:

1. The creation of one Superior Court for the entire county. Courts in the County used to be segmented and very little coordination concerning cases took place. This structure created unnecessary delays; uneven distribution of

workloads; and lack of flexibility in assigning cases. Unification has brought about a more responsive court system that is able to deal with variations of trials more effectively.

2. Courts used to rely on counties as primary source of funding. In recent years, a shift from county budget to the State's budget has occurred. This funding change has enabled the County's courts to grow in size to match the County's ever increasing population and of course increased workload. Also, the funding source into a robust State budget provides the dollars needed to take advantage of technology that will bring efficiencies to the Courts. Contra Costa County's Courts are installing new technologies at a rapid pace and the citizens are gaining benefits from these upgrades of operations.

Judge Simons finished by pointing out that these are very exciting times to be a Judge in California because so many positive events are occurring. At the time, he sometimes feels that he has received the dual cursing/blessing from the Chinese, "May you live in interesting times."

Filler time (a new service to find out if you've already heard it): Little Jackie was digging a hole in his garden when a neighbor asked, "What's going on there, kid?" Jackie sobbed his reply, "My goldfish just died and I am putting him away." The neighbor looked around and said, "Why such a big hole for a goldfish?" Jackie glared back and answered, "Because he's inside your damn cat!"

Raffle: ELOF and RUSS took home beer and nuts.

Ruffles and flourishes,
Pepino Verdi,
Your humble scribe.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2000

"Masquers Playhouse – Past, Present and Future"

PAT NELSON
Managing Director

For more than 25 years, the Masquers Playhouse in Point Richmond has brought the finest in live dramatic presentations to the Bay Area. Masquers Playhouse has led the way for regional theatre and has received national recognition for the quality of its performances.

Pat Nelson has been a guiding force in the creation and development of the Masquers Playhouse. She has been actor, artistic director, managing director and just about every job that one can take in operating a theatre. Pat's presentation, "Masquers Playhouse – Past, Present and Future" will be an enjoyable tour of one of Richmond's treasures.

Chairperson of the Day: **JOE GREEN**

Door Duty: **TOM ARTEZ** and **MICHAEL WINTER**

LAST WEEK:

President **LESLIE LEVY** called the huddled masses of the friendly Richmond Rotary Club to order at the Mira Vista Country Club at our usual Friday time. **TOM MCGOWAN** led us in the pledge. **JOE GREEN** brought back the gem of the day from Chicago, "Never play cards with a man named Doc; never eat at a place named Mom's; and never have anything to do with someone who has more troubles than you do."

Visiting Rotarians: Janet Hildebrandt from El Cerrito; Keith Axtell from Marin; Bob Miller and Ken Stuart from Folsom.




Guests: **BOB NICCOLLS** escorted his mother who had played a very active role in the homefront

during WWII. **DONNA URIYU**'s guest was Richard Mitchell whose mother was one of the Rosie the Riveters. Janet Hildebrandt brought Susan Dunlap from the West Contra Costa Unified School District and Frank Burton, a psychotherapist who recently located in our area. Lana Bagley (Rotary's favorite college student and Chevron intern) was introduced very gracefully by **JOE NUSBAUM**.

Announcements: **HANK** (Coordinator for Life) **COVELL** reported that this year's Rotary Night at the Masquers will be Thursday, August 31st. Tickets are \$30 per person and include a great dinner at the Hotel Mac AND the play. This year's play is the English classic "The Rivals". Richmond Rotary stands to gain \$1,000 if we sell out the theater...a chance to have an excellent time and help Rotary all in one evening. Interested individuals should contact **HANK** as soon as possible. Saturday, August 19th will be Rotary Fun Day. The event will be held at CalExpo in Sacramento. Raffle tickets for some outstanding prizes are available from **BART WALLACE**.

Recognitions: **JAMES** (You love me 'cause I'm cute) **BEAVER** announced that he and **DOUG STRAUS** would be carrying the torch, again, as "citation officers". Happy birthday to the somewhat hirsute successful **OSCAR LUGO**. **OSCAR** is celebrating his 21st wedding anniversary. **TED ABREU** is celebrating his recent retirement and his birthday and the fact that his children are gainfully employed in jobs which enable him to enjoy life as it was intended to be.

Happy/Sad Dollars: **BEAVER** goes on. **JIM BEAVER** was thankful for **MARKKU**'s amazing last minute rescue of the Flywheel from the July 7th meeting. To top things off, **MARKKU**'s composed the entire piece from memory and got it right! **ELOF GRANBERG** was sad to report that **DAN READY** is back in the hospital. **TED ABREU** is pleased (as we all are) that his wife's bone transplant surgery was successful. **TOM BUTT** is very happy that the proposal to have former

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Shipyard #3 and other locations along the Richmond shoreline declared a national historical park was approved unanimously by the U.S. House of Representatives and chances for success in the Senate loom very positively. DAVID K. was sad and very quiet about his latest fishing trip. JOE GREEN was very happy to return to Richmond Rotary even though he did visit Rotary One in Chicago. His sentiment was "Chicago may have Rotary One, but Richmond Rotary has more fun."

Program: JOE GREEN introduced Donna Graves, Project Manager for the Rosie the Riveter and WWII Homefront National Historical Park. Donna gave an overview of the project with highlights that included the following:

*Two years ago then Councilwoman Donna Graves asked Congressman George Miller for help in gaining landmark status for a Rosie the Riveter Memorial. That request has grown into an ambitious project which could lead to a new "Rosie the Riveter/WWII Homefront National Historical Park" which incorporates the former Kaiser Shipyards along Richmond's waterfront and additional historic resources elsewhere in the City. Our fellow Rotarian, TOM BUTT is now leading the way for creation of the National Park.

*Part of the project includes a Rosie the Riveter memorial which will be dedicated in October. The design, chosen from a national competition, evokes

the scale of the ships built in Richmond. Particularly intriguing is the use of ladders which will include historic photos placed in spaces between the rungs of the ladder. The artist team of Susan Schwartzenberg and Cheryl Barton are responsible for the concept and design of the memorial.

* The Postal Service honored the contributions of women working in shipyards with a postage stamp issued in Richmond. The stamp has the well known theme of "We Can Do It".

*The project includes an oral history and educational components all designed to teach the young people of Richmond the rich history they have inherited and need to know.

* The Red Oak Victory ship restoration works very closely with the Rosie program and will be a part of the National Park.

It is an exciting time to be in Richmond. Thanks to Donna's strong interest and skill, Rosie the Riveter and all of the efforts of those who worked on the Homefront will be memorialized in Richmond. What better place?

Raffle/Lotto: LESLIE LEVY introduced the new format for the meeting's finale. We shall have an ongoing lottery with weekly contributions made until we have a winner. Once a winner is announced, the pot starts all over again. After just two weeks, the lottery pot is up to \$122.

Respectfully submitted, Zorro Verde

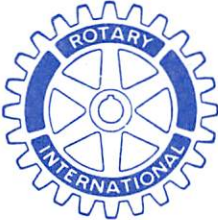
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2000

Rotary District 5160

RON PIRET

District Governor

Ron Piret will be visiting Richmond Rotary on July 28th to outline his plans for the district this year. Nancy Piret, a Paul Harris Sustaining Member and Benefactor, will be accompanying Ron.

Ron has been a Rotarian since 1987. He is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Chico. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and Benefactor. His district service includes Director of Events, Director of Leadership Development and most recently, Assistant District Governor.

Long active in community service, Ron has served on numerous boards of directors including service to the Boy Scouts of America. He also has served as a United States Naval Academy Blue and Gold Information Officer.

Ron and Nancy are coming all the way from Chico just to be with Richmond Rotary. A large turnout of Richmond Rotarians, family and friends would make this event very special.

Chairperson of the Day: JOE GREEN

Door Duty: JOE BAGLEY and BART WALLACE

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2000

City of Richmond Economic Development 2000

DONNA M. URIYU

Chairperson of the Day: DAN SANDERS

Door Duty: JIM BEAVER and BILL WAHBEH

LAST WEEK

President LESLIE LEVY, who has yet to wear a Hawaiian shirt to a Friday meeting, rang us into a semblance of order at the Mira Vista Country club. Lunch was practice for the luau scheduled for full presentation that evening. The thought for the day came from Samuel Goldwyn who said, "All it takes is sincerity to be a good actor. And if you can fake that, you've got it made."

Visiting Rotarians: Harriett McLean from the San Pablo Club.

Rotarians with Guests: DAVID ALMEIDA with son Christopher and daughters Gabriella and Angelica.

Announcements:

* Richmond Rotary at the Masquers is scheduled for August 31st. Tickets are \$30 each and include a fine meal at the Hotel Mac and a wonderful evening at the Masquers. What a deal! Tickets are available from HANK COVELL.

* Rotary Fun Day will occur on Saturday, August 19th at CalExpo in Sacramento. BART WALLACE has raffle tickets for really outstanding prizes to be awarded at "fun day". Who knows, maybe you'll win a trip to Hawaii. After all, LESLIE LEVY did in 1999.




* STONEY STONEWORK is chair of Richmond Rotary's international relations committee. He reported that several dentists from Russia will be visiting our area this fall. Richmond Rotarians are needed to open their homes to these visitors who are participating in Rotary's GSE program. Should you be interested, please contact STONEY as soon as possible.

* DAVID (Sunshine Committee) K. passed along the information that DAN READY is out of the hospital and is at Creekside Convalescent Center. Sylvia Wacker suffered two heart attacks recently. She underwent heart bypass surgery and is recovering nicely.

* The Community Services Committee will be meeting on August 9th at JUDY KAFKA's house in Point Richmond. The meeting starts at 5:15 p.m.

Recognitions, Happy/Sad Dollars: There were no dry eyes left in the house when JIM BEAVER announced that he and DOUG STRAUS would, once again, take care of this part of all Rotary meetings. TED SMITH is happy to report that he is celebrating a birthday somewhere between the ages of 1 and 100. WERNER SCHWARZ shared information from his scorecard. It read, 48 years of marriage including 2 years of wedded bliss. Lea Schwarz has stopped keeping score as she knows the real winner in this love fest.

Happy/Sad Dollars: JIM BEAVER was so pleased to see TED SMITH and DAVE ALMEIDA that he felt obliged to chip something into the kitty. Dan Walters is proud of his daughter and her latest achievements. Welcome back PAUL HODGEN. PAUL is delighted to report that his wife is

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making splendid progress in her goal to make the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour. PAUL's son also excels on the golf course and broke personal records just recently. DAVID ALMEIDA is happy to announce that son Christopher graduated from high school and will attend college this fall. Daughter Angelica is doing very well in her acting and will be a featured performer in the Masquer's offering of the "Rivels". Younger daughter Gabriella, an honor student, will be entering El Cerrito High School this fall. Norris and Norris, where DOUG STRAUS can be found practicing law, has merged with another law firm in Contra Costa County. Not to be outdone by DOUG, DAVID BROWN is pleased to announce that Brown, Black and Lanier continues to be the largest law office in El Cerrito.

