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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2001

(12/15/00)

## ?? A Special Surprise Guest ??

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.

Chairpeson of the Day: JUDY KAFKA

Door Duty: TED ABREU & JOHN NICOL

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2001

## HEATHER KITCHEN

Managing Director  
SF American Conservatory Theater

Chairperson of the Day: PAUL HODGEN

Door Duty: RALPH HILL & BOB NICCOLLS

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## THE AUCTION

Chief Auctioner, JAMES BEAVER, ably assisted by Counselor DOUG STRAUS did a magnificent job of hawking a wide variety of exciting packages for insanely good prices. Some of the success stories include: RUSS SCHULZE' winning bid for a Day on the Bay with TOM McGOWAN; JONATHAN LAWLIS' high bid for a stay in a cabin at Lake Tahoe; MiCHAEL FINLEY'S repeat winner for a foursome at the Mira Vista; a year's worth of roses won by JOE KELMAN; a weekend at Little Brother Lighthouse to be enjoyed by Judge JONI.

Some of the annually presented packages included MICHAEL DOWNER's cookie basket taken away by DAN ERCOLINI; Doreen Covell's cookies won by ELOF GRANBERG; and that old chestnut, the bottle of vintage muscatel replete with beautiful wrapping brought a winning bid from Norm Lundberg.

The prizes were intriguing, thoughtful and valuable. All Rotarians are to be commended for their contributions.

The spirit of fun and the all around good will shown at the auction was outstanding!


Although the final tally has not yet been reported, early indications show that Richmond Rotary broke all records for the amount of money raised at the club's principal fundraiser.

## MEETING:

President LESLIE LEVY called the meeting to order in almost military fashion so that we could get our cram-packed agenda underway for the day. Many thanks to STAN TEADERMAN for supplying the club with another dose of "Teaderripple". It made our meal supplied by the Mira Vista Country Club very enjoyable. After the pledge, JET BEAVER provided this gem for the day, "It is always better to give than receive, but today we all have a wonderful opportunity to do both."

Visiting Rotarian: NORM LUNDBERG

**Rotarians with Guests:** JUDY MORGAN brought Sandi Genser-Maack, Suzanne Tan was DAN ERCOLINI's guest; and JOHN NICOL escorted Carol

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Straughn (LOREN's wife) as LOREN could not be with us for the auction. NORM FOLEY brought holiday greetings along with wife Bonnie. NORM and Bonnie were celebrating a wedding anniversary.

Former Richmond Rotarian Pete Bray and wife Rosemarie were in for the day to enjoy the festivities.

Announcements:

Amidst all of all of the auction excitement, we managed to conduct an election overseen by that old Chad master, CHARLES WONG. The elected slate of officers is as follows:


- President – RICHARD BRANDES
- Vice President/President Elect - DAVID BROWN
- Secretary – JOE NUSBAUM
- Treasurer – DONNA BELL

- Directors:
- HERB COLE
  - JONI HIRAMOTO
  - DAN ERCOLINI

No one asked for a recount. Congratulations!

All of this report is factual if not necessarily in order of appearance. Objects in mirror are closer than they appear.

Respectfully submitted,  
Giuseppe Verdi  
Your happy and humble scribe.

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## BARROS ANDRE

Joao B. Andre, who goes by Barros, joined Chevron-Cabgoc (Cabinda Gulf Oil Co.) in Angola since 1990. He visited the US twice in 95/96 and '97 while working as HR Organization and Compensation Analyst. He joined the Public affairs group as "Public Affairs and Community Relations Coordinator" in January 1999. Barros came back to the US on development assignment April 2000, working with Corp Public Affairs group in San Francisco and is now with the Richmond Refinery group. He is now in the United States with his wife and three children.

Barros has a Bachelor's degree in Linguistics and African & English Literature and Civilizations from the Marien M'gouabi University of Brazzaville (Congo Brazzaville, West Africa).

Chairperson of the Day: PAUL HODGEN

Door Duty: JONI HIRAMOTO & CHARLIE WONG

### Clubs of the East Bay 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Inter-City Meeting

#### Train Schedule for the East Bay-Reno Trip Jan. 21-22, 2001

<u>Sunday, Jan. 21 to Reno</u>	<u>Monday, Jan. 22 to East Bay</u>
Departs Emeryville...7:35 am	Departs Reno.....2:35 pm
Departs Richmond...7:50 am	Arr. Sacramento...7:30 pm
Departs Martinez.....8:25 am	Arr. Suisun.....8:30 pm
Departs Suisun.....8:50 am	Arr. Martinez.....8:55 pm
Departs Sacramento..9:40 am	Arr. Richmond....9:25 pm
Arrives Reno.....2:55 pm	Arr. Emeryville..10:05 pm

*Please try to be at the station at least 15 minutes prior to departure.*

CAR #10: Richmond  
CAR #11: El Sobrante, San Pablo, Hercules, Lafayette, Oakland #3  
& Richmond

## LAST WEEK:

The meeting was called to order by President LESLIE LEVY at noon and soon after the pledge was completed and PAUL HODGEN offered a thought for the day.

**Visiting Rotarians:** Bill Reese, Clayton Sunrise; John Clinton, Sunrise.

**Rotarians with Guests:** Amber Cowley was the guest of CHARLIE FENDER, and HERB COLE brought along his fishing partner, Raley.

**Recognitions:** Belated Happy Birthday to MIKE SPENCER who turned 65 on 12/15/2000. GINNY GREEN was recognized both for her nomination as Administrator of the Year and the great improvement in test scores at Stege School.

## Happy/Sad Dollars:

CHARLIE was happy for the Cal basketball victory over Oregon. JOY BLUM was happy for all the money donated to Project C. JOE KELMAN had some happy dollars for the success of the Oakland Raiders this season, and DAN TANITA is thrilled to get a new house and a new mortgage. PAUL has happy dollars for the participation of Rotary members in the Peres classroom sponsorships. OSCAR LUGO is happy to be a second time grandfather and especially happy to see another male in the family. JONI HIRAMOTO is proud of her sons for obtaining their orange belts in Karate and CHARLES RAMSEY is very happy that money will be forthcoming for the improvements needed at Peres school.

**Announcements:** President LEVY advised us that the Auction had set a new record, raising \$9,370.00 for the club. Decisions on how to appropriate this largess will be made at an upcoming Board of Directors meeting. Anyone with a project they wish to support should get their request in as soon as possible.

## Program:

PAUL HODGEN introduced our speaker for the day, Barbara Hodgen (from the non-golfing branch of the Hodgen family. Barbara is the Conservatory Administrator for the American Conservatory Theater (ACT) in San Francisco. She is a Vassar graduate with



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an advanced degree from Yale, has spent the last 20 plus years working for various theater groups and is now with ACT.

ACT is a not-for-profit organization and obtains roughly 75% of their 16 million dollar annual budge from ticket sales as well as concessions and souvenirs with the balance being obtained from donations.

Each year ACT puts on eight separate shows during a 45 week season, entertaining approximately 250,000 patrons and employing about 800 people. Additionally, the Conservatory offers actor training to 3,000 students per year with most attending a 3-year MFA DEGREE PROGRAM. The interaction between students and established actors creates a lively atmosphere for the ACT performances.

Barbara compared putting on a season of plays to hosting a dinner party. Some entrees are traditional, some are nouvelle and some (due to a last minute change in available ingredients) are made from scratch. The hope is that enough guests will enjoy what is being offered and will return for another meal.

Barbara expressed the wish that a good production would connect to the magic in each of us and that we would leave each performance touched by the play.

**Lotto:** The pool is now at \$396 and JOE KELMAN was the winner of the free lunch and one white ping-pong ball.

Now batting for JOE GREEN,  
DAN (accept no substitutes) ERCOLINI

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## **"Hopes and Dreams"**

**JULIO FRANCO**  
Principal at Peres

Born in Mexico, Julio came to the U.S. at the age of 11 where he attended Downer and graduated from Harry Ells High School. He attended U.C. Berkeley majoring in Industrial Engineering and went to work for a computer company in San Diego.

A friend at Richmond High told Mr. Franco that they needed math teachers, planting the seed for him to go into teaching. At Richmond High he taught Math and when his Spanish-speaking students stopped at Algebra, he developed higher-level math courses for them.

He became an administrator four years ago. He has been at Kennedy, DeAnza and is now at Peres.

Chairperson of the Day: PAM JONES

**Door Duty:** GLORIA JOHNSTON & JUDY MORGAN

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2001

## **SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION** **"You will be entertained"**

Chairperson of the Day: HANK COVELL

**Door Duty:** PAUL HODGEN & DON MILLER

### **LAST WEEK**

On another nearly perfect day with storm warnings abounding just before the inauguration of George W. Bush as America's 43<sup>rd</sup> President, our own President LESLIE LEVY called for order so that we could have another meeting of the friendly Richmond Rotary in the spacious dining hall of the Mira Vista Country Club. (How's that for purple prose?) After the pledge, former Rotary prez JAMES BEAVER offered this gem from Margaret Thatcher (Ron Reagan's favorite prime minister), "Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to show it, then you don't have it."

**Rotarians with Guests:** ANNA VEGA's guest was Gwen Wynne from the City of Richmond's Finance Department.

**Recognitions:** JET BEAVER did the honors and indeed it was an honor to congratulate WALTER WOLFFS on another happy birthday. WALTER celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> (I think) birthday recently. WALTER is Richmond Rotary's senior member. He joined the club in 1936 during FDR's first administration. That is a record that will be hard to beat!

**Happy/Sad Dollars:** DAN TANITA had happy dollars for WALTER WOLFFS' birthday. HANK COVELL was pleased that he was able to join the Rotarians for another happy trip to Reno. HANK has been taking the trip for more than 30 years. JOHN NICOL was also looking forward to his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary trip to Reno. JOE GREEN had big thanks to Richmond Rotary and in particular JOE BAGLEY, DAVID BROWN, ERLE BROWN, BART WALLACE and BART's son Brett for their volunteer work at the Richmond Public Library. JIM BEAVER, LESLIE LEVY and JOE KELMAN also were happy this past Friday.

**Announcements:** Time is closing in on Richmond Rotary. We need to be able to decide soon on whether the club will participate in this year's Christmas in April program. JOHN MEDLOCK and JOE KELMAN have agreed to be co-captains. However, in order to bring about firm commitment to the project, JOHN and JOE need one more Rotarian to step up and volunteer to participate as a tri-captain. Within our ranks, there must be one individual with the organizational and building skills who is ready to support JOHN and JOE. Anyone who is interested should notify JOHN or JOE as soon as possible.

Membership Chairman DAVID BROWN is done being Mr. Nice Guy. We need members and we need them

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NOW! In order to stimulate interest in joining RichmondRotary, volunteers were "recruited" to bring potential members to upcoming meetings. HERB COLE, GINNY GREEN, JOE BAGLEY, JUDY MORGAN, BARRY GORDON, MARKKU PLEANNE, RICH BRANDES and DAN TANITA are the first volunteer to join the DAVID BROWN Brigade.

As a new year's resolution, the Richmond Rotary could work toward improving the meeting attendance of its members. Your fellow Rotarians put together interesting programs with worthwhile themes and superior speakers. Do yourself a favor and take in a meeting.

The Executive Committee voted to make a donation to the Stege Elementary School. Our fellow Rotarian GINNY GREEN has been nominated for Administrator of the Year for outstanding work in improving test scores and academic performance at Stege. Our contribution will help cover the costs of a class visit to Fort Sutter.

Program for the Day:

PAUL HODGEN introduced Mr. Joao Andre who goes by the name of Barros. Barros is a resident visitor to our area. He works for Chevron-Cabgoc in Angola. He specializes in community relations and is working in Contra Costa County in order to develop his public affairs skills in consultation with Chevron USA.