Program: JOE GREEN introduced Pat Nelson who is Managing Director of the Masquers Theater in Point Richmond. Pat has been with the Masquers for more than 25 years and has played a wide variety of roles ranging from actress to director to designer and anything else it takes to make a community theater successful. Some of the highlights of Pat's presentation included:

* The Masquers is the first and longest running community playhouse in the Bay Area. The theater was formed in 1955. Their first show was "Fiddler on the Roof".

* The Masquers has had three homes in its life. First in the basement of a local church, second in a theater facility no longer in existence and now in its present site at Park Place in Point Richmond. The organization also has a very large warehouse on Nevin Street where all of the costumes and sets are produced.

* Masquers relies quite heavily on the "kindness of strangers". Everything about the organization is done by amateurs strictly for the love of theater. Fortunately, the Bay Area provides a wonderful pool of very talented performers who are willing to showcase their talents. Governance of the Masquers is made up of a board of Directors composed of community leaders. The plays are selected by a team of "readers" who are now preparing the schedule for 2000-2001.

* Masquers presents 5 productions per year. 2 musicals and 3 dramas or comedies are offered. In the course of each year, more than 10,000 individuals see a Masquer's presentation. Pat Nelson estimates that about 8,000 new faces are in the audiences each year. In addition to the mainstream performances, Masquers presents its "Envisions" program. "Envisions" provides the community with an opportunity to see avant garde and new plays in a nearby venue. The shows can be daring, provocative and exciting.

We are fortunate to have Masquers readily available to us. They provide a wonderful community service and Richmond Rotary should pack the house on August 31 to show its appreciation.

Richmond Rotary Lotto: There were no lotto winners on July 21 so the jackpot is now \$167 (to be split 50/50).

Respectfully submitted:
Giuseppi (Errors and Omissions) Verdi

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City of Richmond Economic Development

DONNA M. URIYU

Ms. Uriyu has been actively involved in programs, strategies and policies to stimulate local and statewide economic development from the public sector for over sixteen years. Formerly from the Redevelopment Agency, Ms. Uriyu served as citywide Economic Development Coordinator from the Office of Community Development and Planning Services which includes the Port of Richmond, Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, Planning Services Department, and Building Regulations. Prior to joining Richmond to help initiate implementation of the City's first Economic Development Strategy, she acquired private-sector customer service and marketing experience in the airline industry, has taught on the college level, and worked with decision makers in diverse industries in development of domestic and international markets on the state level.

Ms. Uriyu will share an overview with a presentation on the scope of current major development projects and activities occurring within Richmond and a report on the state of economic development in the City. Donna has served on the Board and been a member of the Rotary Club of Richmond for the last twelve years.

Chairperson of the Day: DAN SANDERS

Door Duty: JIM BEAVER and BILL WAHBEH

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2000

SS RED OAK VICTORY

LOIS BOYLE

Chairperson of the Day: MIKE WINTER

Door Duty: DONNA BELL & REN PARTRIDGE

LAST WEEK

At a beautifully appointed head (why do we call it a head table when it is where we sit?) table, President LESLIE LEVY called the friendly Richmond Rotary Club together for another meeting. Lunch was Crepes with Attitude. JOE GREEN led the pledge and MARKKU PELANNE delivered his invocation.



Visiting Rotarian: Nobuko (Makai) Vicars, former President of the El Cerrito Club - Congratulations to Nobuko on her recent marriage; Ron Piret, District Governor; and Jim Sanderson, Assistant District Governor.

Guests: MARKKU PELANNE introduced his son Jonathan; Jean Wong joined CHARLES (Italian) WONG; JOE KELMAN's guest was Dan Cole; GEORGE EGAN brought Tom Malone; GINNY (no relation to your scribe) GREEN's son Gabe joined the Friday throng. JOE BAGLEY was pleased to introduce Jennifer Sanderson, of Dixon, who came to Richmond Rotary with her father, Jim. WERNER SCHWARZ escorted the long suffering Lea to another meeting where she is always welcome. JOE and Ann NUSBAUM made a nice spiffy looking couple. Ron Piret introduced Mrs. Piret, who is sometimes known as HeyNance.

Recognitions: Because of the nature of the program, recognitions and happy/sad dollars were suspended for the day except for two very important events. STAN TEADERMAN trekked down from Napa to be recognized for a marriage that occurred between 40 and 50 years ago. DAVE NINOMIYA is to be thanked for providing the Club with beautiful flowers that graced all the tables and served as parting gifts for many club members. DAVE always comes through with the blossoms that brighten our days.

Special thanks to Ann Nusbaum and Lea Schwarz for helping to make the room so cheerful for this visit from the District Governor.

Program: PDG WERNER SCHWARZ (if we have gubernatorial elections why don't we have gubners?) gave our current Governor Ron Piret a warm welcome on behalf of Richmond Rotary. Ron talked about the exciting and challenging job of being District Governor.

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The bulk of his time is spent in planning, organizing, delegating and communicating the work of the Presidents of the local clubs. The work is very much like the proverbial iceberg where we see perhaps only 10% of everything that transpires from the Governor's office to the various clubs in the District. It is very much like running a small company only all of the individuals involved are volunteers.

Two upcoming events that Ron highlighted are the Rotary Fun Day scheduled for August 19 during the first weekend of the California State Fair at CalExpo in Sacramento. LESLIE LEVY has raffle tickets available for some outstanding prizes that will be awarded on Fun Day. The second event is the District Governor's Conference scheduled for May 3-5, 2001 in Woodland. Ron wants the conference to highlight the work of the various clubs so emphasis will be placed on presentations of successful projects started and maintained in our District. In order to foster fellowship the amount of social time has been expanded. The entire weekend will cost no more than \$400 per couple and that fee covers everything tied to the conference. More information about the District Governor's Conference will be made available soon.

Governor Ron talked about his experience at Rotary Governors School. The nine-day session prepared him for the rigors of the job and a sense of direction of Rotary International. Rotary International President

Frank Devlyn has identified "Create Awareness-Take Action" as his theme for this year. Ron Piret has taken those words and localized it to "Succeed Through Participation". It is not enough to join Rotary and attend weekly luncheons. The organization must receive the efforts of its members in many ways in order to succeed. Whether we are working on the "no polio" campaign; mentoring to needy children; serving as role models for children at risk; funding medical facilities; developing literacy campaigns; or supporting the Rotary scholarship programs, all of us must stay committed to the organization in order to sustain the efforts of the entire world wide rotary. In order to be certain of success, we have a personal obligation to encourage new membership and to keep existing members. If each of us in Richmond Rotary can focus on finding one new member as well as supporting one another in the club's efforts, then our efforts will be rewarded on their own merits.

Thank you Ron for a valuable presentation.

Richmond Lotto: PAUL (Free Lunch) HODGEN pulled the ticket which entitled him to draw the ball in the Lotto. He did not pull the winning ball. So the 50/50 is now up to at least \$206.

Respectfully submitted,
Giuseppe Verdi

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SS RED OAK VICTORY LOIS BOYLE

Lois Boyle, president of the Richmond Museum of History, has been speaking to civic groups about the SS RED OAK VICTORY since 1995, long before Congress passed the legislation granting the ship to the Museum. She has been president since 1983.

The Board of the Museum has been successful in recruiting volunteers from all over the Bay Area for the on-going restoration of the ship and was successful in receiving an initial grant of \$97,500.

Plans are underway for even greater funding for the ship and Lois is going to tell us about the Museum's progress and future berthing plans.

Chairperson of the Day: MIKE WINTER
Door Duty: DONNA BELL & REN PARTRIDGE

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2000

BELIEVE IN MAGIC! MR. LOREN LIND

Chairperson of the Day: STEVE LUDWIG
Door Duty: GARY BELL & DONNA URIYU

LAST WEEK

In a variation of the "the dog ate my homework", this week's Flywheel will be somewhat abbreviated because my notes are in the ether. Any errors or omissions will be corrected in next week's issue. LESLIE LEVY politely gonged the friendly Richmond Rotary together for another meeting at the Mira Vista Country Club. After the pledge, HANK COVELL shared the "backup" thought for the day, "If a man goes to the forest and says something and no woman is there to hear him, is he still wrong?"

Visiting Rotarians: Welcome to our colleagues from the El Cerrito and Novato clubs.

Announcements: Last call for lottery tickets for Rotary Fun Day scheduled for August 19th at the California State Fair at CalExpo in Sacramento. HANK COVELL has about 28 tickets left for Rotary Night at the Masquers. For \$30 each, a great dinner at the Hotel Mac followed by a performance of the English comedy "The Rivals" (source of the word

malaprop) will be available. Rotary stands to earn a \$1,000 if we sell out the theater.

Recognitions: Check the next issue of the Flywheel for last week's recognitions. That's the way the big city newspapers do it!

Happy/Sad Dollars: JIM BEAVER paid a significant fine for missing his turn at door duty. Yes, failure to miss door duty, without an excuse, does bring about fines. Welcome back to JONATHAN LAWLIS who returned from a required trip to Europe. I think it was CHARLES FENDER who bumped into ERLE BROWN in Omergau in Germany. They had their own Rotary makeup. JONI HIRAMOTO has a lovely vacation in San Diego. JONI is proud to announce that her son received top marks in the latest battery of academic tests. JUDY KAFKA is celebrating her one-year anniversary of her marriage. DONNA URIYU wanted everyone to know that prospective member, Anna Vega, had a traffic accident in Phoenix. Anna received injuries, which have slowed her down, but she plans to be with us as soon as she can.

Program:

JUDY KAFKA introduced DONNA URIYU, Marketing Manager for the Richmond Redevelopment Authority. The Great State of Wyoming's gift to the great City of Richmond is also a member of Richmond Rotary. We think JUDY was suffering from convention watching overload. DONNA has a fascinating biography which has prepared her well for the responsibilities of her job in Richmond.

DONNA's presentation centered on economic development in Richmond. She pointed out that many cities have a wide variety of tools available to stimulate and sustain development. Richmond's basic tool has been the resources of the Redevelopment Authority, which used about \$50 million to bring about nearly a billion dollars in new and planned development. The City of Richmond also is in a position to see significant growth because of the factors such as:

- * 32 miles of shoreline. More shoreline than any other city in the Bay Area.
- * Large tracts of affordable land. This is some of the last available space large enough to support development of facilities of several 100 square feet.
- * A city which encourages development and installed policies and procedures to expedite the development progress.
- * A development philosophy of mixed residential development.

Some of the projects that DONNA showed us were:

- * The various housing developments at Marina Bay built on the site of old boat construction works. Marina Bay represents the "breakthrough" in the revitalization of the City.

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- * The restoration and renovation of the old Ford Plant by Forest City Developers. This 500,000 square foot building at the site of Port #3 will include live/work lofts, commercial space and the Visitors Center for the proposed Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Park. This project along will cost in excess of \$100 million.
- * In downtown Richmond a new Transit Village located at the site of the Bart/Amtrak station will bring new housing and new commercial opportunists along Macdonald Avenue. The Main Street project in the same area will improve the appearance of the storefronts on what is considered Richmond's "Main Street".
- * The Richmond Parkway, which will completed this year, is a corridor, which links I-580 to I-80. Construction of several new commercial and light industry facilities has begun in this area.
- * An example of a company that recognized the advantages of moving to Richmond is Daikon. This fiber optic company is building a 400,000 square foot facility in the Marina Bay Area. When completed this operation will employ more than 2,000 individuals and will act as a catalyst for bringing other high tech companies to Richmond.
- * In addition to the commercial development, Richmond is seeing a burst of new residential construction. Houses spanning the price ranges can be seen under construction along the Richmond Parkway, the Marina Bay area, and parts of Point Richmond.

There are many other examples that DONNA brought to our attention.

This is an exciting time to be working and living in Richmond. It appears that the hard work of so many individuals and organizations, including the Redevelopment Authority are finally paying dividends.

Richmond Rotary Lotto: Although REN PARTRIDGE drew the lucky ticket for a free lunch, he did not pull the orange ball. The lotto is now more than \$250.

Respectfully submitted,
Giuseppe Verdi
Recent graduate of the "Atlantic Unbound"
Word Police Academy



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BELIEVE IN MAGIC!

MR. LOREN LIND

Loren Lind discovered magic as a youngster with the usual Magic Kit and then after several years put it away. Years later, while a Scoutmaster, he discovered that the teaching of tying knots worked even better with some rope magic thrown in. Getting out that old box of magic seemed like a good idea and it sparked the desire to learn more. Joining the Society of American Magicians opened up more opportunities: becoming a professional, performing restaurant "Table Hopping" magic, Birthday Party shows, close-up magic and small stage magic shows.

Loren has been a member of the society of American Magicians (S.A.M.) for over twenty-six years and during that time has been very active in this organization. Loren is a member of the local S.A.M. Assembly #112 where he has served in the past as assembly president. He worked his way up through chairs and became the National President of this world-wide 8,000 member group in 1997-98, and he traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada and represented the S.A.M. at the World Magic Convention in Germany. He is also a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians (I.B.M.) and the Magic Circle of England.

Loren has just returned from his eighth year on the staff at the West Coast Wizards Magic Camp in Southern California. At the camp over 100 youngsters spend a full week learning magic, from beginning to advanced, watch visiting professional magicians from Las Vegas perform at the evening shows and put on magic shows themselves. He is also the leader of an Assembly of the Society of Young Magicians (S.Y.M.), which meets monthly in Pleasant Hill.

His motto is "Believe in Magic!" and hopes that you do too!

Chairperson of the Day: STEVE LUDWIG

Door Duty: GARY BELL & DONNA URIYU

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2000

LOVEE THE CLOWN

DONNA R. SMILOW

Chairperson of the Day: GEORGE EGAN

Door Duty: RICH BRANDES & DAN TANITA

LAST WEEK

"Welcome to the friendly Richmond Rotary where each week, with impunity, we find ways to serve the community." That was Vice-President RICH BRANDES' introduction to our meeting held in the kiddies room at the Mira Vista Country Club. Wow, what view. NORM LUNDBERG led us in the pledge. DAN SANDERS' thought for the day came from Thomas Jefferson, "I am a great believer in luck. The harder I work, the more luck I have."

Visiting Rotarians: Ann Prescott of the El Sobrante Club, Cheryl Lind from Novato Sunrise and Bill Reese from Concord-Clayton Sunrise. Welcome.




Rotarians with Guests: NORM (where's that crazy rivet) FOLEY with wife Bonnie. NORM pointed out that he was celebrating his 57th anniversary of going to work at the Richmond Shipyards during World War II. JONATHAN (Fightin') LAWLIS' brother-in-law, Jim, broke bread with the happy throng.

Recognitions: JIM (stick to the program) BEAVER called the shots once again. Happy 92nd birthday to WALTER (straight down the middle) WOLFFS. Walter is our most senior member. He joined the club during the first administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Happy birthday to BUD MARTIN who shares August 5th as the birthday with WALTER. JOHN (Chief) MEDLOCK is celebrating his 22nd birthday 20 years late. His day is August 8th.

Happy/Sad Dollars: JIM BEAVER continues. All of us were very happy to see WALTER WOLFFS doing well and able to join us for another meeting. ERLE BROWN was pleased to point out that it was DR. DON MILLER with whom he collided in Omeramagau in Germany. JIM BEAVER will be going on a 2 week vacation to SoCal. Bon Voyage.

Announcements:

HANK COVELL has about 25 tickets left for Rotary Night at the Masquers. Let's see them all go. It is a great event and a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for the Club. Ann Prescott of the El Sobrante Rotary club reported on the international project that will bring a group of Russian dentists to our area. The group will need housing. Rotarians who can support the effort should contact Ann through El Sobrante club. Cheryl Lind announced that the Novato club, a small but mighty band of 37, is sponsoring a "Cirque du Soleil" type circus as their primary fund raiser. More information about the trip from the dentists as well as the circus is forthcoming.

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Program:

RICH BRANDES' exuberant introduction of the program enabled DAN SANDERS, the day's program chair, with an opportunity to take a short amount of stage time. Our guest speaker for the day was Lois Boyle. Lois is the President of the Richmond Museum association. She has been active in a wide variety of community affairs in Richmond for more than 3 decades. Her special interest now is the Red Oak Victory Ship. Lois presented an update on the story of the ship's ongoing restoration.

Lois pointed out that the story began in the early 1990's when Congress passed legislation authorizing scraping of ships in mothball fleets. The Red Oak Victory was one of those ships. The Museum Association set about to save the ship because it had been built in Richmond and held a special place in the heart and history of the City. The Association petitioned the U.S. Navy, with the support of Congressman George Miller, to convey the Red Oak Victory to Richmond. After significant work by the Museum Association, the ship was conveyed in 1996. In 1998, the Red Oak Victory was returned to Richmond where she is moored at Terminal One in Point Richmond. But, that is just the beginning. Since the relocation from Mare Island to Terminal, a volunteer group has been hard at work attempting to return the ship to its sailing shape. The booms, which were rusting relics in 1998, have been scraped and painted. They have been reinstalled and are now working. The galleys have been repaired and the captain's quarters are nearing completion. To date more than 40,000 hours of volunteer service have been offered. There is much work left to be done. Significant projects include restoring the hull; making the engines functional; and turning the lower

decks into museum space. Several individuals are involved in raising the large amount of money that will be needed to complete the work that Lois identified in her presentation. Lois reported that Rotarians RICH BRANDES, DON HARDISON and ERLE BROWN are to be commended for their efforts on behalf of the ship.

The Red Oak Victory will become part of the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Homefront National Historical Park. She will be birthed near the Ford Plant which will house the Park's visitors center. The Association and the City of Richmond have reached an agreement concerning finding a permanent home for the Red Oak Victory. The Red Oak Victory is the last of her kind and the last remaining Victory ship to have been built in Richmond. Thanks to the hard work of the Association, led by Lois Boyle, generations of Americans have a legacy that can be appreciated and enjoyed.

Tours of the Red Oak Victory are now available. For more information, call 237-2933 or visit the website, www.redoakvictory.org.

Lotto: JUDY (still the happy bride) KAFKA had the lucky free lunch ticket. Unfortunately, JUDY did not pull the lucky orange (yes, it does exist) ball. The lotto is now up to more than \$250.

Humbly submitted,

Giuseppe Verdi
Your proud scribe.

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LOVEE THE CLOWN DONNA R. SMILOW

In 1994 Donna accepted a position with a traveling Nursing Agency, in which they provided her and her husband the chance to travel extensively; they traveled for 3 full years moving to a different state of their choice every 13 weeks including Alaska and Hawaii. In their third year of traveling Donna accepted a position in California for 13 weeks as a Trauma Surgical Nurse at John Muir Trauma Center in Walnut Creek and has been there ever since. Therefore they did not return to their home in Texas. They felt as though California had too much to offer as well as her position at John Muir Hospital.

Donna only works two days a week now. She is also a Professional Clown and Entertainer. She went to a Clown College sponsored through Barnum & Bailey Circus. She has a beautiful baby girl named Holli who is now 4 years old. They call her Little Lovee when she dresses up as a clown and absolutely loves it that her mommy is a real clown!

"You don't ever do a clown job that's not a happy situation," says Donna. After discovering her alter ego as Lovee the Clown, she found that this is her own brand of therapy: Clowning Around. She truly believes that this was a blessing to help her cope with the heartbreaking realities of her work as a Trauma Surgical Nurse. Lovee the Clown and Party Co., helps make ends meet financially as well as emotionally. "Laughter is always the best medicine. We say that a lot, but it truly is."

Chairperson of the Day: GEORGE EGAN
Door Duty: RICH BRANDES & DAN TANITA

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Chairperson of the Day: LESLIE LEVY
Door Duty: DAVID BROWN & DOUG STRAUS

LAST WEEK

There was magic in the air when President LESLIE LEVY called the friendly Richmond Rotary to order at the lofty Mira Vista Country Club. STEVE LUDWIG shared the thought for the day. The gem dealt with the idea that all of us need magic to make our lives fuller.




Welcome to visiting Rotarians from El Cerrito and Berkeley.

Rotarians with guests: DON LAU with son Jordan and CHARLES FENDER with wife Clavel.

Recognitions: DOUG STRAUS resumed his role as the wise guy. Happy birthday to BOB NICCOLLS. He just passed another 39th. DAN SANDERS had a birthday without much celebratory comment. HORACE "Stoney" STONEWORK had a double celebration by enjoying his wedding anniversary and birthday.

Happy/Sad Dollars:

DOUG STRAUS continuuuuuues. TOM MCGOWAN and DOUG STRAUS spent considerable time and no little effort on commending one another for their respective sartorial splendor. On the way home I saw a bumper sticker that read, "You're ugly and your mother dresses you funny." Wondered what the origin of the sticker was? DAN ERCOLINI was very happy that his daughter had a successful work/study program in Costa Rica and a safe trip home. JONATHAN LAWLIS is happy to be going to Tahoe. JOE NUSBAUM was sad to announce that his brother in law passed away. With that passing,

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JOE's wife is the last of that era in her family. All Rotarians mourn the death of former member Hal Holt.

Announcements:

* HANK COVELL has a few tickets left for the annual Rotary Night at the Masquers. The event is August 31st.