Chevron's presence in Angola is in "upstream" work where 500,000 barrels of oil are shipped each day. The company's presence in Cabinda is enormous and

Chevron's feels a responsibility to work closely with its neighbors. Furthermore, Angola's government mandates that companies that do business in that country must use Angolan nationals. This requirement provides an opportunity for Angolans to gain management skills and jobs. Chevron currently has 20 families from Angola in the United States. These individuals are ambassadors for their company. They are learning a great deal about community outreach and making friends along the way. Barrós told us about his very enjoyable visit with the third graders at Verde School. He suggested a program called "In Class Field Trip" where a representative from a local company would guide the students through an imaginary visit to the plant. Thanks to PAUL HODGEN for introducing the club to Barros Andre.

**Richmond Lotto:** ANNA VEGA, going after big time loot of \$441, pulled the white ball. Oh well, enjoy your free lunch ANNA and better luck next time.

Submitted with supplications for total acceptance.

Your unworthy scribe,  
Giuseppe Verdi

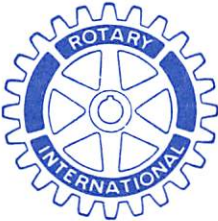
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## **"Alcatraz"**

**FRANK HEANEY**

At the age of 21, the youngest man ever to serve as a correctional officer at the "Rock", Heaney found himself guarding some of the nation's toughest felons, including George "Machine Gun" Kelly, Alvin "Creepy" Karpis, and Robert "the Birdman of Alcatraz" Stroud. With the acceptance of his new position, young Heaney soon realized that the James Cagney-Hollywood version of prison life was a far cry from the demanding, sometimes boring, and often terrorizing reality of guard life.

Alcatraz has become a very successful visitors destination, complete with Park Service Ranger programs, also an award winning audio tour in the cell house. The Blue & Gold Fleet carries over a million visitors a year to the famous island. As a born story teller, and a man who actually was there, he makes Alcatraz come alive. Now he has gathered some of his best tales in his book, Inside the Walls of Alcatraz, which he autographs on Alcatraz. He resides in Walnut Creek with his wife Jean. He also has three daughters.

Frank Heaney has appeared on programs such as The Today Show, Good Morning America, Larry King, Unsolved Mysteries, the Oprah Winfrey Show, the Late, Late Show with Tom Snyder, A&E, BBC-UK, The History and Learning Channels, and consultant for the movies "Murder in the First" and "The Rock". He also has been a guest speaker for many groups and organizations

Chairperson of the Day: **HANK COVELL**

Door Duty: **HENRY KELMAN & JOHN MEDLOCK**

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2001

## **"Economic & Investment Strategy"**

**BRIAN PRETTI**  
Sr. VP – Trust Department  
Mechanics Bank

Chairperson of the Day: **BARRY GORDON**

Door Duty: **JOE KELMAN & TOM McGOWAN**

## **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**March 7, 2001**

**7 p.m.**





## **KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL**

To decide the order in which schools will receive money from Measure M. Since Peres School is one the first schools to receive monies from Measure M for improvements, Rotarians are urged to attend this meeting in support of Peres School.

**LAST WEEK:**

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PRORAM FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2001

## YMCA

BRIA KILLE  
Executive Director  
W.C.C.YMCA

Our speaker this week, Bria Kille, will give us an update of the activities at the YMCA.

Chairperson of the Day: HANK COVELL

Door Duty: RICHARD ALEXANDER &  
NORM LUNDBERG

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## LAST WEEK:

President LESLIE LEVY gonged the meeting to order following a really swell meal which some members were still chomping. After the pledge, the club was treated to poetry recitations from STONEY STONEWORK (in honor of Black History Month) and RUSS SCHULZE who shared a poem from Longfellow (we think).

**Visiting Rotarians:** Jamie (Set To) Hardin from Pinole, Al (And) Howe from Orinda, Tom (Grape) Welch from Pinole and John (De Wit) Clinton from Marin. Welcome to all.

**Guests:** Stephanie Zari came with our guest speaker Brian Pretti. MARKKU's guest was Richard Fabry.

## Recognitions and Happy/Sad Dollars:

From all indications DOUG STRAUS had no one with a birthday or anniversary to recognize so he quickly moved on to the happy/sad dollars. History was made this day when CHARLES RAMSEY really did contribute FIVE happy dollars to announce the importance of club participation in the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the West Contra County School Board. If we really want to accomplish parity in the distribution of the \$150 million in Measure M funds, then we must make our feelings known to the School Board. This is important in the development of our adopted school, Peres Elementary. MARKKU had happy dollars on the occasion of his son's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. MARKKU presented his son with a red car. JUDY (don't call me Franz) KAFKA had happy dollars to celebrate the Spirit of Excellence program at Peres School. She really enjoyed hearing the "Who Am I" speeches with CHARLIE (Do No) WONG and DIANA BECTON SMITH.

## Announcements:

\* DAVID BROWN gave another pep talk concerning the importance of gaining new members. Several Rotarians made commitments to bring potential members. The promises were greater in number than the number of guests we have seen to this point. Let's see if we can change the statistics.

\* LESLIE LEVY reported that the registration has begun for the next Governor's Conference. It will take place May 4-6 in Woodland. LESLIE has registration forms for anyone interested in attending.

\*PAM JONES, Chair of the Community Service Committee, reported on the distribution of Club monies to the following: \$4,000 to Peres School; \$1,000 to NAID; \$1,000 to YMCA in the Coronado neighborhood; \$100 to Helms; and \$35 to Kappa.

## Program:



BARRY GORDON introduced Brian Pretti, economist with the Mechanics Bank. Brian addressed the club in 2000. What a difference a year makes. Brian's upbeat presentation reflected the course of America's economy at that time. The economy was booming and so were Brian's recommendations.

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, Brian's real-time speech could be summed as follows, "People are nervous about the economy".

Barry reported that he has never seen the economy decelerate so quickly. In two months, the drops in most of the major economic indicators has been precipitous. Perhaps what we are seeing is a move from boom times to a somewhat more stable economy. It is probably too soon to tell.

The one area of the stock market that is of particular interest in the Bay Area is technology. We are seeing closings of dotcoms. Slowdown of development capacity is being realized. The Dow Jones is beginning to reflect the change in this hot market.

Barry indicated that methods of investing will have to be adjusted. We can no longer use linear thinking concerning one industry or one component and expect to make money. The time has called for more flexible investing and the ability to be more nimble. Two stocks that Barry feels have chance for success in this new economy are Chevron and Southern Company. Keep your eyes on stocks that are tied to energy.

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Brian continues to be hopeful in this rather uncertain time of falling markets and talk of tax cuts. As always, he gave us much to consider in a very interesting way.

**Lotto:** TOM BUTT had the winning ticket for a free lunch. Unfortunately, his luck stopped at that point and he was not the winner of the \$601 on hand.

Respectfully submitted,  
Giuseppe (late not latte) Verdi

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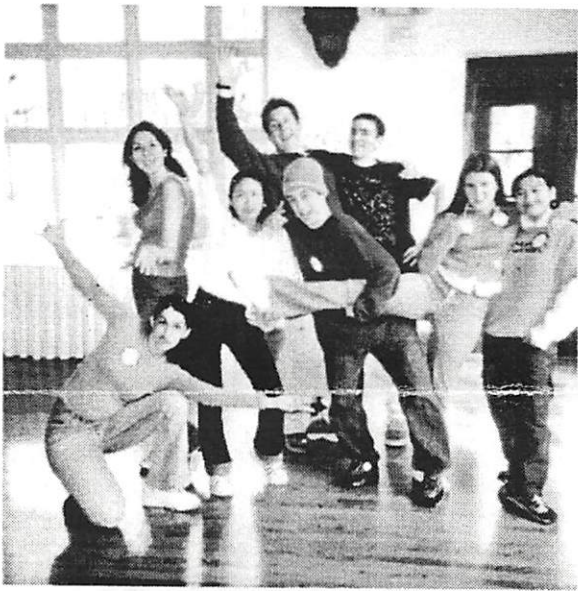
To the Members of the Richmond Rotary Club:

I am writing to thank you for your most generous gift of a \$50.00 check for use in my special education classroom.

I work with severely handicapped preschool children. The funds you have donated to our classroom will be greatly appreciated by the students and our staff members. I plan to purchase "big books" which are enlarged story books. These books are especially nice for visually impaired students.

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,  
Mia Morel  
Teacher, Special Day Class  
Peres Elementary School



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**“Mental Gymnastics”**

West Contra Costa Adult School

SANDY PRICE  
Vice Principal

JANE DEL SIMONE  
Community Liaison

Test your academic skills with questions from the new high school equivalency exam with a friendly game of mental gymnastics.

Representatives from West Contra Costa Adult School will be facilitating the fun and rivalry!

Chairperson of the Day: JUDY MORGAN

Door Duty: JON LAWLIE and OSCAR LUGG

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**Last Week:**

On a day that gave us a brief respite from the rain, President LESLIE LEVY called the meeting to order at the Mira Vista Country Club. GEORGE EGAN led us in the pledge. He was followed by JUDY KAFKA who shared the gem of the day from Mae West, “Too much of a good thing is wonderful.”

**Visiting Rotarians:** Rick Betts of Berkeley Rotary.


**Rotarians with Guests:** DAVID BROWN’s guest was Mary Keating from Contra Costa College. Realtor John Troughton came with DONNA URIYU.

**Recognitions:**

JAMES (Jet) BEAVER had the honors this week. He called on ERLE BROWN, freshly returned from a month in Mexico, to share the joy of being home as well as enjoying another birthday. Happy birthday to Judge JONI HIRAMOTO. A belated Flywheel happy birthday to DONNA URIYU.

**Happy/Sad Dollars:**

CHARLES (are you running?) RAMSEY stood for the count in recognitions of his lost badge. He also broke his personal record for contributions to Rotary. He used his time to remind all Rotarians to attend the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the West Contra Costa Board of Education meeting. Peres School renovation will be on the agenda for that meeting. JIM BEAVER and DOUG STRAUS contributed funds in honor of faux pas concerning recognitions. The embarrassment was so great that I cannot go into details in this limited space. LESLIE LEVY had proud and happy dollars because her son received the Martin Luther King Jr. award from his school. The award is for contributions to the community. Giuseppe Verde had sad dollars because the Main Library in Richmond has been ordered closed until further notice in order to remove a mold infestation. JOE BAGLEY had happy and sad dollars. Happy

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dollars for his mother's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and sad dollars because his sister-in-law has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Program:**

JOE BAGLEY introduced Amanda Cauldwell, newly appointed Executive Director of the National Institute of Arts and Disabilities (NAID).

NAID was co-founded in the early 1980's by Dr. and Mrs. Katz as a way of expanding the educational possibilities and artistic skills of physical and mentally disabled individuals. Since its inception, NAID has always directed its work toward artistic development incorporating the artistic skills of the disabled rather than solely a program for the disabled.

The artists who have worked with NAID have earned solid reputations in the art world. Individuals such as Sam Gant have works that sell in the thousands of dollars and continue to be in great demand. The scope of the art ranges from abstract expressionism, to clothing as art, to paper mache, to oil painting, to drawings, to murals.

The outstanding teachers at NAID have empowered their students to operate as complete individuals with strong talents.

The gallery at NAID is open to the public. The works, as they are sold, represent income for the artists and the gallery. Amanda invites all Rotarians to visit the gallery. You will be impressed and inspired.

**Richmond Rotary Lotto:** The lotto is now up to \$730. Congratulations to JOHN NICOL who proved by pulling the white ball that there is no such thing as a free lunch.

Respectfully,

Giuseppe Verdi

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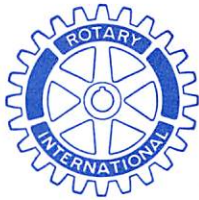
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## Frederick Shaw

Our speaker this week is Frederick Shaw who spent his first 22 years in Belfast Ireland and has been tolerated by the same wife for 35 years. He studied in Ireland, England and the U.S. majoring in Business Administration, Political Philosophy, English Literature and Public Health and has a Doctorate in Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley.