* About 28 Russian dentists, who are participating in a Rotary educational exchange program, will be in our area in late September and early October. STONEY STONWORK is coordinating Richmond's Rotary work in making sure that the visitors enjoy their stay in the Bay Area. Should any Rotarians wish to open their homes to these dentists (open wide) or share a day of fun with the guests (trip to Wine Country, etc.), please notify STONEY as soon as possible.

Program: Dr. STEVE LUDWIG introduced magician Loren Lind. Loren started working in magic while a child. After a long break from performances, he resumed his interest a few years ago. He now actively promotes a wide variety of programs all designed to have more people get involved in magic.

Loren began his presentation with the classic trick of turning one rope into two and back into one. He was ably assisted by extremely professional sideman, Jordan Lau.

Mr. Lind provided a short history lesson of magic in America. He reported that Houdini provided the breakthrough of turning magic into spectacular stage presentations. Following Houdini's death, magic went into semi obscurity and did not return to full public attention until Doug Henning brought about his psychedelic magic acts in the late '60's. Doug's work made it possible for acts such as Siegfried and Roy; David Copperfield and the whole Lance Burton to succeed in Las Vegas and television.

There are clubs and camps now for young people to become involved in magic. The club, operated by the American Society of Magicians in Idyllwild, each summer makes sure that the world continues to have a supply of wonderful new wizards.

Loren concluded his show with examples of three kinds of magic. There were small illusions (fitting a large box into a small box), mind reading with cards; and newspaper cutups.

Everyone in Richmond Rotary enjoyed Loren's program.

Lotto at Richmond Rotary: The pot is now over \$300. Since its inception, no one has pulled the orange ball. The pot is getting bigger and the odds of success are getting better. Maybe you'll win next week. Respectfully submitted,

JOE (for a change) GREEN, Your Scribe
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CLUB ASSEMBLY

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBERSHIP – David Brown, Don Lau
COMMUNITY SERVICE – Pam Jones
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – Stoney Stonework
VOCATION – Barry Gordon

SLIDE SHOW

TRIP TO ARGENTINA – Leslie Levy

PICTURES & INTRODUCTION

ARDESSA MALONE,
Christmas in April 2000 Recipient

Chairperson of the Day: LESLIE LEVY

Door Duty: DAVID BROWN & DOUG STRAUS

LAST WEEK

President LESLIE LEVY called a very chatty group of friendly Richmond Rotarians to a semblance of order at the Mira Vista Country Club. BILL REID led us in the pledge. GEORGE EGAN, never at a loss for words, shared two thoughts for the day. It was Will Rogers who advised, “Study carefully before buying stock. When it doubles, sell. If it doesn’t double, don’t buy it.” GEORGE followed that with this gem from investment guru, Warren Buffett, “With enough inside information and a million dollars, you can go broke in a year.”

Rotarians with guests: JOE BAGLEY introduced his good friend and President-elect Ed Gemkow of the Woodbie Island, Washington, Rotary Club.

Guests: OSCAR LUGO’s guest was Anissa Burnley who recently graduated from The George Washington University. DONNA URIYU reintroduced Anna Vega, Finance Director of Richmond and soon to be a Richmond Rotarian. RICH BRANDES brought son Alex, a senior in Middle School.

Recognitions: Citations officer DOUG STRAUS called on MIKE WINTER to recall his recent wedding anniversary celebration. MIKE and Cindy had a wonderful time sailing through French Polynesia.

Happy/Sad Dollars: DOUG STRAUS continues. DOUG and LESLIE had a lively discussion involving legalities that resulted in both parties paying significant fines. DAVID (Popeye) BROWN was happy to report that his sailing buddy JOHN MEDLOCK saved DAVID’s winch handle by risking his personal safety without regard for any personal injury claims that he might have been able to file as a result of the heroics. JOHN MEDLOCK was thrilled that DAVID rescued him from his spill into the Bay.

Announcements:

* JOE NUSBAUM is just about ready to put the new Rotary Roster to press. As soon as possible, please check your page for accuracy.

* JOE BAGLEY encourages all Rotarians to attend the “Evening in Waikiki Beach” sponsored by NIAD. The party will be held September 13th at NIAD building on 23rd Street in Richmond. For more information contact JOE BAGLEY

Program:



GEORGE EGAN introduced Loveee the Clown. Loveee, who has the real name of Donna Smilow, is a full time professional clown who works part-time as a trauma nurse at the John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek.

Donna became interested in clowning in the mid-‘90’s. She entered the profession as a way to relieve the stress of dealing with traumatic situations at the hospital. To pursue her interest, she went to the Barnum and Bailey Circus Clown College. In addition to her beautiful 4-year-old daughter, clowning has become Donna’s passion and joy.

Richmond Rotary has had an attendance problem this past quarter. For those of you who missed this wonderful program, as well as several others, all I can say is “you should have been there!”

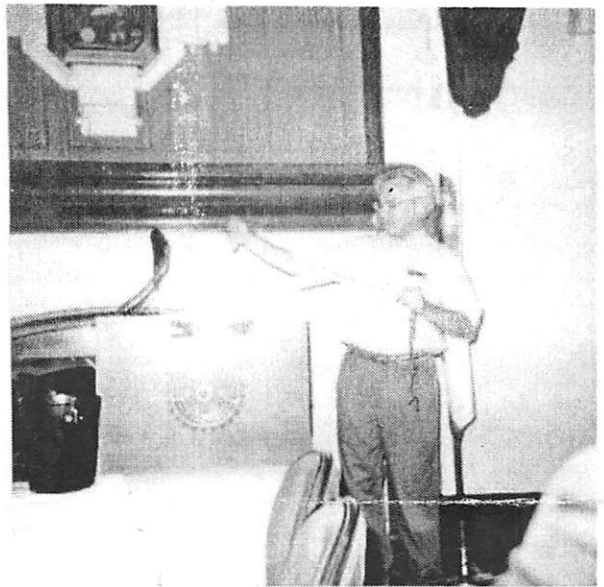
Richmond Rotary Lotto: The 50/50 lotto is now up to \$442.

Respectfully submitted,
Giuseppe Verdi, Your humble scribe.

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Four Rotary Elves: GEORGE EGAN, JOHN NICOL
LOREN STRAUGHN and DAN (not pictured)
ERCOLINI assist Loveee the Clown in magic candy
preparation.



HENRY KELMAN proves that indeed LOVEEE's
balloon was magical!

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JOE MONTANA SR.

Joe Montana Sr. will review the weekend in Canton, Ohio, when his son Joe Jr. was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Chairperson of the Day: JOHN NICOL

Thought for the Day: JOHN NICOL

Door Duty: ERLE BROWN &
LOREN STRAUGHN

LAST WEEK – Club Assembly Day

On a winter's day September, President LESLIE LEVY lightly dinged the VERY friendly Richmond Rotary together for another session of education and entertainment. DON LAU led us in the pledge. LESLIE LEVY followed with words of wisdom about work; after all it was Labor Day weekend.

Visiting Rotarian: Jane del Simone from the El Cerrito Club. Jane assured us that we were not served the El Cerrito Club's leftovers.

Rotarians with Guests: GEORGE EGAN escorted Lorraine del Prado who is Vice-President of the Children's Hospital Medical Center Foundation in Oakland. Norma Cole joined HERB COLE for our Friday's festivities.

Happy/Sad Dollars: DOUG STRAUS continuuuuuues. CHARLES RAMSEY could barely contain his enthusiasm over the potential for the Governor signing into law debt forgiveness to the West Contra Costa Univied School district. The forgiveness calls for \$800,000 per year over the next 5 years. JONI HIRAMOTO had a wonderful vacation at Lake Elsinore

despite the forest fires in nearby venues. Judge JONI came to the meeting equipped with flashlight inasmuch as power had gone off at her home and her office. She figured it was only a matter of time before the Mira Vista Country Club lost its power. HERB COLE, along with Norma, was looking forward to babysitting duty for their new grandson. HANK COVELL had a happy report concerning Rotary Night at the Masquers. The event, once again, was successful. As Mrs. Maiaprop might have said, "A large throng of Richmond Rotarians attended a lovely evening at the Hotel Mac and the Masquers. HANK COVELL deserves many castigations for his efforts."

Announcement: JOE NUBAUM is putting the finishing touches on this year's roster. Members will receive their copies soon.




Special Recognition: ERLE BROWN, Richmond's Paul Harris emissary, invited Norma Cole to the podium in order to induct her into the Paul Harris fellowship. Norma's membership came through HERB's generous donations to the Paul Harris program. For his efforts, HERB COLE received a Rotary pin with a sapphire. Congratulations to HERB and Norma.

Program:

At least once in the term of each President, time is taken so that members of the Board and other Rotarians can be recognized for club projects and programs. LESLIE LEVY called on DAVID BROWN, PAM JONES and JOHN MEDLOCK to review various Rotary activities.

DAVID BROWN, Chair of the *Membership Committee*, outlined the terms and conditions of Richmond Rotary's version of "Survivor". The club has been organized into teams, which will be responsible for recruiting new members. At the end of the year, the team that has brought in the most new members will receive 3 months worth of free lunches. Furthermore, each Rotarian who brings in a new member will receive a free lunch. In the event of ties or controversies concerning this program, LESLIE LEVY retains all rights to final determination of the outcome.

PAM JONES, Chair of the *Community Relations Committee*, related the goals for the committee. The

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committee's primary effort will be a continuation of the Peres School Program. The most significant new event at the school is that TOM ARTZ was able to have the Goebel Paving Company install a concrete walkway in an area, which used to be muddy and difficult to traverse. This donation was worth at least \$6,000 and included all material and labor. Richmond Rotary will be establishing a tutoring program at Peres. The donation of 1 hour per week per Rotarians will make a significant difference in the performance of the children at Peres. Judge DIANA BECTON-SMITH will continue with the Spirit of Excellence program. Kaiser Permanente has also adopted the Peres School and will be partnering with Richmond Rotary in its efforts to support the school.

CHARLIE (Italian Stallion) WONG introduced JOHN MEDLOCK who was Richmond Rotary's Team Captain, *Christmas in April* held the last weekend in April, 2000. JOHN pointed out that the goal of *Christmas in April* is to help provide safety and well being of the members of the community. A grateful Ms. Ardessa Malone of Richmond was the recipient of the hard work of a group of Rotarians. The exterior fencing was replaced; a bathroom area was upgraded; new electrical fixtures were installed; plumbing problems were corrected; several areas were painted and the yard

was cleaned and beautified. CHARLES WONG has put together a beautiful collection of photos, which identifies all of the components of the *Christmas in April* project. CHARLIE also thanked all of the community partners, including the Richmond Fire Department, which made a difference in the success of the project. We appreciate the efforts of the sons of TOM BUTT, LESLIE LEVY (with her nephews), DAN ERCOLINI's son and the students from Middle College High School who came with TED ABREU. Thanks to Janet Kuchenthal for supplying delicious pastries.

STONEY STONEWORK is the Chair of *International Relations*, JUDY KAFKA is Chair of the *Program Committee* and BARRY GORDON chairs the *Vocational Committee*. They will make their reports at another time.

DAN TANITA provided details concerning the planned visit of dentists from Russia. This visit is part of the work of the *International Relations* committee.

Lotto: The Richmond Rotary is now up to \$500 because DAN ERCOLINI did not pull the orange ball. Buy a ticket. Hey, ya never know.
Respectfully submitted,
Giuseppe Verdi.

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Richmond Art Center
SUZANNE TAN
Executive Director

Suzanne Tan was appointed to the position of Executive Director at the Richmond Art Center in May of 2000. She has been working in museums and cultural organizations throughout California for over ten years. Prior to coming to Richmond Art Center she was the Director of Marketing and Development at the Museum of Craft & Fold Art in San Francisco, previous to that she worked at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles as an Exhibitions Project Manager and Grants Writer.

At this meeting she will present us with an overview of the Richmond Art Center's exhibition and education programs, and how the art center interacts with and involves the local community.

Chairperson of the Day: DAN ERCOLINI
Door Duty: TOM BUTT & STONEY STONEWORK

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2000

Richmond Arts & Culture Commission

VIRGINIA RIGNEY
Coordinator

Chairperson of the Day: DONNA URIYU
Door Duty: HERB COLE & DAVID SMITH

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2000

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Chairperson of the Day: DAN ERCOLINI
Door Duty: JUDY KAFKA & JIM SHATTOCK

LAST WEEK:

On another perfect day in nearly paradise, President LESLIE LEVY called another meeting of the friendly Richmond Rotary to a semblance of order. DAN LAU led us in the pledge. JOHN NICOL provided us with a short history concerning Theodore Roosevelt and his plan to ban

professional football. TR was concerned about the injuries and life threatening conditions endured by the players in 1905.

Guests: Scot Nicol, son of JOHN. Richard Granzella and Ed Menosse also broke bread with us.

Announcements: STONEY STONEWORK, chair of the International Relations Committee, need volunteers who can provide housing for visiting dentists from Russia. Also needed are individuals who can offer a day or afternoon of entertainment for our guests. A trip to Wine Country or visits to some of the sites in East Bay are suggested. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact STONEY immediately.

Recognitions: JIM BEAVER did the honors. Happy birthday to JONATHAN LAWLIS. JONATHAN used this opportunity at the Rotary meeting to share his success in acquiring an injection molding firm in Phoenix. Harbor Plastics is going global! DOUG STRAUS took over for a moment just to recognized JIM BEAVER on the occasion of his 20th wedding anniversary. Contratulations, JIM.

Happy/Sad Dollars: Jet BEAVER continuuuuuues. DAVID K. was happy that the S.F. giants are in first place and 11 games ahead of the LA Dodgers. After 57 years, JUDY KAFKA was pleased to announce that she is no longer matriculating. JONI HIRAMOTO is pleased that her youngest has just started matriculating in pre-school.




Program:

JOHN NICOL has been a season ticket holder with the Forty-Niners ever since the club started making season tickets available. Over the years. JOHN has had the opportunity to take in a great number of exciting events at Niner games. Of course, Joe Montana, Jr. provided many of those thrilling moments. It was with a great deal of pleasure and pride that JOHN introduced, Joe Montana, Sr. who talked about his son's introduction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, earlier this year.

Mr. Montana is originally from western Pennsylvania, cradle of many great quarterbacks. He mentioned that the family used to visit Canton, Ohio, occasionally because of family matters. On one visit, the family, including Joe Jr., visited the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Mr. Montana pointed out that Joe, Jr. may have been a little wistful about what he saw in Canton, but he was not necessarily inspired. It was left to Joe, Jr., to inspire the rest of us.

Some of the things that Joe, Sr., wanted us to remember about Joe, Jr., were:

* Even Joe, Jr., thought about quitting before he had finished the job. Of course, he was only eight and it was peewee football. Nevertheless, he did keep his commitment to his team and himself and learned the value of perseverance and loyalty at a very early age.

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* Joe was a gifted athlete and could have pursued careers in football, baseball or basketball.

* Joe's remarkable arm was a gift from his mother.

* Joe is naturally shy and self-effacing and has always understood that success comes through an appreciation of everyone involved in the game.

* The reason that Joe Montana has excelled in his endeavors is that he has been well grounded in not only the fundamentals of sports but the rudiments of human decency. These things don't happen by accident. It is through the dedication of parents to the needs and interests of their children that success is realized. Joe Montana Sr. told us that nothing has been more important and more enjoyable than being with his son.

* Leaving the Forty Niners was an especially difficult thing for Joe to do. Nevertheless, the conditions for playing that the 49er's presented to Joe made it impossible for him to feel confident about staying in San Francisco.

* Joe Montana, Jr., is as busy today as he ever was when playing. He has joined other retired players in a number of ventures and the father rarely sees the son. Mr Montana is a very devoted grandpa and dotes on his grandkids, especially Nicholas.

Joe Montana, Sr., is a very down to earth gentleman who has been in training for 40 years in order to make the Senior PGA

tour. His time in Canton, when not enjoying the Hall of Fame festivities, was occupied with learning his way around a number of golf courses in the Canton area.

He has spent considerable time working with Jaycee's and even was a Rotarian at one time. He left us with this thought, "People will forget what you say. They will forget what you do. But they will always remember how you made them feel." I think all Richmond Rotarians would agree that Mr. Montana makes us feel very good knowing him and Joe, Jr.

Richmond 50/50: The pot on September 15th was up to \$575. JUDY KAFKA did not pull the lucky orange ball so the lotto for September 15th will be over \$600.

Respectfully submitted,
Giuseppe Verdi,
Your scribe.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2000

Richmond Arts & Culture Commission

VIRGINIA RIGNEY

Coordinator

Virginia Rigney is currently serving as Provisional Arts Manager to the Arts and Culture Division, a newly created Division in the Recreation and Parks Department. Ms. Rigney is Past Chair of the Richmond Arts and Culture Commission, serving from 1991 through March 1996. During her tenure as Chair she led the planning effort to establish a Cultural Plan for development of City arts. As Arts Coordinator for the Richmond Arts and Culture Commission from 1996 to July 2000 Ms. Rigney worked with the Commission to implement the Cultural Plan, develop and implement a nationally recognized Neighborhood Arts Mini-grant Program, and develop policy and implement a Percent for Art Capital Improvement Program. She served as Coordinator for the Rosie the Riveter Memorial Committee, and assisted with the development of and serves as city liaison to the Richmond Arts Administrators Group. She manages the Richmond Public Art Program and provides supportive services to the Public Art Advisory Committee, a volunteer committee of community arts professionals who assist with development of public art policy and programs.

Ms. Rigney began her involvement as a ceramic artist in 1964 when she studied with Ernie Kim at the Richmond Art Center. She has served over 15 years as an artist representative on the Richmond Art Center Board of Directors. Her raku and terra cotta work has been shown and collected throughout California. One large sculpture piece, "Passages" was selected by the Inland Empire Culture Foundation for installation in the San Bernadino Government Center in 1984. She maintains an active exhibit schedule and membership as an Exhibiting Member of the Association of Clay and Glass Artists in California and Alliance of Women Artists and membership with the Pacific Rim Sculptors Group. In October 1998 Virginia was honored by the Contra Costa County Arts and Culture Commission for Achievement in the Arts as an Arts Administrator and Artist.

Chairperson of the Day: DONNA URIYU

Door Duty: HERB COLE & DIANA BECTON-SMITH

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2000

CHRISTOPHER SPRINGMANN

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Chairperson of the Day: DAN ERCOLINI

Door Duty: JUDY KAFKA & JIM SHATTOCK

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2000

"The Russians Are Coming!"

MATVEI FINKEL

Russian Delegation's Facilitator

Door Duty: WALTER CONNOLLY & HANNS SHAPER

LAST MEETING:

President LESLIE LEVY rang the bell and herded (somewhat) the Richmond Rotary for another friendly meeting at the Mira Vista Country Club. After the pledge, DAN ERCOLINI shared this thought from Benjamin Franklin, "Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late."

Guests: JUDY KAFKA's guest was Margaret Jordan. Margaret continues to matriculate.

Recognitions: The late DOUG STRAUS had the honors last week. MARKKU and Mary PELANNE enjoyed a very special silver wedding anniversary. We were impressed with MARKKU's visual aids. MARKKU, when will we see pictures of you that span 25 years? Congratulations to JIM and Valerie SHATTOCK on their 42 years of marriage. DAVID K. had a disappointing birthday. He did not get to go fishing. His sorrow was eased somewhat because he continues to be 12 days younger than JON LAWLIS. RICH BRANDES enjoyed attending the 30th reunion at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. RICH, were you there when Otto Graham was athletic director? RICH commented that he is better preserved than many of his classmates.

Happy/Sad Dollars: JEFF NATHANSON made his final farewells. He is relocating to Princeton, NJ to head an arts complex. CHARLES RAMSEY was very pleased to announce that Verde School will receive a \$1.5 million grant to renovate several parts of the physical plant.

Congratulations to ANN VEGA who is the newest member of Richmond Rotary. Anna is Finance Director for the City of Richmond. Her sponsor was DONNA URIYU. According to the DAVID BROWN "Survivor" plan, DONNA will receive at least one free lunch.

Program: DAN ERCOLINI introduced Suzanne Tan who is the new Executive Director of the Richmond Art Center. Suzanne follows JEFF NATHANSON at that post.

Suzanne pointed out the Richmond Art Center is 64 years old and is the oldest continuing regional art center in the Bay Area. The Center is dedicated to a combination of exhibits and education. The Center has gained a reputation for introducing



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new exciting talent. Several world known artists first came to light through exhibits at the Richmond Art Center.

65% of the Center, which is located in the Civic Center Complex, is dedicated to community educational programs. The balance is devoted to exhibits and administrative services.

The Art Center aims its programming to reach a wide variety of citizens. The staff at the Center takes particular pride in working with children at risk. Suzanne is convinced that art education can teach more than art appreciation. Programs at the center help young deal with conflict resolution; develop social skills; and realize a sense of self-esteem. Several thousand children have participated in the education programs at RAC. Of course, the Center also provides a wide range of classes in painting, drawing, sculpting, etc., all aimed at adults.

During the course of the year, RAC offers programs and parties to develop revenues for the Center. The next big social event at the Center will be the Holiday Arts Festival, which is scheduled for December 3, 2000.

The Richmond Art Center continues to work on collaborative ventures with other arts programs in the Bay Area. Most recently, Hecho in Colifas – the last decade opened. This is a group exhibition of 31 California, Latino and indigenous artists.