Frederick has a fairly international background having lived and worked in India (4 years), Philippines, Germany and Pakistan (each 3 years), and spent shorter periods in Swaziland, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, The Gambia, The Sudan, Somalia, England, etc. In recent years he has been reducing overseas work to assignments of between one and six months at a time and teaching university courses during summer session (when it is excessively hot in most developing countries).

So, what does he do for a living? Since 1968, he has been almost exclusively occupied in disease prevention projects in developing countries. He has been involved in many types of programs, but for the last twelve years he has been concentrating on one particular model of development, which he developed in several different countries. In short, he conducts epidemiological investigations to discover the causes of illness and death in specific high-risk areas, and designs projects in which local resources are used to solve problems. He then starts the projects, and commences to phase out his own role, while phasing-in the management of the local people. He recently founded the non-profit organization, Developing Indigenous Resources, of which he is President and CEO.

Just at the moment he is preparing to spend April in Pakistan evaluating a project which he helped start eleven years ago. (It provides primary health care services for 192,000 villagers at a cost of \$1.10 per person per year.) From there he plans to go to India for the month of May in connection with starting a new program there. Part of June he will visit his sister and other relatives in Northern Ireland before returning here to teach summer session.

He never does anything for nothing, and so was asked, "Why are you giving this talk? Do you need lunch so badly? To this he replied, "No, I can still afford to buy lunch. My

motivation stems from the belief that the people to whom I will be speaking are leaders and activists, and at the same time realists and people of good will who are concerned with taking positive action. I hope they will hear some of the points I hope to make, give them some thought and perhaps take action which will make a difference."

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## LAST WEEK

**Visiting Rotarians:** Jane Del Simone, El Cerrito Rotary; Chris Frye; Michel Leson, North Carolina; Rich McCoy, Palm Desert

**Guests:** Christopher Almeida & Kathy Schaffer

## Happy/Sad Dollars:

\*BOB NICCOLLS was happy to have attended the Annual North American Meeting of Rotarians.

\*GLORIA JOHNSTON was very happy to be back.

\*RICH BRANDES is happy to announce the new and old board, April 21<sup>st</sup>, training session.

\*GEORGE EGAN is happy to be the Expo Committee person for Fun Day. He is also happy to be teaching Financial Planning at the Adult School.

\*JIM SHATTOCK is happy that his daughter, the clarinet player, is playing with the San Francisco Symphony, San Francisco Ballet and the San Diego Symphony. The Padres are endowing her chair for \$25,000 and she is having her picture taken with the team owner and his wife.

\*BART WALLACE is happy about his daughter receiving two awards in Community Service.

\*PAUL HODGEN is happy for his coach wife and for his son their two victories for the golf team. PAUL is also happy about attending the Tuesday night WCCC School Board meeting with JUDY KAFKA. It was wonderful to see the group of parents from Peres interested in the equitable spending of the Measure M funds.

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\*JOE NUSBUAM was happy about lots of copies of the minutes.  
\*DAVID BROWN, a sad penny, for three sets of pennies, but happy about his son's admission to one of the universities in the UC system.  
\*JIM, BEAVER was so happy about DONNA HOUSER taking the minutes he gave a happy dollar and an IOU for nine more.  
\*MICHAEL READY is happy for Paul Harris' birthday.

Announcements:

Vicki Braun heads up a program for high school juniors and seniors to be aware of responsible behavior regarding drinking and driving. You can make an investment of \$20.00 to help a student win services, such as a limo for a prom. It was suggested that they should also address the issue of guns.

Program:

Chairperson of the Day was JUDY MORGAN. Looking at a timely question "Can We Pass the High School Exam?" was Sandy Price who is Vice Principal at Adult School and the Incoming

Richmond Soroptimist President. Jane Del Simone is her colleague working as a community development person. She has the opportunity to promote something wonderful through the Adult School with exciting classes to share with you. They can offer many classes at your site or have classes at Alvarado School, which is their home site. Any questions give them a call or visit their web site.

In the spirit of fun and what our young folks have to do, they administered the test to all in attendance.

Richmond Rotary Lotto:

DAVID BROWN, going after the loot of \$840, pulled a white ball. There are only three balls left.

Happily....  
Donna Houser

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2001

## Contra Costa College DR. HELEN CARR President

Our speaker this week is Dr. Helen Benjamin Carr, President, Contra Costa College since January 1998. Prior, she was Vice Chancellor, Educational Programs and Services at the Contra Costa Community College District in Martinez (1996-97) and Interim President at Los Medanos College (1995-96). Los Medanos College is a comprehensive community college enrolling 7,3100 students with staff of 96 full-time faculty, 392 part-time faculty, 96 classified staff and 18 managers and an annual college budget of \$17 million.

Dr. Carr has a B.S. English and Spanish from Bishop College; an M.Ed. in Supervision and Reading and a Ph.D. in English from the Texas Woman's University. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Bishop College and was received the Most Outstanding Graduate Student in English Award from Texas Woman's University.

Her teaching experience includes Lecturer (Chapman University), Instructor (Los Medanos College & Contra Costa College), and Teacher (Upward Bound Program, Bishop College which provided tutorial instruction in English for high school students). She was Division Chair, Communications and Humanities at Cedar Valley College, Dallas, Texas (1986-90).

Chairperson of the Day: JUDY MORGAN  
Door Duty: MICHAEL WINTER & MIKE READY

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2001

## TRAC (Trails for Richmond Action Committee)

BRUCE BEYAERT

Chairperson of the Day: JUDY MORGAN  
Door Duty: JOE BAGLEY & JONI HIRAMOTO

LAST WEEK

Recognitions by JIM BEAVER  
JONATHAN LAWLIS – Happy Anniversary  
DONNA BELL – Happy Birthday

### Happy/Sao Dollars:

DAVE NINOMIYA is happy to have presented JOE KELMAN with “flowers every month” from the auction. DONNA BELL is happy as Vice President at Mechanics Bank – Congratulations. DAVID K. – yesterday had a great day out on a Charter boat with his 12 year old nephew who caught a 48” 35 lb fish and won \$95 BIG Fish Pool. DAVE didn’t catch anything. DAVID BROWN is grateful to Board of Directors for a grant. MIKE READY is sad because it is St. Patrick’s Day tomorrow and he and his dad are eating chicken today. DAVID K. is happy that CAL will be playing again on Sunday. JOHN NICOL is happy to have skied from the top of Heavenly with his 5 & 7 year old granddaughters.

### Announcements:



GEORGE EGAN made an announcement about tickets.

Everyone will be given a phone call to remind you about your auction donations. JIM is going to make sure that everything is followed up on and that the services happen.

Time to make a presentation to those who contributed to the Paul Harris. GEORGE EGAN and CHRIS WOERZ firmly believe in the Paul Harris presentation. GEORGE received a pin for his \$2000 contribution.

Three balls in bag - \$975 today.

Yesterday at the board meeting, \$250 went to El Cerrito High Grad Nite and \$250 went to Special Olympics. In one county this year, \$13 for lunches for participants – 6500 so far. Foster Elementary School and disable people – we still have some money left.

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RICH BRANDES attended the San Jose PETS Conference and encouraged the Board to attend the April 21<sup>st</sup> Leadership Conference in Vacaville and looks forward to working with the Board.

The GSE Team is coming from Thailand. Berkeley Rotary is running the show – they need volunteers to help. BART WALLACE will coordinate this.

**Program**

DAVID BROWN introduced the speaker for today, Dr. Frederick Shaw, who conducts epidemiological investigations to discover the causes illness and death in specific, high-risk areas of developing countries. He designs projects in which local resources are used to solve problems, starts the projects, then commences to phase out his own role, while phasing in the management of the local people. He recently founded the non-profit organization, Developing Indigenous Resources, of which he is President and CEO.

**Lotto:** JUDY pulls a ticket, She pulls a white ball.

The Board of Directors has approved hiring a new scribe from Mira Vista Country Club to record the minutes for the Flywheel.

Your new scribe...  
Donna Houser



CHRIS WOERZ receiving Paul Harris Award from ERLE BROWN



GEORGE EGAN receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Harris Award From ERLE BROWN

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## TRAC

*(Trails for Richmond Action Committee)*

**BRUCE BEYAERT**

Chairperson of the Day: JUDY MORGAN

Door Duty: JOE BAGLEY & JONI HIRAMOTO

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### LAST WEEK

**Guests:** Dino DePianto, Cabinet Worker and DON HARDISON brings his son, Steve Hardison, an Architect from San Diego.

### Recognitions by JIM BEAVER:

\*TED SMITH is here because ERLE BROWN promised valet parking. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to TED SMITH. When TED comes to visit he gives to the Community Fund.

\*TOM BUTT and DON HARDISON – Birthday Boys TOM says all great architects were born on 3/23 and to reflect on that, he gave a \$100 check to the Community Fund. DON HARDISON is happy to be here another year and started up a fellowship for his son, Steve. Last January, DON celebrated 55 years in Richmond Rotary.

### Happy/Sad Dollars:

CHARLES RAMSEY is happy to give to the Carl Reh fuss fund. BART WALLACE gives thanks to the board for giving money to the Special Olympics. He also is happy to have bragging rights for son, Bret, who placed well in his recent sporting event. JOE GREEN is happy for his anniversary of 33 years. RICH ALEXANDER is happy for his anniversary and

for the Carl Reh fuss fund. CHARLES RAMSEY is happy again about the 28 Rotarians who showed up at the board meeting and the billion dollars for rebuilding of schools, as well as the Carl Reh fuss fund. RICH BRANDES was happy to have run into former member Dennis Triplett. Joe Accanero is happy to be President Elect of Sonoma Rotary Club. PRES. LESLIE LEVY is happy for brother's daughter having her first child. CHARLIE FENDER is happy that CAL got to NCAA. CHARLIE is happy for Stanford's win and here's to more grads. ERLE BROWN promised TED SMITH that if he showed up, he would have \$1 valet parking. Stanford is afraid to play CAL in rugby. CAL is that good, Stanford sucks! JIM BEAVER is thankful that DOUG STRAUS is a mighty attorney and on his side.

### Announcements:



\*ERLE BROWN had a presentation of another Paul Harris for JONI HIRAMOTO, who had contributed \$1000. With all the privileges that go along with a Paul Harris she was presented with a pin, medallion and certificate. They sentenced JONI to a lifetime of being a Paul Harris.

\*HANK COVELL announced that there is a musical production "Crazy About You" at Pinole Valley High on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Program:

Dr. Helen Carter is president of Contra Costa College, a comprehensive community college enrolling 6400 students with a staff of 106 full-time faculty, 401 part-time faculty, 1118 classified staff and 26 managers. The annual college budget is \$15.5 million.

She came to California in 1990 after living in Texas. She has been a part of making changes in what we do educationally in colleges and considers herself as a teacher. Contra Costa College is dear to her heart. About 7500 to 8000 students attend CCC per year. The annual tuition is \$330 for 12 units. Back in 1990 per unit cost was \$5 and people were complaining then. The biggest cost for any student is books. Reasons to attend CCC are:

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- \* It is YOUR local community college.
- \* Classes are smaller than those at most universities.
- \* A full curriculum of courses are available that transfer directly to UC, CSU and private colleges and universities.
- \* Coursework is rigorous and is provided by dedicated, hard working professors.
- \* A plethora of student support services are available.
- \* The cost of attending (\$11 per unit) is low compared to four-year colleges.
- \* CCC is centrally located and easy to get to.
- \* Core curriculum classes are easier to get into at CCC than at most other colleges.
- \* Classes that are equivalent to those offered at UC and CSU are offered for less money and they transfer directly.
- \* The college provides an excellent environment for learning.

**Lotto:** Now at \$1,170.00. Two balls – 1 white and 1 orange. JUDY MORGAN pulled a white ball. Next week there will be a winner!