The mission of the Richmond Art Center is to provide opportunities, which promote awareness, appreciation and expression in the visual arts and crafts among the diverse populations of Richmond, West Contra Costa County and the Greater Bay Area. The Richmond Art Center Exhibition Program presents a combination of exhibitions which feature a solo artist, group exhibitions based on a theme and projects organized by local groups to explore the diverse aspects of the Bay Area art community.

Thanks to the efforts of Suzanne Tan and others tied to Richmond Art Center, the mission has come to fruition.

Lotto: Richmond Rotary 50/50 was up to \$675 and will be greater at the September 21 drawing. Hey, ya never know!

Respectfully submitted,

Giuseppe Verdi

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2000

CHRISTOPHER SPRINGMANN
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Christopher Springmann is a correspondent for Chief Executive Magazine, specializing in interviewing creative, compassionate CEOs and inspirational leaders.

He will discuss his first person experiences with John Kelly, CEO of Alaska Airlines; Craig Weatherup from the Pepsi Bottling Group and Rita Bailey from the Southwest Airlines "University for People" organization and the challenges that each of these individuals faced in managing their organizations through difficult times.

Additionally, Christopher will update us on the current status of the Breast Cancer research stamp.

Chairperson of the Day: DAN ERCOLINI
Door Duty: JUDY KAFKA & JIM SHATTOCK

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2000

"The Russians Are Coming!"

MATVEI FINKEL
Russian Delegation's Facilitator

Door Duty: WALTER CONNOLLY & HANNS SHAPER

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2000

"Golden Gate National Parks"

RICH BARTKE
Chairman of the Advisory Commission

Chairperson & Thought for the Day: LESLIE LEVY
Door Duty: HANK COVELL & WERNER SCHWARZ

LAST WEEK:

Even though I was in my sick bed fighting off the flu, I still heard LESLIE LEVY ring the raucous but always friendly Richmond Rotary for another meeting at the Mira Vista Country Club. After the pledge, DAN ERCOLINI shared this thought for the day, "Difficulties are meant to rouse not discourage. The human spirit is to grow strong by conflict." by William Ellery Channing.

Visiting Rotarian: Morrie from Berkeley

Rotarians with guests: STONEY STONEWORK brought budding real estate tycoon John Troughton. Eva Zimmerman, Rotary ambassadorial scholar from Switzerland, was LESLIE LEVY's guest.





Recognitions: The always Jet BEAVER stepped up to the podium to call the shots for this part of the meeting. Happy 81st birthday to ELOF GRANBERG. BART WALLACE and HANK COVELL shared birthdays on this day. In a rare show of musicality, the Richmond Rotary serenaded the birthday boys.

Happy/Sad Dollars: Jet BEAVER continues. BEAV was happy that the Dodgers continue to be nip and tuck with the Giants. The Dodgers have the Giants just where they want 'em. BART WALLACE is happy to be back to Richmond Rotary and sad he missed too many meetings. LESLIE LEVY is sad that NORM FOLEY is moving on to the Sacramento area. NORM related that 32 years ago Walter Helms introduced him to Rotary. In that time, NORM edited the Flywheel for 20 years (an admirable achievement). He was with the GSE program for 12 years. He was a member of the District Nominating Committee and served as President in 75/76. Everyone in Richmond Rotary will miss NORM's weekly appearances and hopes that he will not become a stranger to our club. RUSS SCHULZE had a few sad dollars for NORM's decision.

Announcements:

Eva Zimmerman spoke briefly about her involvement in the Del Sol String Quartet where she is the pianist. The quartet is about to embark on a tour, which will be a tribute to Willy Burkhard. Eva lives in San Francisco with her husband with whom she been married for one month.

GLORIA JOHNSTON distributed flyers encouraging support for Measure M which will be on the November 7 ballot. GLORIA reminded us that the kids in the school district will benefit from the dollars made possible through passage of Measure M. STONEY announced that he had housing for the

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upcoming visit by the Russian dentists. JOHN NICOL has arranged for the use of a vehicle to provide transportations for the dentists during their stay. Now, if we only had a driver! On Wednesday, September 27, Dr. DAN TANITA will be honored at the Rockefeller Lodge in San Pablo. He has been named Citizen of the Year by the business association. Past President DAVID SMITH has resigned from our club. His business is taking so much of his time that he regrets that he cannot give Richmond Rotary his attention. DAVID was named honorary member in recognition of his many contributions to the club. Effective October 1, the price for lunch at the Mira Vista will be \$13.00. Probably has something to do with the petroleum crisis. LESLIE LEVY announced that there would be no more 3 for 2 raffle tickets. The next small part of this report is presented as part of a full disclosure. Seems as though in response to LESLIE's announcement that one highly regarded member of the largest law firm in El Cerrito and one well thought of auto purveyor landed in a serious discussion concerning this change in procedure. President LEVY had to use her considerable powers to bring order to our meeting. As Mrs. Malaprop may have said, "It appears as though things could have resulted in alterations." One important architect from Point Richmond joined in the raffle frenzy. All of this opportunity to win untold wealth is bringing out the best among the members of the friendly Richmond Rotary.

Program:

DAN ERCOLINI introduced Virginia Rigney, Coordinator of the Richmond Arts and Culture Commission. Ms Rigney presented a slide show that included photos of public art in

Richmond and other cities. She indicated that the Art Commission is an advocate for all arts programs in Richmond including NIAD, the Masquers, Tire Works, streetscapes and banners that are placed around the City from time to time. She indicated that programs in Richmond are unique in the Bay Area because of the widespread community involvement in planning public arts projects. Projects that have been undertaken over the years include murals on San Pablo Avenue, BART and Hilltop.

Current projects that are being undertaken include a joint project with Caltrans and City of Richmond to beautify I-580 near the San Rafael-Richmond Bridge as well as a new pilot project to do a streetscape on Cutting Blvd.

Richmond Lotto: Even after the enthusiastic debate, no one could come up with the winning orange ball. The pot is now over \$700.

With a huge doff at the fedora to JON LAWLIS for taking notes, I am..

Giuseppe Verdi
Happy to better but not quite well.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2000

"CONDITIONS & EXPERIENCES IN ZAMBIA"

JAMES "Bud" TYSINGER, M.D.

Dr. James Tysinger is an Ophthalmologist. He has extensive training in eye surgery with numerous publications and presentations on diseases of the eye.

Dr. Tysinger is the Founding Board Member and President of the Doctors For World Vision (now known as International Vision Volunteer), a non-profit organization to give sight to indigent patients in third world countries. He has served as Missionary Doctor at Kamakwie Wesleyan Hospital, Sierra Leone, West Africa off and on since 1970; seven times since 1995 at Zimba Wesleyan Hospital in Zambia, Africa; four times (1996-1999) at La Gonave Wesleyan Hospital in Haiti and in Mexico (1980, 1981).

Dr. Tysinger is a fellow Rotarian from Antioch where his practice is located.

Chairperson of the Day: JUDY KAFKA

Door Duty: MICHAEL DOWNER & RUSS SCHULZE

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2000

"Trip to Cuba"

IRMA ANDERSON

Chairperson of the Day: JUDY KAFKA

Door Duty: GEORGE EGAN & DAN SANDERS

LAST WEEK:

On an inauspicious but lovely Friday the 13th, the Richmond Rotary Club once more was relegated to the romper room. President LESLIE LEVY called the Rotarians to order and asked ANNA VEGA to lead us all in the Pledge to the Flag. President LESLIE gave the thought for the day, some well-chosen and appropriate words from William Blake.

Visiting Rotarians & Rotarians with Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians. CHARLIE FENDER introduced his guest, his dentist, Louis Mendoza.

Recognitions DOUG STRAUS: led off the recognitions by calling attention to JOE BAGLEY's recent birthday and anniversary. JOE gave us a reminiscence of his honeymoon in

Tennessee. DOUG announced that an anonymous benefactor had donated \$100 to FATHER CHRIS' Paul Harris.

Happy/Sad Dollars:

DOUG STRAUS prevails. TOM BUTT had happy dollars because of the dedication of the Rosie the Riveter Memorial that would be happening the next day at 11:00 a.m. BART WALLACE had twenty happy dollars because everything was rosy in his part of the world. DAVID KUCHENTHAL was happy about catching the last fish of the day, and FATHER CHRIS was happy that there are 570 students at Salesian High School this year and that his health has improved. DAN ERCOLINI was elated about his trip to Oregon with his daughter to look at prospective colleges.

Announcements:

PAM JONES described the Halloween festivities planned for Peres School and recruited several participants. There was also an announcement about the banquet honoring the visiting Russian dentists. It will be on October 20th at Rockefeller Lodge. Rotarians were also reminded to pick up their new roster from Secretary JOE NUSBAUM after the meeting.

Program:

President LESLIE introduced the speaker for the day, Rich Bartke, Chairman of the Advisory Commission to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. He has been a member of the Commission since 1973 and Chairman of the group since 1990. Bartke explained that the Commission has only *advisory* powers, but their advice is usually heeded. Some of the issues, which the Commission is currently dealing with, are:

* Currently only the East Bay Regional Parks allow dogs to be off leash, but there is pressure to allow it in the GGNRA.

* There is a struggle going on with the City of Sausalito over Fort Baker.

* Vegetation management at the Presidio is an issue because many of the trees there were planted in the 1880s and are no longer viable. An attempt is being made to replace them with native species.

* In the Olema Valley, the issue is about preservation of the ranches remaining there or only the history of the ranches.

Bartke spoke at length about plans for the Presidio. He related that he was taken to task for opposing San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown on an issue. His response was, "I've been a mayor. It's no big deal." Rotarians had many questions, particularly about uses for the Presidio and George Lucas' proposals.

Richmond Lotto: JOHN NICOL drew a white ball. Rich Bartke brought along some Crissey Field T-shirts won by BART WALLACE, DAN ERCOLINI and STONY STONEWORK. The lotto must be up to more than \$1,000.

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ROTARY PROGRAMS 2000-2001

Below is a copy of the program assignments for the year. In August packets were given, and in some cases mailed, to each captain. Please check with the captain of your team regarding your individual assignment and packet. (Team names have no relation to the topic.) You are free to invite anyone who will enlighten us in the arts or other cultures.

Bravo to DAN SANDERS and DAN ERCOLINI who pulled their programs together on very short notice!!!

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Philosophers	November (3/10/17)	Tom McGowan H: 235-2952 W: 231-0244	Markuu Pelanne Charles Ramsey David Smith
Punk Rockers	January (5/12/19/26)	Paul Hodgen H: 415-892-8813 W: 242-4076	Jim Beaver Diana Smith Erle Brown
Romanticists	February (2/9/16/23)	Hank Covell H: 222-9454 W: 222-9454	Barry Gordon John Medlock Ralph Hill
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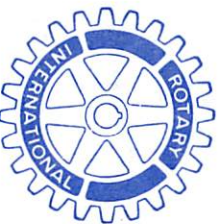
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2000

JIM DEWITT

Point Richmond Artist

Assisted by his daughter, Pam

Born in Oakland, California, in 1930, Jim DeWitt's career has never veered from his two loves – sailing and art. As a five year old, he drew pictures of the sailboat his father was building in their backyard – and dreamed of someday being her skipper. After high school, he studied art for six years at the California College of Arts and Crafts and Los Angeles Art Center – learning sail making and racing sailboats in his spare time.