Your new scribe, Donna Houser

The Spirit of Excellence participants at Peres School are required to do a science project. Rotary provided the display boards for the students to use. We will print some of the thank you notes in the Flywheel each week as there is room.

From Nai Charn Saechao: *I want to thank you for the pleasure of being in the Spirit of Excellence program. It is making me confident. The science project and the Who Am I speech are the hardest things I have ever had to do in my life but I know that I will make it because I am more determined than ever. I hope the Rotary Club will be in my middle school and high school.*

From Janet Patino: *Thank you for the boards that you bought for us. I am so glad and I know that everybody liked the boards and appreciates them. Everybody will have their projects finished on them.*

*Rotary Club, everybody wants to thank you for the boards. I know that you didn't have to do that, but you did. I hope you have a great time with us when you come to visit.*

*I want to tell you that you are so blessed for what you did, Rotary Club. You are a wonderful club that helps people so much. I'm glad you bought us those boards. We really needed them.*

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2001

## "Laws of Life Essay Contest"

REV. SHIELA COOK

Unity Church of Richmond

Reverend Sheila Cook, of the Unity Church of Richmond, will be our speaker on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. She will talk with us about an exciting new program for young people called Laws of Life Essay Contest. This national program is gaining a ground swell of support and encourages young people to learn about what matters most in life. The Laws of Life Essay Contest gives students the chance to reflect and write about their values, cornerstones of an effective character education.

Reverend Cook has served as pastor of the Unity Church of Richmond since 1989. She was the first female Chaplain of the Richmond Police Department. From 1993 to 1999 she served as President of the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program, a 36 year old community based non-profit made up of congregations of various denominations. Reverend Cook also served on the Richmond Economic Development Commission from 1993-1995.

We look forward to an interesting and exciting presentation from Reverend Sheila Cook. **DON'T MISS IT!!!**

Chairperson of the Day: MICHAEL FENLEY

Door Duty: CHARLES WONG &  
DIANA BECTON-SMITH

## LAST WEEK

LESLIE LEVY, current president of the Rotary Club of Richmond, called the meeting to order on a stupendous day, called upon RICHARD ALEXANDER to lead the pledge to the flag and JOE BAGLEY, prominent local businessman, for the thought for the day. JOE had a lovely thought about

fathers and daughters, which was appropriate as his daughter Lana was up visiting from San Luis Obispo.

Visitors were Jack Freethy and Jane Del Simone.

Guest was Tom Molanca with GEORGE EGAN.

## Recognitions:



Master of Recognitions MR. BEAVER started with a hello and thanks to WALTER WOLFFS, who not only was visiting, but was feeling terrific and donated \$100 just because he's got a lot of class. GLORIA JOHNSTON had a birthday for which she split \$100 between the Community Fund and the Carl Reh fuss Fund. Way to go.

JOE KELMAN and JIM BEAVER were all giddy that Opening Day is at hand. JOANNE BLUM was happy that a whole bunch of money went to Project Seed (or was that Project Need?) but not so happy that it went to Oakland. RICH BRANDES, despite having trouble with his former club presidents (what in heck did they teach him at PETS, anyway?), was nonetheless cheerful about his upcoming trip to India. JONATHAN LAWLIS, another high-end guy in the class department, had \$20 just to spend time with us (or maybe he needs to get out more often). GIUSEPPE VERDI was grateful for The Mechanics Bank's generosity and LESLIE had the poop on what DAVID K. and MIKE WINTER were really up to last week. FATHER CHRIS was also happy about Mechanics' generosity in a whole other area and he busted the recognition dope for missing his birthday not more than an hour or two after they had talked about it. DAN ERCOLINI was happy about his daughter's scholarship from the , um, Elks.

## Announcements:

\*If you've got any bright ideas about what to donate to the Cal Expo, please call LESLIE. Since it's probably Wednesday or Thursday when you're reading this and the donation was due Monday, well, call her anyway.

\*Jack Freethy and Jane Del Simone had an announcement about a trip to Washington D.C. that they're putting together. It's a Rotary Function but friend and family are welcome. Basically it's just an opportunity to tour the Capitol and have a good time. It's in October so call them up and check it out.

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\*Christmas in April is coming APRIL 28. JOE KELMAN guarantees we'll be out by 2 p.m. That's what he said.

\*LESLIE told us about a 13 year old French student who needs a family or families willing to put him up for a semester or two. This is not an official exchange program student but his family has been associated with the Rotary Exchange Program. See LESLIE.

**Program:**

TOM BUTT introduced our speaker for the day Bruce Beyaert, who heads up TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee. This group is working to complete Richmond's portion of the tremendous and ambitious project to ring the Bay with publicly accessible hiking and walking trails. Richmond has 32 miles of shoreline, more than any other city on the Bay. So far, 13 miles of Richmond's trails are complete, the rest are in segments and the challenge for TRAC is to fill them in.

Bruce took us around Richmond's horn from the Albany border, lots of marshland, to Point Isabel, with the largest off-leash dog park in the area, through Marina Bay with its Shimada Friendship Park and new Rosie the Riveter Memorial Park, to the Miller Knox Regional Shoreline, past the Ferry Point Loop Trail, through Brickyard Cove to the bottleneck at Chevron and the 580 toll plaza at the Richmond San Rafael Bridge, where they're working with Chevron and ABAG to find a route that deals with Chevron's security and safety concerns, under the bridge to Pt. Molate and up the Pt. San Pablo Peninsula. From there we head around the tip to the West County Landfill

area and Wildcat Creek, over to San Pablo Creek and then up into Pt. Pinole. OK, I'm beat.

TRAC is self-financed so they can always use a little help, especially with in-kind services such as printing.

**Lotto:** DOUG STRAUS, COME ON DOWN! DAVID BROWN was wearing the necklace of tickets but it was our boy DOUG whose number came up and took home the pot. DOUG's winning half was worth \$741.50. Next week, how DOUG's life was turned upside down by this sudden wealth and the fame it brought.

JIM BEAVER  
(aka RICHARD ALEXANDER and  
MICHAEL DOWNER's private chef)

**More thank you notes from the Spirit of Excellence participants at Peres School.**

From Juanita McClain: *Thank you for the Boards. We appreciate this. It was so nice of you to bring them. We are very grateful. Some people can't afford the boards, but you understood that. Some people would have said too bad. You didn't. You brought them at just the right time. Thank you.*

From Erin Clark: *Thank you very much for buying us the science project boards for our science project. All of the Spirit of Excellence participants are writing thank you to you guys, including women, to show our appreciation to you. Also, please keep doing what you are doing.*

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2001

## **"Richmond's Green Infrastructure"**

### **TONY NORRIS**

Tony Norris is the City of Richmond's Superintendent for Parks and Public Landscaping. He has held this position since 1996. Prior to coming to Richmond, Tony held a similar position with the City of Vallejo. He has a long and distinguished career in the field of parks and landscaping.

Tony was reared in Canada, but has spent his adult life in California. He and wife Deborah live in Napa with their two daughters, Elizabeth and Victoria.

Tony is active in several committees, which deal with landscaping. In particular, he serves as chair of the Tree Committee for Napa and is staff liaison for Richmond's Urban Forest Committee.

Chairperson of the Day: JOE GREEN

Door Duty: JOE GREEN and BOB NICCOLLS

#### **Upcoming Programs:**

April 27-Information Pending /Chrm. MICHAEL FINLEY

Door: MARKKU PELANNE & WERNER SCHWARZ

May 4 - Information Pending/Chrm. MICHAEL FINLEY

Door: PAM JONES & BART WALLACE

May 11 - *Jon Berryhill with Computer Forensics*

Chrm. JOANNE BLUM

Door: HENRY KELMAN & JOE KELMAN

May 18 - *Doug Krathwahl, San Pablo Chief of Police*

Door: DONNA BELL & MICHAEL DOWNER

May 25 - Information Pending

Door: JUDY MORGAN & BILL REID

June 1 - *Diana Corbin "Cultural Differences When Dealing with China"*, Chrm: JUDY KAFKA

Door: BARRY GORDON & OSCAR LUGO

#### **LAST WEEK:**

Past President DON LAU was fill-in-guy on a special Good Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. The pledge to the flag was followed by BART WALLACE's Thai thought for the day.

Visiting Rotarians were Don Farquharson of El Cerrito and Jules Mayer of Berkeley. MARKKU's guest was Zhi Jian Xia, the radio officer on a visiting ship.

#### **Recognitions:**

BARRY GORDON was celebrating 14 years of marriage and bliss. RALPH HILL was celebrating 26 years of the same. They both had nice donations, with RALPH's going to the Carl Rehfuess Fund, a good place to donate.


JIM BEAVER was happy to be wearing white tennis shoes like his idol, WERNER SCHWARZ. DAN ERCOLINI's kids are heading off on vacation and he's not. DONNA URIYU was really sad to hear about the NICCOLLS' impending departure, as are we all. MARKKU's son is off to Washington D.C. so MARKKU is off to the homeland for a vacation. DON LAU was happy his Chinese lessons paid off enough for him to sign the guest certificates in Chinese. We hope.

#### **Announcements:**

MIKE READY relayed that ELOF GRANBERG if on the mend but still mighty sore.

#### **Program:**

BART WALLACE introduced the GSE team from Thailand and it was a truly entertaining program. Hosted by Don Farquharson, the five-member team told us about their country. The former Siam was renamed about 60 or 70 years ago when it became democratic - Thailand means "Land of Freedom". The country is the size of Texas with 67 million people, 10 million of whom are in the highly westernized capital of Bangkok. Ninety-five percent of Thais are

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Buddhist. Because of a wise and politically savvy king, the country was never colonized, unlike its many Indochinese neighbors, and has been a model of stability in that volatile section of the world.

**Lotto:**

Goqd ol' RALPH HILL picked out a white ball and didn't get the \$110 pot but did get a free lunch.

JIM BEAVER

**Another Thank You note from a Spirit of Excellence participant at Peres School.**

From April Clark: *Thank you for accepting Peres students in the Spirit of Excellence program. Thank you for accepting us at camp and letting us experience all different and new things in camp. Last year, I thank you because some of the Peres students got to say their "Who Am I" speeches and you let us eat food. I also thank Judge Judy (meaning Diana Smith) because she brought this program to Peres Elementary School. Thank you for letting Peres students be in the program.*

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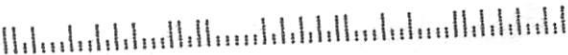
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## PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2001

### Richmond Update

DANIEL SHAW

Daniel K. Shaw is the Director of Community & Economic Development Agency for the City of Richmond. Mr. Shaw oversees the Redevelopment Agency, Planning Department, Building Regulations Department and the Port of Richmond. Mr. Shaw will be addressing the Richmond Rotary Club on the following topics:

- Major New Development Projects
- Commercial Revitalization
- Neighborhood Revitalization
- New Shoreline Development
- Historical Sites (i.e., Rosie the Riveter Home Front Park & Memorial)

Chairperson of the Day: MICHAEL FINLEY

Door Duty: MARKUU PELANNE &  
WERNER SCHWARZ

#### Upcoming Programs:

May 4 – Information Pending/Chrm. MICHAEL FINLEY  
Door: PAM JONES & BART WALLACE

May 11 – *Jon Berryhill with Computer Forensics*  
Chrm. JOANNE BLUM  
Door: HENRY KELMAN & JOE KELMAN

May 18 – *Doug Krathwahl, San Pablo Chief of Police*  
Door: DONNA BELL & MICHAEL DOWNER

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## LAST WEEK:

*Oh the day was dark and dreary  
As our president, MS LEVY  
Settled down her rowdy charges  
In their seats.*

*And the rain was strangling frogs  
As we shed our watery togs  
And settled down to lunch –  
Some kind of meat.*

*Then the pledge was led by FENDER  
And the thought from GREEN was tender.  
With words from JFK  
He was replete.*

*No visitors or guests,  
And so without a rest  
It was on to recognitions –  
BEAVER's treat.*

## Recognitions:

DAN TANITA had a birthday which he spent up in Washington where it was wet and snowy and he was pretty darn happy where – with the exception of Friday – it's downright pleasant in the Spring. DAN had a donation to his (next) Paul Harris.

## Happy & Sad \$\$\$\$:

JIM BEAVER was happy to have ELOF back and walking around and to see TOM MCGOWAN after an absence. TOM had news of his wife Shannon – the chemo is no fun whatsoever but the tests have been positive and all of us are happy to hear that and send our best wishes. DAVID K. was also happy to see ELOF but sad that his expertise on the circular saw will be missed at Christmas in April. RALPH HILL was happy to be sitting with the bulk of the distaff contingent. LESLIE was truly happy to receive word that a tree has been planted in our club's name in a lovely forest in Israel. WERNER had something to do with this.

## Announcements:

\*DAN ERCOLINI can't guarantee you'll be out by 2 p.m. but he does say that the Christmas in April house only needs painting and some electrical work. (Kinda makes you long for the days when we were doing entire kitchen rebuilds and putting in new back porches. No?) Anyway, it's NEXT SATURDAY – APRIL 28. So talk to JOE KELMAN or

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DAN if you haven't signed up already. The address is 828 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond.

\*JOE BAGLEY had a nice thank you letter from NIAD in response to our donation of \$1,000. The money was used to purchase an iMAC computer which has great graphics programs and will be a real boon to the center.

LESLIE thanked BART WALLACE for all his help with the GSE team.

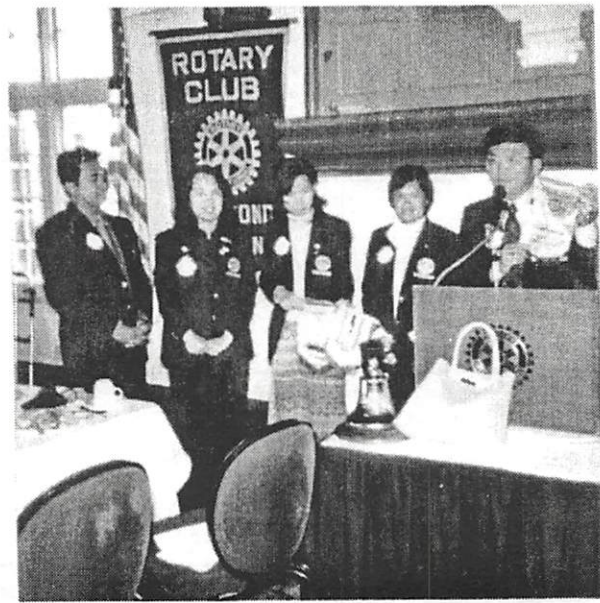
**Program:**

JOE GREEN introduced our speaker, Tony Norris, the superintendent of Richmond's Parks and Public Landscaping. Tony talked about the City's "green infrastructure", the parks and open spaces that lend a little peace and tranquility to the urban environment. Despite cutbacks in staff – post Prop. 13 - and an increase in the amount of land his department is responsible for, Tony believes the green infrastructure continues to provide benefits, monetary, aesthetic and environmental, to the community. Tree canopies help filter CO2 from the air and root systems filter materials in the soil. One of the biggest responsibilities his department has is weed control and he works with the fire department to help keep weeds and their fire potential under control.

**Lotto:** DAVID K. found a white ball and a free lunch. The pot was up to \$146. STRAUS scoffed.

P.S. The shadow knows whose telephone went off in the middle of Tony's talk, R.A. Discipline will be swift.

\* JIM BEAVER \*



The GSE Team from Thailand

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2001

## COMPUTER FORENSICS JON BERRYHILL

Jon Berryhill holds a B.S. in Engineering Computer Science from Laznar University in Beaumont, Texas. He has extensive DOS and Windows experience dating back to the original releases of both operating systems. He has been working in and around the computer industry since 1983. As an officer in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, Office of Special Investigations, he is a federal agent with formal training in computer security, data recovery, evidence handling and computer crime investigation. Jon was on active duty with the AFOSI until October '95. Since then he has continued with AFOSI as a member of the Air Force Reserve.

While with AFOSI Jon has worked as both the lead investigative agent and in support roles in a wide variety of cases including fraud, homicide, theft, drugs, child pornography and counter intelligence. He has experience testifying in military, federal and state courts. Jon has provided expert testimony in and been certified by California courts as an expert in the field of computer crime.

In addition to forensics media analysis and consulting, Jon is an instructor for the California Department of Justice - Advanced Training Center specializing in computer crime. He is working closely with them to develop POST certified courses for California peace officers.

In addition to his other activities, Jon has also provided computer evidence seizure training to local police. Following guest lectures at the California State University, Sacramento, Jon has been named to the rolls of the Criminal Justice Scholastic Speaker's Bureau as a preferred member.

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### LAST WEEK:

Incoming President RICH BRANDES was sub-guy as LESLIE was at the District Conference. He made a strong move to STONEY for the pledge but almost was in trouble when MICHAEL FENLEY nearly fumbled the thought. But a brilliant recovery by FENLEY saved the day. BRANDES, a first round draft pick, may yet turn out to be a good selection by the Club and perhaps even an impact player.

### Recognitions & Happy \$\$\$\$

JOHN NICOL was happy and lucky to be celebrating another anniversary with the charming Felicia. He had a nice donation to this son's Paul Harris. JOE KELMAN was happy that the Dodgers are in first. The Scribe matched it - we're both enjoying it while we can. FATHER CHRIS was happy about the good work and great time that took place at Christmas in April. JOE GREEN joined the crew at Peres School where the ecology garden was being created; he ponied up some extra for making the news. DON LAU was sad he missed Christmas in April but happy after a visit to Hawaii where his dad is doing well - and driving again - after suffering a stroke. JONI HIRAMOTO was also sad to miss Christmas in April but happy she got to spend some time in D.C. STONEY was happy to have spent some time in Hawaii where he didn't run over and happy about his new joint in Vallejo - go up and get a burger, tell them STONEY sent you and they'll supersize the check. ERLE BROWN was happy that the Blues are in hot pursuit of a national title in Rugby. MICHAEL FENLEY was happy that his daughter's soccer team is tearing up the league and

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subdued about their beating of JONATHAN LAWLIS' daughter's team. JONATHAN was thankful they didn't run up the score. MEDLOCK was sorry he missed Christmas in April but he was otherwise engaged. OSCAR LUGO's daughter is not only sporting a 3.8 GPA but was just voted homecoming queen, following in her mother's footsteps. OSCAR lights lots of candles at church. JIM BEAVER's son Chris was the only freshman on his school's record setting 1600-meter relay team. JIM, who has yet to finish the 800 meter race he started in 1967, was truly proud.

Announcements:

- \*Christmas in April was its usual rousing success. Thanks this year to main man JOE KELMAN who if not for his usual long-windedness would have actually made the 2 p.m. deadline. Thanks also to DAVID K for handling the administrative chores and JOE BAGLEY for being a nag. Great job everyone. Oh yeah, FATHER CHRIS brought an exemplary group of kids from Salesian who added to everyone's enjoyment and were great workers.
- \*RICH thinks it's not too early to start thinking about next year's District Conference in Ashland, OR. Typical rookie mistake.
- \*JOHN NICOL spent some time trying to figure out where he's going to be or where he was or something.
- \*The Russian dentists are coming! The Russian dentists are coming! We need someone to coordinate the home hosting duties. It happens next February, 2002.

\*Cal expo is coming up in August. It's at the Sacramento Fairgrounds and aside from actually being fun, it's the biggest fundraiser for the District and benefits all the clubs.

Program:

FENLEY introduced D'Marco Farr and those of you who weren't there missed a great program. D'Marco is a warm, funny, intelligent and gifted speaker who just happened to win a championship in high school here in Richmond, a national title while at Washington and a Super Bowl with the St. Louis Rams. He's working out with the Raiders and hopes to sign with them soon. His brother and agent, Andre, is working out the details with the Raiders. He had some great stories about the Rams' miracle year as well as about the inside stuff on playing in the NFL. D'Marco has also started the Farr Family Foundation which does tremendous work in the community and which he hopes to bring back home to Richmond if he plays for the Raiders. The work he does with his Foundation as well as with other organizations and on his own is truly amazing and impressive. This guy is the genuine article and it would be tremendous if he can play again in the Bay Area.

Da Scribe,  
  
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## CHIEF DOUGLAS D. KRATHWOHL SAN PABLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our speaker this week is Douglas D. Krathwohl, Chief of the San Pablo Police Department whose professional history includes over thirty-four years of progressively demanding law enforcement experience, in a variety of assignments and at each available rank, in culturally diverse and challenging jurisdictions.

He has been Chief of the San Pablo Police Department since 1990, which is a densely populated low income city of 30,000, during a period of diminishing resources and escalating service demands. Increased efficiency and staff development have resulted in a sustained exceptional homicide and violent crime clearance rate averaging 96% over the past eleven years and often exceeding 100% based on outside or old cases resolved. The Department currently handles 50,000 incidents per year, which is more than twice the workload it had in 1990 with the same number of sworn officers.

Chief Krathwohl previously served as Chief of the Arcata California Police Department, retired at the rank of Captain with the Oakland Police Department after twenty years of service and was appointed as the first commander of the Alameda County Narcotic Task Force by the members of the countywide Chiefs of Police Association.

He served as Chairman of the Contra Costa Chiefs Association in 1997 and is now currently its senior Police Chief member. He is currently Chairman of the West County Chiefs Committee, which is directly responsible for the direction and supervisor of West-Net.

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 25 - *Chizu Iiyama, "Internment Camps"*

Chrm. JUDY KAFKA

Door: JUDY MORGAN & BILL REID

June 1 - *Diana Corbin "Cultural Aspects Dealing With China"*, Chrm. JUDY KAFKA,

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### LAST WEEK:

The group was rounded up in the small room as President LESLIE called us to order with the ringing of the bell. Our very own #1 secretary JOSEPH NUSBAUM led us in the pledge with JOANNE BLUM following up with a "Confucius Thought for the Day". Once again Neil Wells joined us as the only visiting Rotarian while DAVID "Lau Boy" BROWN brought guest Joe Thomas.

### Recognitions & Happy \$\$\$\$

With the tag team of DOUG & JIM (lawyers always want their name first) not available, our PRES. LESLIE did the honors. JOANNE BLUM happy for happy birthday to guest speaker Jon **\*\*FLASH\*\*** Big ERLE BROWN happy again about some game CAL plays called Rugby and eleven straight wins blablabla-blabla **\*\*FLASH\*\*** PAUL HODGEN had a happy \$5 for all the Mothers in the room **\*\*FLASH\*\*** JUDY, or do you say JUDITH, KAFKA sad because she just came back from Italy and happy because she just came back from Italy **\*\*FLASH\*\*** DAVID NINOMIYA a happy \$5 for the five people who watch Rugby **\*\*FLASH\*\*** TOM BUTT is happy about his son getting married.

**\*\*FLASH\*\*** Last, but not least, PRESIDENT LESLIE had Ten Happy Ones for PAM JONES for the great job she did at the District Conference. Our club was one of the five clubs in the District chosen by our District Governor to speak at the conference. PAM spoke about our Peres School Project and showed her "High Tee" slide show of the students and club members in action. LESLIE also thanked a local

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business for some signage that was used at the conference showing what we have done so far with Peres School. She went on to give us an update on the Conference and what a good time it was. Thank you PRES. LESLIE and DIRECTOR PAM for representing our Club.