In the busy years since, he has gained international renown as both an artist and a winning yachtsman. Racing in everything from eight-foot El Toro dinghies to blue-water yachts, he has won an impressive array of national and international trophies. In 1963, he was the first West Coast skipper to capture the coveted Mallory cup in the US Men's Sailing Championship. In 1992, at age 62, he took first place in the International Master's Regatta, sailed in J 24s in San Francisco. He continues to race his El Toro dinghy regularly.

His passion for painting has kept pace with his love of sailing and his impressive racing career is reflected in the authority and honesty of his nautical paintings. In addition to shows and exhibitions in San Diego, San Francisco, New York, Waikiki and Newport, Rhode Island, Jim has exhibited in galleries and museums worldwide. Well known collectors include Dennis Conner, Buddy Meiges, Bill Koch and Roy Disney. Jim's racing paintings are valued assets in other private and corporate collections and are on permanent display in many yacht clubs, including the prestigious St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco.

Chairperson of the Day: TOM MCGOWAN

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

NOV. 10, 2000 – **Russian Arts – A Brief Look**
ROBERT SHAW

Chairperson of the Day: TOM MCGOWAN

NOV. 17, 2000 – **Spirit of Excellence Winners-Danaya Smith, Jabari Thibeaux, Lorena Correa, Erin Clark & April Clark.**

Chairperson of the Day: DIANA BECTON SMITH

LAST WEEK

Another crisp fall day—the kind where your lungs send a thank you note – was on tap for the friendly Richmond Rotary when President LESLIE LEVY called us to order at the Mira Vista Country Club. Although we were relegated to the side room (not unlike the way parents ask children to sit at a separate table on Thanksgiving Day) we showed our usual good fellowship. JUDY MORGAN led us in the pledge. JUDY KAFKA had the thought for the day from the Dalai Lama, "When you have achieved your success, consider what you gave up to reach it."

Visiting Rotarians: Gary Pokorny from El Cerrito and Janet Blum from Berkeley.

Recognitions: JAMES BEAVER introduced MR. CHARLES WONG who reported that on October 23rd he was beginning to approach 80 although it will take him five years to reach that milestone. The Italian Stallion received our hearty congrats.



Happy/Sad Dollars: TOM BUTT was happy that the City of Richmond had reached the end of the beginning now that President Clinton had signed off on Rosie the Riveter/WWII Homefront National Park legislation. JONATHAN LAWLIS was happy that his plastics company had not been the casualty of the tragic fire in Richmond, but sad that anyone had to undergo the kind of disaster that MBA Plastics sustained. PAUL HODGEN was pleased that GINNY GREEN's student body had scored very well in various scholastic tests and that reading scores, in particular, had improved dramatically at Stege Elementary School where GINNY is principal.

Announcements: This year's holiday party will be held on Friday, December 15th at Brickyard Landing clubhouse. Richmond Rotary will pick up the tab for the entire event. Details are forthcoming.

Program:

JUDY KAFKA introduced her long time friend and colleague, Irma Anderson. Irma is a member of the Richmond City Council. In 1999, Irma led a delegation of 22 individuals from Richmond to Regla, Cuba to honor our sister city status with that division of Havana.

The Sister City or Friendship City program was started by President Eisenhower in the 1950's. The purpose of the program is to foster good will and develop humanitarian projects between cities that have physical, cultural and geographical similarities. Regla, Cuba sits on a bay

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overlooking Havana. It has an oil refinery as well as other blue-collar industries. 35% of its population is of African descent. It is an older city that has an infrastructure in need of serious repair. Most importantly, the people are warm and welcoming. It was easy to understand why the group felt at ease during their visit.

Jacques Bronson, President of Athletes United for Peace, is a professional film maker. Jacques was a part of the team that visited Regla. He showed a video, still in production, of various aspects of the trip. Highlights included the reading of a proclamation from Richmond to Regla and from Regla to Richmond; visits to schools and medical centers; interviews with elected officials; and the delegation enjoying themselves just by being very good citizen diplomats.

Linda Harris from the Richmond City Manager's staff discussed the terms and conditions which made the trip possible. Richmond's careful attention to all of the intricacies in gaining permission to visit Cuba is exemplary. Many cities with larger staffs and more powerful politicians have not succeeded with the aplomb shown by Richmond. In particular, Linda pointed out the large amount of medical equipment and supplies that the delegation brought and the interesting way that the group was able to bring it into Cuba.

Irma Anderson concluded the presentation by reminding us the trip was organized to foster good will, open dialogue, share common goals for the population, and bring humanitarian aid to the community. In many ways, the goals of this delegation sounded very much like the goals of Rotary International.

Lotto: A new lotto began today. STONEY STONEWORK drew a white ball so next week's lotto will be more than \$100.

Humbly submitted:
Giuseppe (where are my notes?) Verdi

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2000

"Russian Arts – A Brief Look"

ROBERTA SHAW

Roberta Shaw gives talks, lectures and courses in the field of art history, including Russian Art History. She has a B.A. in History from Stanford and an M.A. in Art History from U.C. Berkeley. In 1984 she spent two months in the former USSR and has revisited the country six more times in subsequent years. In 1998 and again this fall, she organized and led Russian Art and History tours concentrating on Moscow and St. Petersburg.

This Friday Roberta will give a slide presentation on her travels as she speaks on "Russia Arts".

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Door Duty: BARRY GORDON & CHARLES RAMSEY

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2000

Spirit of Excellence Winners:

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Chairperson of the Day: DIANA BECTON SMITH

Door Duty: ELOF GRANBERG & MARKKU PELANNE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2000 – NO MEETING

Thanksgiving Digestion Respite

LAST WEEK

On a day when the views went on forever, LESLIE LEVY, in her own gentle but authoritative way, herded us together for another meeting of the friendly Richmond Rotary. DAVID K. led us in the pledge. JUDY KAFKA shared the sad news that Shannon McGowan (TOM's wife) has been diagnosed with cancer. Our heartfelt prayers are with the wonderful McGowan family.

Visting Rotarians: Janet Blum from Berkeley

Guests: DONNA BELL brought her colleague from Mechanics Bank, Karen Mason. PAUL HODGEN introduced us to his mother, Alice, who is visiting from the East Coast. Bud Schulz from Phoenix was JONATHAN LAWLIS's guest and BOB NICCOLLS escorted his mother to the friendly confines.

Recognitions: JIM BEAVER did the honors. Congratulations to REN PARTRIDGE on the occasion of both his birthday and wedding anniversary. We all admire anyone who can plan these events so that they fall sequentially. WERNER (You Look Marvelous) SCHWARZ is bringing new meaning to the idea of casual Fridays. Happy birthday to WERNER. BART WALLACE is enjoying another wedding anniversary.

Happy/Sad Dollars: Jet Beaver continuuuuuuuues. JIM BEAVER is happy and proud to be a member of an organization with the slogan "Service Above Self". In that spirit, JIM reminded all of that as the annual holiday auction will be held on December 15th which is the same day as the annual holiday party. All Richmond Rotarians should be thinking of interesting, fascinating, enjoyable items to donate to the auction. The auction is our primary fund raiser and enables us to do many of those things that enable us to give "Service Above Self". JIM and Valerie SHATTOCK were happy to have the opportunity to hear and see their daughter perform with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. DAVID BROWN was elated to report that his father is making a steady recovery from serious surgery. Aint modern science wonnerful! On the other end of the kiddie spectrum from JIM Shattock's daughter, DOUG STRAUS is pleased to announce that daughter Samantha is now walking. ERLE BROWN is happy to acknowledge receipt of DAVE CALFEE's donation of \$500 to the Carl Reh fuss Fund. DAVE told me via e-mail that the polls were so busy in his neck of the woods that all democrats were told to wait until Wednesday,

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November 8 to vote. Independents are scheduled for Thursday. Congratulations to REN PARTRIDGE who is now officially retired. JON LAWLIS and several Rotarians had a wonderful time at Peres School helping the kids to enjoy Halloween in the haunted library.

Program:

BARRY GORDON introduced Jim DeWitt. Jim is a very well known artist from Point Richmond. He has spent his life and his career pursuing two activities – painting and sailing. Fortunately, he excels at both. He has won awards for his art and trophies for his sailing.

Jim says that he has always been fascinated by color. He describes himself as a “colorist” who intersperses his work with lots of action and broad brushstrokes of brilliant color. The hues take a life of their own and take us into the pictures. Because so much of his work involves action, Jim uses his own photography to captures scenes or events that he then turns into his art. He is best known for his painting of very fast sailing

vessels. Jim showed us a number of his paintings via slides. We enjoyed the ocean spray; beautiful flowers; landscapes that are in familiar places but take on a new perspective; and the San Francisco Bay in an easel full of different colors. Words do not adequately describe Jim’s pictures.

Jim introduced his daughter Pam who spoke about her new framery. As Jim pointed out, “An artist finishes the painting but it is not done till it is properly framed.” Pam regards her work as part of the artistic process. We wish Pam well in this endeavor.

Richmond 50/50 Lotto: DOUG STRAUS drew a white ball so we will wait for a winner at the next meeting. DOUG says that the chances of winning are about the same whether or not you buy a ticket. Keep trying anyway.

Respectfully submitted,
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2000

"California Electric Market" GEORGE ALSARO

A former Rotarian, our speaker this week is George Alsaro, PG&E, who has been an account representative for 30 years. He will speak on a topic of concern to all of us.

Chairperson of the Day: JUDY KAFKA

LAST WEEK

President LESLIE LEVY called the weekly assembly of the friendly Richmond Rotary Club to order. Guest Dan (not the Sports Illustrated writer) Jenkins led us in the Pledge. BARRY GORDON provided the thought for the day with this appropriate Russian proverb, "A work of kindness is better than a fat pie." Surely, all Rotarians will take this to heart.

Visiting Rotarians: District Governor Ron Piret and wife Nancy, Dan Jenkins, Mary Alice Rathman and Camp Royal founder and Past District Governor, Dick Hyland.

Rotarians with Guests: Richmond Rotary's own past District Gubner, WERNER SCHWARZ escorting Lea, his wife.

Recognitions: With his usual aplomb, JIM BEAVER recognized DON LAU's birthday. Dr. DON MILLER and wife Martha celebrated an anniversary in splendid fashion at Domaine (tiny bubbles) Chandon. Perhaps the Doctor should be known as Dr. Don Perignon. DON had just enough \$\$\$ left to make a generous contribution to the Community Fund.