**Announcements:**  
NONE! We had a ten minute break to chew the fat with one another.

**Program:**  
Chairperson JOANNE BLUM introduced Jon (now good friend with fellow Texan HERB COLE) Berryhill. If you think you know a lot about computers, this guy knows way more. He is the modern-day Sherlock Holmes working in computer forensics. From the get-go, he always treats the case as if it was going to court, hopefully it won't. On a past case, he was hired by a local P.D. to investigate the hiring of a "hit-man" over the internet. Through a chat room an individual began corresponding with another person to arrange to have his former girlfriend's boyfriend knocked off. Kinda like they do in Chicago. Fortunately, the hit never took place. Jon researched this guy's computer and found enough evidence to nail this guy.

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Another great meeting! It would be nice to see more Rotarians and Guests.

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Temporary Scribe,  
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DIANA CORBIN

Associate

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Our speaker this week is Diana Corbin, Associate, Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich LLP where her practice group is Corporate & Securities. Her areas of special expertise include Venture Capital and Private Equity Financings, Emerging Company Work and Mergers and Acquisitions.

Diana graduated from Cornell Law School in 1998 and received her B.A. from U.C. Santa Cruz majoring in Literature and Economics. She spent one academic year of study at Peking University, Beijing, China.

Diana was admitted to the Bar of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1998; she is very proficient in Spanish and Mandarin; she taught English while in China (1991-92); and joined the delegation to Richmond's sister-city Zhoushan, China (1994-98).

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### **Several Guests:**

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### **BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The reason the two new JOEs were capitalized up there is because they were both welcomed into the club as new members with BAGLEY & BROWN doing the honors. Congratulations and welcome aboard – blue badges await you.



Get your roster changes into JOE NUSBAUM, it's that time of year again. If you're especially fond of your picture, you can just leave it alone or maybe get a new one.

This was BOB NICCOLLS's last meeting as a club member. Boise is getting a good Rotarian. BOB had some happy and sad dollars for the occasion.

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After college, D'Marco joined the St. Louis Rams. In 1999, after his first Pro-Bowl appearance, D'Marco helped his team to a dramatic rags-to-riches season, which ended in the most suspenseful Super Bowl Victory in history. D'Marco is looking forward to helping his team regain return to the Super Bowl this year.

D'Marco is also very committed to giving back to his communities. Along with other St. Louis Ram defensive linemen, The "Rushmen" are attempting to "Sack the Homelessness" with over \$150,000 in performance donations. He serves on the Board of Directors and is spokesman for Aim High, an academic and cultural enrichment program in St. Louis. D'Marco serves as a United Way Spokesman and is a founding participant of Blanket Blitz, a blanket drive with KSD radio and The American Red Cross.

In 1999, D'Marco founded the Farr Family Foundation, which supports faith based organizations and creates opportunities for low-income families. The foundation has donated over \$80,000 to various organizations, including his high school alma mater, Kennedy High. D'Marco will also return this summer to host a football camp for area high school players.

D'Marco and his wife Cynthia reside with their children (son Grant and daughter Trinity in Wildwood, MO). He will talk to our club about his Super Bowl and Pro Bowl experiences, his high school experience at Kennedy and his Farr Family Foundation.

Chairperson of the Day: MICHAEL FINLEY

Door Duty: PAM JONES & BART WALLACE

### Upcoming Programs:

May 11 - *Jon Berryhill with Computer Forensics*

Chrm. JOANNE BLUM

Door: HENRY KELMAN & JOE KELMAN

May 18 - *Doug Krathwahl, San Pablo Chief of Police*

Door: DONNA BELL & MICHAEL DOWNER

May 25 - Information Pending

Door: JUDY MORGAN & BILL REID

June 1 - *Diana Corbin "Cultural Differences When Dealing with China"*, Chrm. JUDY KAFKA,

Door: BARRY GORDON & OSCAR LUGO

### LAST WEEK:

DAN ERCOLINI led the pledge to the flag and MICHAEL FENLEY had a thought from Martin Luther King Jr. TED SMITH tried to pass himself off as a visiting Rotarian. Our guests included Jeanne PARTRIDGE who was with REN. DAN ERCOLINI brought Joe Thomas and Fire Chief Joe Robinson was with MR. BAGLEY.

### Recognitions:

CHARLES RAMSEY was celebrating a birthday and a belated anniversary and had a donation to his daughter Adrienne's Paul Harris.

Happy \$\$\$ started with REN who was happy because Jeanne's birthday was at hand. ERCOLINI was pleased that softball season is underway. CHARLES was happy about Rotary's relationship with Peres

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School and about the School District generally. PAUL HODGEN was proud of his wife and son's accomplishments on their golf team. ERLE was secretly happy to see TED and TED was happy for Jeanne Partridge's birthday – they go way back. WERNER owned up to being late for door duty – good man – and was happy to be bringing back flags from his world travels, including Israel and Tracy.

Announcements:

Can't wait to hear how Christmas in April went. JOE KELMAN was still mostly promising to meet his 2 p.m. deadline but needed to shore up workers to make it happen. JOE BAGLEY said it really is a great time and you ought to try and come out – all of which is true if you're not a house captain. Some other folks were going to be at Peres School Saturday planting an ecological garden.

Program:

MICHAEL FENLEY introduced Dan Shaw of the City's Community and Economic Development Dept. They oversee Redevelopment, Planning, Housing and the Port Authority – about 3,700 acres of land in all. Projects the department is working include Marina Bay, the West Shore Commercial, Shoreline Park, North Shore Development (The Village at Marina Bay Center, retail, commercial and a Marriott Hotel), Rosie te Riveter Park, the Marina Center which will bring in

600-800 jobs, the new Calif. Dept. of Health Services building which will eventually have about 2,000 employees, the Ford Building and numerous other projects and developments. One of the biggest ongoing projects will be development along the Richmond Parkway. Approximately 2 million square feet of office and flex space are planned for that area.

Lotto: CHARLIE FENDER picked a white ball and missed out on the \$178 in the pot. Have a nice day.

Da Scribe  
JIM BEAVER

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## Information Pending

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Door Duty: BARRY GORDON & OSCAR LUGO

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR JUNE:

Pending

### LAST WEEK

On this foggy/wintry day up on the hill, PRESIDENT LESLIE called upon CHARLIE WONG to lead us in the pledge to the flag in which it was nowhere to be found. What a shocker! Without skipping a beat CHARLIE instantly led us all by singing God Bless America. Sweet JUDY KAFKA had a sweet thought for the day.

**Visiting Rotarians:** John (not Bill) Clinton from across the Bay, Rick Betts of Berkeley and Eduardo Marco visiting us from Mexico. There were no Rotarians with guests.

### Recognitions:

Big DOUG STRAUS first called upon big MICHAEL FENLEY for his anniversary of his birth in which MICHAEL generously donated funds. DAVID (Darn Good Roses) NINOMIYA celebrated 28 years of marriage with Janet and donated to her Paul Harris. Next up was RALPH HILL who celebrated his birthday with funds going to our Carl Reh fuss endowment and apologized for not being at the meeting last week. Apparently he had an appointment @ Ricky's Sports Bar. Last, but not least, was Dr. HERB COLE with another generous donation in honor of 37 years of marriage with Norma.

### Happy Bucks:

Dr. DON MILLER was AWOL and happy to be back \*\*\* DAN ERCOLINI happy for the awards his daughter won and that his knee operation went well. He was last seen



smiling and kicking the soccer ball leaving the meeting \*\*\* Immediate Past President DON (our Hawaiian connection) LAU reminded us that on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, the YMCA will be honoring our very own DAVID CALFEE as the Breen Humanitarian of the Year at the Richmond Country Club. Congratulations DAVID from all of us!! \*\*\* JONATHAN LAWLIS happy that his daughter won a music scholarship this summer at the UOP \*\*\* JUDY KAFKA happy to finally see someone with “guts” in Washington. I think she was talking about the dude switching parties \*\*\* Car man JOHN NICOL informed us that he won't be at our next meeting and that he's heading to the Rose Garden in Washington, DC, to attend a ceremony honoring Charles (Peanuts) Schulz. JOHN's son, who knew Charles, was invited so he asked dad to come along.

### Announcements:

PAM JONES and committee are putting the final touches on the “High Rollers Fundraiser” for Peres School which will be held on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at the East Brothers Lighthouse. The funds raised will be used to purchase new computers for the classrooms in which they are desperately needed \*\*\* DAVID BROWN proposed a challenge for all attorneys in the club towards this project. For each attorney in the club to donate a minimum of \$25 per attorney from their office. DAVID's office, the largest, as he says in El Cerrito, has four so he'll kick in \$100. PRES. LESLIE and PAM made their pledge while DOUG who has fifty-four in his offices was quietly adding up his numbers and agreed to match DAVID's \$100. We know that there are more of you out there so please contact either DAVID or PAM so that they won't have to call you \*\*\* PRES. LESLIE informed us that a 13 year old exchange student from France is planning on coming to Richmond. Plans are being made for his schooling, possibly at Salesian High School, and he will also need housing. His name is Maxian Lecoq and he is a Harry Potter look alike. If there is anyone that can help out, please call LESLIE ASAP.

### Program:

After chairperson JUDY KAFKA informed us that a quarter of the world's population lives in China, she introduced our guest speaker Diana Corbin. If that name sounds familiar, it should. Diana is our mayor's daughter. Diana's talk was mainly on her experiences in China where she spent her junior year of college studying at Beijing University (BU). It was a major culture shock at first and took time to understand the people and lifestyles. She found that family units were most important to the Chinese. On the grounds of the BU where China's top elite students go to study, was a large beautiful lake. On hot nights students would go down to the lake where there would be a mixed gathering of students

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from all over the world. The one international language they all spoke was my favorite, "Beatle Songs". They all sat around singing into the evening. Throughout the campus were large speakers mounted on the buildings that were used to wake students up for their morning exercises and announcements. The time Diana was there was 1991. She was part of the very first group of outsiders that was allowed into BU right after the pro-democracy student demonstrations at Tianamen Square which was on campus grounds. One morning after a night of singing by the lake, the speakers blared out that there will be No More Singing! If you were part of a close knit group of friends or family, they would do just about anything for you. You are expected to take care of your parents and when you are married, you live with either your or your spouse's parents. Can you imagine? John Lennon would. When she was here, there was no begging on the streets. The Chinese people do not give out their money. Since then, the begging is common due to the part that many people are coming into the big cities from the poverty stricken countryside, hoping to find a better lifestyle only adding to the scores of people in the cities. One occupation that makes a good deal of money are taxi cab drivers. The Chinese language is very difficult to translate. For example, Coca Cola means "Bite the wax tadpole". On a final note, China is becoming more westernized. They have their first McDonald's but it's not STONY's. Another good meeting.

With \$239 of Richmond Rotarians' money in the pot, visiting Rotarian Rick Betts' name was pulled and he picked out a very nice white ball. Thanks Rick!

Your little BEAVER helper,  
SIGN BOY

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Peres Elementary School  
715 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Richmond, CA 94802

May 23, 2001

Dear Mrs. Kafka, Pamela Jones & Rotary Club Members:

On behalf of the staff, students and parents of Peres School, I want to thank you for the support that you have extended to Peres Elementary School. The overwhelming support that you gave to our "Bedtime Story Hour" for two consecutive years and other reading incentive programs was heart-warming.

I am writing this personal letter of thanks because I will retire at the end of this school term. I wanted to express my personal thanks to you and a request that you continue to support Peres School in the spirit in which you have done in the past.

Thanks again for your wonderful spirit of support and cooperation. I am sure the administrative staff and faculty certainly look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Reeves  
Facilitator of SFA READING PROGRAM  
Coordinator of Special Reading Incentive Programs

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## Group Study Team from Thailand:

WIRUCH NITTERANON  
Manager, Material & Warehouse Department  
Viscose Staple Fibre

PRATUENG RUNGROTE  
English Teacher

PATCHARAPORN PARRYAWUTHIKRAI  
(nickname “Apple”)  
Pharmacist

JUNPHAN JUNTANA  
Public Relations

THANAT SHOTLADD  
Flight Attendant

Chairperson of the Day: BART WALLACE  
Door Duty: JOE NUSBAUM and JIM BEAVER

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## LAST WEEK

PRESIDENT LESLIE welcomed her troops to their friendly environs on a rainy Friday with a pledge to the flag and a thought for the day from MICHAEL FINLEY who was quoting that sage of the ages Casey Stengel. Our visiting Rotarians included Marvin Ray from Oakland #3 and DAVID BROWN brought a guest, Joe Thomas.

## Recognitions:

PAUL HODGEN turned 46 and had a check toward his Paul Harris. JUDY MORGAN turned something like 46 and had a check for the community fund. JOE GREEN turned something like 56 and was quoting that other horsehide sage, Satchel Paige, to the effect that one needs to consider how old one would be if one didn't know one's age.

HANK COVELL was truly happy that the new Pinole Valley High foundation for the arts raised \$16,670 at a single blockbuster event, the presentation of “Crazy for You”, a success by any measure. FATHER CHRIS was thankful for the three shameless Rotary hams who helped out with Salesian High's fundraiser. BOB NICCOLLS was happy that his house should sell quickly, the bad news is that once that is accomplished BOB and LaVonne expect to be moving to Boise, Idaho and the community will lose two of its most outstanding representatives and public servants.

JONATHAN LAWLIS was happy that his daughter Alyssa was 12 and they were headed to the A's game. GEORGE EGAN had a good time at Giants opening day thanks to the Christmas auction. BUD MARTIN was happy to be back from the deserts of the Southland. And finally, LESLIE was happy for her son's accomplishments. A good day.

## Announcements:

JOE KELMAN is sticking by his story that we're going to be out of the Christmas in April house by 2 p.m. It's April 28 and he can still use available hands. Worth it to sign up just so you can dawdle and push the 2 p.m. thing.

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JOHN MEDLOCK is encouraging attendance at the May 18 annual Education Fund Banquet. Tickets will be available soon from JOHN and others. Call JOHN at 559-7218 for tickets and info. Richmond Rotarians have always helped support this worthwhile event, which celebrates good teachers and raises funds for scholarships.

DAVID K. had a card for ELOF GRANBERG who cracked his hip recently but through the miracle of modern medicine was home in a couple of days. A quick and happy healing up, ELOF.

**Program:**

MICHAEL FINLEY introduced our speaker, the Rev. Sheila Cook, whose topic was the “Laws of Life” essay contest in which students are encouraged to reflect on those principles, which seem most important to them and the conduct of their lives. The contest was started in 1987 for high school students in the Midwest. It has grown to be a nationwide phenomenon and is filtering down to middle school students as well. Students who have participated seem to think it was a great idea and a chance to learn about themselves and what’s important to them. One called it a “character education”. Rev. Cook said she will be discussing the contest with the school district and will eventually be looking for volunteers – especially essay readers and judges – and donations. And eventually, she expects to come back to Rotary for support.

**Lotto:**

Despite a groundswell of support for DAVID BROWN – he of last week’s necklace of tickets – DAN READY got to draw...a white ball. The pot has started over at \$84.

JIM BEAVER

**More thank you notes from the Spirit of Excellence participants at Peres School.**

From Meury Choy Saechao: *Thank you for the boards for our science project. I really needed the board. I couldn't get a board because I couldn't get to Staples. I didn't know how much you cared about us. Thanks for caring for us.*

From Jasmine Miller: *Thank all of you for the boards for our projects. I think that was very nice of all of you. You didn't have to do it but all of you did and I just want to thank all of you.*

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**Door Duty:** DAVID KUCHENTHAL and  
JOE THOMAS

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2001

**Information Pending**

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**Door Duty:** HERB COLE and GLORIA JOHNSTON

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2001

**"Demotion"**



Chairperson for the Day: DON LAU

**Door Duty:** DAVID BROWN and DOUG STRAUS

**LAST WEEK:**

President LESLIE turned to GLORIA JOHNSTON to lead the pledge and she took us all back to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade when she started with, "Ready, begin..." a wonderful moment. The Scribe followed with some thoughts for the day.

Visitors included John Clinton and the popular Eduardo. Guests included Betty CALFEE who was here with DAVE, who was in town after being feted by the YMCA the previous evening. GLORIA brought Tom Schneider who is with the Boy Scouts. GEORGE EGAN brought Robin Hall who is his new best friend.

**Recognitions:**

DAN ERCOLINI celebrated a birthday a while back and had a nice donation for his Paul Harris.

**Happy \$\$\$\$\$:**

GEORGE had a \$100 happy dollars(!) for his company's partnership with MetLife (Robin Hall's company). GLORIA had a nice trip with her mother and is happy to be back. JOANNE was happy because she was about to locate the person she was looking for. TED ABREU was happy to be back from surgery. HANK COVELL was happy that he survived his 34<sup>th</sup> Bay to Breakers. DOUG STRAUS was happy to see his club sponsor DAVE. LESLIE was happy to see DAVE too. And JOE THOMAS was happy to be the new guy.

**Announcements:**

GEORGE was all over Rotary Fun Day up at CalExpo. He had tickets in people's pockets before they knew what happened. Lots of fun prizes from great trips to all kinds of golf outings. You don't have to be there to win. More tickets from GEORGE.

ELOF gave a great and grand tour of his experiences during and after the D-Day invasion. He was truly in the thick of the fighting and was wounded near Calais. A well-deserved standing O followed.

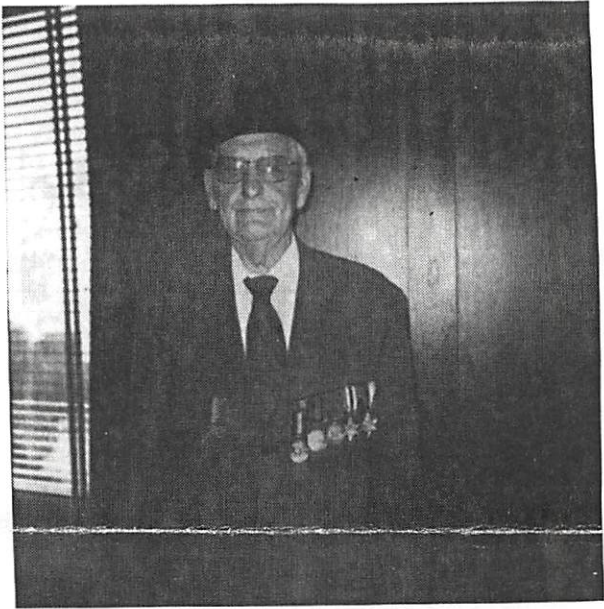
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Program:

Our speaker for the day was Carol Towanick, the director of the J.C. Robinson Regional Cancer Center at Doctors Medical Center San Pablo. She said that Tenet, which manages the Medical center, has put \$8 million into the Cancer Center over the past four years. The Cancer Center provides services and treatment that are on a par with well-known university medical centers. They offer radiation oncology, chemotherapy, gynecological oncology and a state-of-the-art Breast Care Center.

Carol said the key to cancer treatment and prevention is screening and early detection. Breast cancer caught in the early stages is cured 97 percent of the time. They have also made a commitment that if the Cancer Center detects a cancer in a person who is uninsured and unable to pay for their treatment, that Tenet will provide those services at no charge.



Our hero – ELOF GRANBERG  
of the Regina Regiment

ERCOLINI picked a white one.

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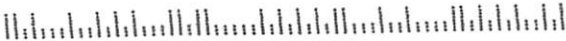


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Richmond Rotary Flywheel  
June 15, 2001

## Greetings Fellow Rotarians

Richmond Rotary Flywheel on the Fly has resumed semi-regular service with intermittent stops for parts replacement and pilot refueling. More pilots will be behind the wheel during the next year.

Your scribe was called to duty on June 15th a few minutes into the meeting so the opening part of this report could be somewhat scrambled. Corrections, amendments or additions will be made accordingly.

President Leslie Levy gonged another meeting of the friendly Richmond Rotary to order at the Mira Vista Country Club. Richard Alexander's thought for the day from anonymous was, "Be sad that it happened but glad that it is over". Richard assured us that this axiom does not always apply to his efforts.

**Recognitions:** Doug Straus served as recognitions presenter. Joe Nusbaum celebrated his 78th birthday. Judy Kafka is now able to take advantage of more senior citizen deals. Maarku Pelanne celebrated another birthday which included receiving news of his son's crashed car. We thank Maarku for sharing. Congratulations to Janet Blum on her 42nd wedding anniversary.

**Happy/Sad Dollars:** Doug Straus continuuuuuues. Barry Gordon is happy because his nephew has been accepted to the Coast Guard Academy. Rich Brandes was happy because someone other than himself mentioned something to do with the Coast Guard. John Lawlis had happy dollars to recognize some of his outstanding employees. Joe Green is pleased that the Main Library has reopened after a 3 1/2 month closure. Joe Kelman's daughter graduated 8th grade. She did that with honors! Don Lau's daughter graduated high school. Congratulation to Doug Straus' older daughter's graduation from kindergarten.


**Announcements:** George Egan is Richmond Rotary's contact for our club's participation in the District's pro-

gram at CalExpo scheduled for August in Sacramento. Anyone who would like to take part in the program should contact George as soon as possible.

John Nicol had a wonderful time in Washington, D. C. observing honors bestowed upon Charles Schulz. John let us know that he did not go to the Rose Garden but rather the Capital. His visit to the Capital was memorable and enjoyable because of the sense of calm that it gave to him. We enjoyed seeing the program that John brought from the proceedings.

Some of you will see this report after the event. Nevertheless, all of us were duly impressed last Friday by Pam (Velvet Hammer). Jones. Pam demonstrated, in her friendly persistent way, how to get blood from a turnip in the first annual meeting of the Richmond Rotary Tightwad Club. The purpose of the club is to raise funds for the Peres School and participation in the Club's Highrollers Program. The President of the Club was Henry Kelman who was secretly elected. To keep his high office he demonstrated his leadership by donating \$750 as a challenge grant to other Rotarians. Club members John Lawlis, Stoney Stonework, Dan Tanita, Dan Ercoline and Erle Brown then matched Henry's donation. The generosity of these folks somewhat belies the title of the Tightwad Club! By the way, Werner Schwarz has been nominated for Tightwad Club Presidency for 2002.

**Who Am I.** "Janet Blum was born at an early age in Pittsburgh. She is the child of a mixed marriage-one man and one woman." So began Janet Blum's "who am I". She has a B. A. from Brandeis University (first graduating class) and a M.A. from Harvard. She has had a wide variety of interesting experiences in the business world. For the past 12 years, she has headed Project Seed. She and her husband of 42 years, Arthur, have three grown daughters. The oldest teaches philosophy and has two children. The second teaches dance and has three children. The youngest is in the computer business. She has one child. Clearly, her proudest role is as parent and grandparent. Thank you and congratulations to Janet.

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**Program:** Richard Alexander introduced Tom Schneider who is Regional Director of the Mt. Diablo/Silverado Boy Scouts of America. Tom stated that the ongoing responsibility of the Boy Scouts of America is to help boys become men and leaders. He stated that the organization continues to receive significant response to its programs. He pointed out that that the Mt. Diablo district involves 500 adults and 22,000 scouts. The organization has grown from 15,000 to 22,000 in the past five years. In addition to various troops in the district, Boy Scout Camp Hermes provides a respite from urban difficulties for a significant number of young people in the Bay Area. Tom and engaged in an interesting dialogue with several Rotarians on the issue of the BSA's policy concerning gays in the Boy scouts.

**Richmond Rotary Lotto:** Henry kelman drew a white ball and went home with one lunch ticket for his efforts.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Giuseppe Verdi.