Happy/Sad Dollars: Jet BEAVER continuuuues. CHARLES RAMSEY was happy that the school bond measure passed. RICH BRANDES is delighted that he soon will be accompanying his daughter to Great Britain. He is going as eye candy. The Spice Girls can't wait. DON HARDISON was happy to see CHARLIE WONG and commended him for his dedication in attending Rotary after debarking from a plane from China just two hours earlier.

Announcements: RICH BRANDES announced Veteran's Day Memorial services aboard the Red Oak Victory. PAM JONES announced that the Peres Elementary School "Bedtime Story Hour" will be Wednesday, November 29th. Volunteer readers are needed. A sign-up sheet was passed. JUDY KAFKA had some relatively good news about Shannon McGowan.

Presentation: District Governor Ron Piret made a special presentation to WERNER SCHWARZ and his wife Lea for including Rotary in their bequests. RON presented them with a pin each and an engraved crystal trophy. Lea promises to keep the trophy dusted.



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Program:

JUDY KAFKA introduced the day's speaker, Roberta Shaw, an art historian, with degrees from both Stanford and Berkeley. She has visited Russia repeatedly both before and after the dissolution of the USSR.

She chose on this day to focus primarily on Russian art in Moscow, particularly in and around the Kremlin. She pointed out that the Kremlin is not the grim, forbidding place it appeared to be during the Cold War as the Soviet leaders reviewed military parades from atop Lenin's tomb. Although it remains the seat of Russian government, many of the palaces built during the time of the Tsars are now open to the public. Many of these buildings had historic and ceremonial significance. The magnificence of their interior decoration was made evident by the slides that Roberta showed to illustrate her talk. During the Soviet era, particularly under Stalin, religious buildings were secularized and became museums. Some churches were razed and their contents consigned to museums or even sold to collectors. Under the new regime, many of these buildings have been restored and now serve their original function. Some of those that were destroyed have been rebuilt.

As Roberta's talk moved out of the Kremlin and onto Red Square, we learned that the Russian word for "red" does not refer to Communism but instead it means "beautiful", and thus the name of the square remains.

Richmond Rotary 50/50 Raffle: JUDY KAFKA drew President LESLIE's name (you gotta wonder about this kind of thing happening the same week as the unusual Presidential vote count). LESLIE drew a white ball, leaving the now \$122 prize to some future, lucky winner.

Editor's note: TED ABREU is responsible for filing the report from the meeting of November 10. I appreciate his usual excellent effort.

Respectfully,

Giuseppe Verdi

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A person known to many of us will be our speaker. She promises her presentation will enable us to see the world in an entirely different way.

LAST WEEK:

President LESLIE LEVY rang an unusually well organized group of Richmond Rotarians to order at the Mira Vista Country Club. Your scribe (along with REN PARTRIDGE) had door duty this day so his remarks about the luncheon repast will go unreported inasmuch as everything that was supposed to be cold was warm and visa versa. BART WALLACE's thought for the day was, "There are only two kinds of people who never change their minds - fools and the deceased."

Recognitions:

DOUG STRAUS did the honors this day. Happy birthday to LESLIE LEVY who celebrated a significant milestone in her years on this mortal soil. Congratulations to TOM BUTT who celebrated his 29th wedding anniversary in Greenwood, California (now known as Elk). TOM also won the trivia prize for knowing Elk's original name.

Happy/Sad Dollars:

DOUG STRAUS continuuuues. DAN ERCOLINI had a little of each kind of dollar. Happy because of the entertaining reading program for the kids at Peres School - sad because more Rotarians could not make it to the reading party. JONI HIRAMOTO is happy to be back to the friendly Richmond Rotary Club meetings. JUDY KAFKA is sad that Antoinette Evans is leaving Peres to become the new principal at Portola Middle School. She is looking forward to establishing a good working relationship between Richmond Rotary and Peres so that programs that we have initiated can be sustained.

Announcements:

* LESLIE LEVY reported that DAVID BROWN has been nominated to be Vice-President, President Elect for 2001-2002. His term as Vice President begins in July, 2001. By the way, RICH BRANDES will be our new President starting in July, 2001. So far, he has not asked for a recount. JOE (the Rock) NUSBAUM will continue as our Secretary and DONNA BELL will continue as Treasurer. DONNA, everyone in Richmond Rotary truly appreciates the outstanding job you do as our treasurer. Richmond Rotary runs the cleanest lottery in the State of California.

* ERLE BROWN announced that any Richmond Rotarian who contributes \$100 to the Paul Harris Foundation will have that amount matched by \$100 from Rotary. Congratulations to HENRY KELMAN for his outstanding contributions to the



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Rotary Foundation which awarded 3 Paul Harris pins to him in recognition of his efforts.

Program:

BART WALLACE introduced Shirley Fudge-Mueller of PG&E. Shirley is a major account representative at PG&E. She represents the utility to large commercial customers.

Shirley used this opportunity to address various issues facing both PG&E and its customers. She recapped recent events which have brought significant increases in the cost of energy to utility consumers in California. How did we get to this point: ?

- *State's energy demand is up by over 30% while generation is up by only 6%.
- *1996 deregulation discouraged power plant ownership by California utilities.
- *Wholesale generation prices rose in the summer of 2000 to levels that are much higher then the same period in 1999. In some places in California, one-kilowatt hour cost 75 cents whereas the normal price is 10 cents per hour.
- *PG&E had not raised its rates since 1993 so when the demand spiked in 2000, the utility was ill prepared to deal with the impact. Elevated costs for the utility may continue to remain above any rates that could be frozen. Since, May 2000, PG&E has amassed about \$3.4 billion in uncollected electricity costs – incurred in buying power on the wholesale market for its customers.

So what can be done to get costs under control? Shirley identified the following: Reduce demand through conservation and better technology. PG&E offers a variety of rebate plans to individuals and companies that are willing to install various kinds of timers, thermostats, etc., designed to maximize

economies. Encourage increase supply through construction and expansion. Cap wholesale prices until the market is fixed and develop a fair rate stability plan. PG&E has introduced a rate stabilization plan, which if enacted, would set a starting rate of 6.5 cents per kilowatt-hours for electric energy consumption. The proposal would provide a way to begin to pay down this past summer's uncollected wholesale energy costs very gradually and overtime.

Shirley brought a complex subject to our attention and encouraged all Rotarians to learn as much as they possibly can about energy conservation. Two good places to check for updates and details about energy matters in California are www.pge.com (Pacific Gas and Electric Company) and www.cpuc.ca.gov (California Public Utilities Commission).

Thanks to BART for bringing Shirley to share this important message with us.

Richmond Rotary 50/50 Lotto: ERLE BROWN drew a white ball which means we await a winner. The lotto is now up to \$260. Good luck for December 8, 2000.

Humbly submitted,
Giuseppe Verdi,
CHARLIE FENDER's second favorite composer,
Your scribe.

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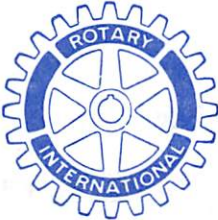
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LAST WEEK

President LESLIE LEVY opened the meeting in our festive and beautifully decorated dining hall without help from a microphone. Her voice was loud and clear. TED ABREU gave this political thought of Aristotle's Book 3: "If liberty and equality, as is thought by some, are chiefly to be found in democracy, they will be best attained when all person alike share in the government to the utmost."

Recognitions:

DOUG STRAUS, with his uniquely distinguished style, asked JOE KELMAN to tell some of the significant moments of his life to be celebrated next week. JOE will be 41 years old and has been married 18 years. JOE made a generous contribution to the Carl Rehffuss Fund, as well as to Cindy's Paul Harris award. HANK COVELL and Doreen have been married for 42 years. He donated a dollar per marriage year to our community fund. JOE and Anne NUSBAUM will be quietly celebrating their 47th anniversary in a few days. JOE also gave generously, half going to the Carl Rehffuss Fund and the other half to our community fund. MIKE FENLEY donated bountifully to our community fund, for on Christmas Eve he and Julie will celebrate their 17th anniversary...contingent upon Julie not dumping him before Christmas. DOUG gave no such contingencies, accepting MIKE's donation. Congratulations to all the gentlemen!

JOE BAGLEY was fined \$10 for his cell phone ringing inappropriately in another meeting and JIM BEAVER paid \$10 for his wisecrack comment about DOUG's style as master

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of recognitions. Last time our guest, JOANNE BLUM gave a donation to our community fund.

Announcements:

LESLIE LEVY reported that our old friend and long time Rotarian, Bob Miller, had successful prostate cancer surgery earlier this week. He will be joining us on our Reno Trip next month. JOHN NICOL informed us that DAN READY is out of the hospital with half of his stomach removed.

LESLIE also reported about our club's slate of officers: President Elect – DAVID BROWN, Secretary – JOE NUSBAUM, Treasurer – DONNA BELL. On the Board: JOE GREEN, PAM JONES, STONEY STONEWORK. Nominees for new directors: HERB COLE, GEORGE EGAN, DAN ERCOLINI, BEERY GORDON, JONI HIRAMOTO & CHRIS WOERZ.

Induction of a New Member:

LESLIE invited JOANNE L. BLUM, CFRE, to the podium where she was given our club roster, information on Rotary International and a Rotary pin. She is the Director of Development of the SEEP Project. CFRE stands for Certified Fundraising Executive. JOANNE was given a warm welcome with a standing ovation.

Auction:

Come early for we shall start early! Items to be auctioned are just awesome, like DAVID NINOMIYA's two dozen roses for every month of the year, vacation home rentals, bargain tools and wine, as well as a bottle of unique Muscat.

Program:

TED ABREU introduced Kara Hubbard, the director of El Cerrito A Cappella Ensemble, a choir of 17 teenaged girls from El Cerrito High School. The girls gave a wonderful concert of Christmas, Hanukah and Kwanzaa music. They not only sang well, but their synchronized choreography was outstanding. Each song was performed in a different formation; their hands were moving and they kept on smiling throughout the concert. Each girl introduced herself and sang a couple of lines, too. In the end, the club members were asked to join in great old Christmas songs like Joy to the World, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, and Silent Night.

DAN ERCOLINI got special treatment when the girls pulled him to the stage and each of them "pleaded" in their song for DAN to be their sweetheart. DAN, you did a good job there! The girls' finale was Boogie Woogie Christmas song, which was so catchy that even RICHARD ALEXANDER and JOHN MEDLOCK, sitting on both sides of you scribe, joined him by clapping hands in rhythm. The concert set the mood for a special Christmas Holiday to come.

Richmond Rotary 50/50 Lotto:

DON MILLER was out of luck when he drew a white ball. Our lotto prize is now at \$298.

Humbly submitted by
MARKKU PELANNE,
Substitute for Giuseppe Verdi

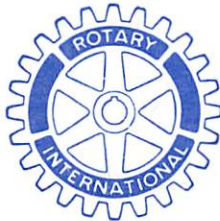
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