Rotary Flywheel  
Program June 23, 2001  
County Supervisor John Gioia  
Program June 30, 2001  
*Presidential demotion*  
**District One Supervisor**  
**John Gioia Biography**

John Gioia is Vice-Chair of the Contra Costa County Board of supervisors. He was elected in June 1998 and represents the communities of El cerrito, Richmond, El Sobrante, Kensington, San Pablo, North Richmond, East Richmond Heights and Rollingwood.

John is Chair of the Board's Internal operations Committee and also serves on the Board's Water, Transportation and Infrastructure committee, the Contra Costa Children and Families First Commission, and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority. John is also a member of numerous regional commissions including the san Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board, the California State Association of Counties Board of Directors, and the Bay Area Regional Agencies' Smart Growth Strategy Committee.

John graduated from El Cerrito High school and the University of California, Berkeley with a B.A. with highest honors in Political science and earned his law degree from Boalt Hall School of Law at U.C. Berkeley.

John also served on the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Board of directors from 1989 to 1998 and served as President of EBMUD in 1995 and 1996.

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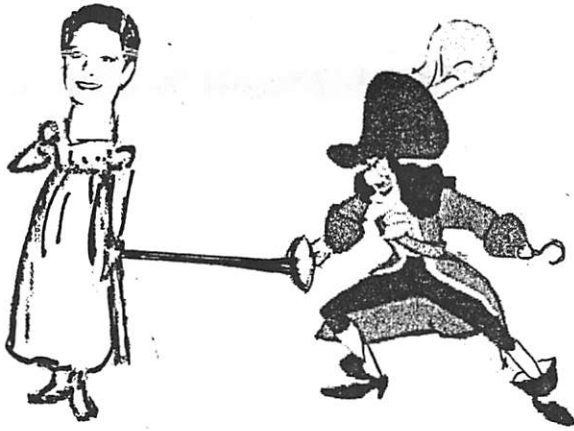
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2001

## "Demotion"



"PRES. LESLIE WALKS THE PLANK"

DON'T MISS THE FUN!

Chairperson for the Day: DON LAU

Door Duty: DAVID BROWN and DOUG STRAUS

### LAST WEEK:

Looking more and more relieved and carefree, PRESIDENT LESLIE turned the pledge over to ol' DON LAU and the thought to JUDY KAFKA. JOHN NICOL brought Martino, the owner of La Strada, as his guest and JOE ROBINSON brought his wife Marie.

### Recognitions:

A couple of members who really know how to keep it together were celebrating wedding anniversaries. CHARLIE WONG was celebrating 52 years with Jean and DON HARDISON was celebrating 59 years with Betty. They each were happy to make donations to honor their good fortune.

### Happy \$\$\$\$\$

LESLIE was happy that she WOULD have been celebrating her 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary but didn't have to. DAN SANDERS' son is headed to UCLA. JIM BEAVER was happy that a couple of rescuers stepped in last week on the Flywheel and recognitions. JOHN MEDLOCK had some sad dollars on behalf of Shawn Jones, the little Richmond boy who was attacked by pitbulls. JOHN asked that club members consider a donation to Shawn's fund at the Mechanics Bank on Macdonald.



### Announcements

\*LESLIE said the club is looking into a donation on Shawn's behalf as well. We're just looking into the best way to handle it.

\*The Peres School fundraiser was a smash at the East Brother Light Station. A perfect warm and balmy day on the Bay and on the island and a great time was had by all.

\*DONNA BELL had an optimistic treasurer's report. There is \$6,112 in the general fund; \$3,187 in the Scholarship Fund; and \$24,319 in the Carl Rehffuss Fund.

\*Don't forget that attendance at any Rotary function counts as an attendance at a meeting so let JOE

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NUSBAUM know if you've attended events such as the Peres school thing.

\*DAVE BROWN did such a great job as membership chairman – he brought in the most new members – that he had a conflict of interest and couldn't get the free lunches. Remember, DAVID, no good deed goes unpunished.

\*GEORGE EGAN is still collecting on all those raffle tickets for Rotary Fun Day that he handed out. Great prizes and you don't have to be there to win.

\*HENRY KELMAN entertained us with his interpretation of a \$750 donation to Peres School. His brother and DAN ERCOLINI appeared to be involved but it was hard to tell what in the heck they were all going on about. Think about it this way, who needs the money more – you or the kids.

**Program**

Supervisor John Gioia was our speaker and he started off with an update on the dog mauling. At this time only misdemeanor charges can be filed against the owner of the dogs.

The energy crisis and the way it has drained the State's budget surplus has thrown the county's budget planning process for a loop – they're having to wait and see what the final impact will be on the funding the county receives from the state. Of the county's overall budget, one half goes to health services and another one-quarter goes to social services.

John strongly supports the county's efforts in after-school programs. School kids are most at risk between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. After school programs can give them other, more positive things to do.

He also had some interesting things to say about the San Francisco Airport runway expansion. There's some thinking about a BART-type tube connecting SF and Oakland airports.

DON MILLER got a white ball and lunch.

*El Scriberini*

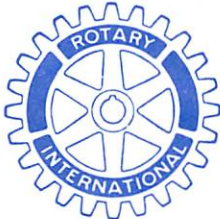
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## *"Rotary Fun Day"*

JIM CAMBIER

Chairman of the Day: GEORGE EGAN

**Door Duty:** TED ABREU and  
CHARLIE WONG

### LAST WEEK

PRESIDENT LESLIE was unusually chipper last Friday. She turned to WERNER for the pledge and DON LAU blew off the thought for the day. CHARLIE FENDER brought Clavel and JOE ROBINSON brought Marie.

### Announcements

GEORGE EGAN's not going to let you forget about Rotary Fun Day up in Sacto on August 19 and he's still looking for folks to turn in their tickets for all those great raffle prizes.

DAVID BROWN was passing around the e-mail list – if you need to update your address, let him know. Also you need to sign up for a committee for the upcoming year.

### Program

LESLIE thanked everyone who's helped her out this year and, as all past presidents can attest, that's hard to do in simple words. But she did a pretty darned good job. And those Rotary barbecues certainly helped. She especially thanked her secretary Michelle who got her to the meetings on time and a hundred other things.

Special thanks went to officers and committee members: JOE NUSBAUM, secretary; DONNA BELL, treasurer; DAVID BROWN, membership; JOE GREEN, Flywheel and door duty; STONEY, international; JUDY KAFKA, programs; PAULA JONES, community services; BARRY GORDON, vocational; DAVID K., sunshine; JIM & DOUG, recognitions; ERLE, Foundation; and CHARLIE WONG, photoman extraordinaire. She then turned it over to DON LAU and probably wishes she hadn't. DON did some history of LESLIE's families travels and LESLIE's personal history which was interspersed with several songs about those same topics. Sung to the tunes of "King of the Road", "House of the Rising Sun", "To All the Girls We've Loved Before", and "My Way", DON, JOE BAGLEY and JIM BEAVER warbled their way into the hearts, minds and digestive tracts of the assembled members.

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Let's put it this way, we have a lot of fun singing, we all sound awfully good in the shower and we're blaming everything else on the sound system. Full marks to LAU for some great, and even touching, lyrics. Good fun.

LESLIE tried to get out of there fast but was reminded that she needed to officially become a PAST PRESIDENT first and welcome RICH BRANDES on board as the new president.

As part of RICH's first act, JUDY KAFKA yanked out a white ball.

The President is gone, long live the President. And a new Rotary year begins.

Great job LESLIE.

Scribe Doggy Dog

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## *"Rotary in the New Millennium"*

**WERNER SCHWARZ**  
Past District Governor

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

### LAST WEEK

The haze from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks had barely cleared when out of the smoke arose our new President RICH BRANDES. The thought for the day was, "Never be afraid to try something new. The ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic was built by professionals."

TOM BUTT won a free lunch for knowing that John Paul Jones was born on July 6.

### Guests:

JONI HIRAMOTO's guest for the day was law student Cliff Hong who is interning in the Superior Court this summer.

**Congratulations** to MICHAEL READY and JOANNE BLUM who finally received their blue Rotary badges.

### Announcements:



\* Thanks to Richmond Sanitary (is sanitary landfill an oxymoron?) Richmond Rotary has another \$500 to be used in the development of programs and services for students at Peres School.

\* RICH BRANDES outlined his goals for the upcoming year. At the top of his list are membership growth and fund raising. All of us in Richmond Rotary will work hard to make sure that the goals for the club are realized during RICH's tenure.

**Recognitions:** Congratulations to a confused JONI HIRAMOTO who is sorting out the number of years she's been married. Sounds like they have been happy ones no matter the count.

### Happy/Sad Dollars:

RICH BRANDES is happy that his relocation from Marin County to Benicia is concluded. JOANNE BLUM is happy that she finally knows LESLIE LEVY's real name. JOE GREEN is pleased that he finally knows Jacqueline Blum's real name. DAVID BROWN is impressed with RICH BRANDES' organizational skills.

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Program:

GEORGE EGAN introduced Jim Gambier from the Danville Rotary Club. Jim is program coordinator for this year's "Rotary Fun Day" at CalExpo.

Jim stated that one of the District's goals should be collecting at least \$100 from each Rotarian in the District. A good way to begin to reach the goal is to participate in the events tied to Rotary Fun Day at CalExpo scheduled for August 18 in Sacramento.

Jim indicated that the fund raising is divided into 3 parts. Part one is a party for kids with emphasis on water attractions at Cal Expo.

Part 2 is the annual silent auction with some terrific prizes being offered. For example, vacations and getaways being offered include a weekend at a Lake Tahoe condo; hotel and Giants tickets; a stay at Sea Ranch vacation. Sports and leisure packages include guided fishing trips; golfing; sailing. Examples of other prizes are cases of wine; zoot scooters; massage therapy (don't get rubbed the wrong way). Copies of the silent auction bid item descriptions and bid form are available from GEORGE EGAN or JOE GREEN.

Part 3 is a spectacular raffle with great trips to Cozumel and Europe among the prizes. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or \$100 for a book. GEORGE EGAN is ticket meister.

Jim Cambier pointed out the Rotary Foundation should be regarded as the world's greatest goodwill ambassador. Our contributions go towards making the world a better place. Rotary's business is bringing hope.

**Richmond Rotary Lotto:** JONI HIRAMOTO just missed winning \$482. Better luck next time.

Humbly submitted:  
Giuseppe Verdi  
Your awakened scribe.

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## **"The Four Pillars of Health"**

JIM JOHNSON

Jim has worked with some of the world's top athletes including Fio Joyner, Pablo Morales and Kathy Turner, all gold medallists, in the implementation of the only health and nutrition program to be licensed by the United States Olympic Committee. Jim's talk is titled "The Four Pillars of Health" and focuses on:

- 1) *Lifestyle changes*
- 2) *Proper Diet*
- 3) *Exercise*
- 4) *Supplementation*

Hazards of the American lifestyle such as tobacco, alcohol, processed and fast foods are discussed. Practical ways to improve daily nutrition are provided. Jim also teaches us how to read and understand confusing food labels. He discusses the benefits of regular exercise and makes simple recommendations anyone can follow without spending a lot of money. The value of antioxidants, phytonutrients, metabolic, conditioning, chelated minerals and quality sources of fiber are all covered.

Much of the information is drawn from Jean Carper's best selling book titled "Stop Aging Now". The purpose of Jim's talk is to raise the individual's awareness and commitment to personal health and well-being.

Chairman of the Day: BARRY GORDON

Door Duty: JOE BAGLEY & MICHAEL WINTER

### **Upcoming Programs**

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### **LAST WEEK**

PRESIDENT RICH kicked things off with a thought for the day (roughly paraphrased): Inside every old person is a young person screaming, "What the hell happened?"

Bill Frank, Assistant to the District Governor, was our visiting Rotarian, and REN PARTRIDGE brought the lovely Jan.

### **Recognitions:**

NORM FOLEY was celebrating a birthday, as was TED ABREU. It was nice to see WALTER WOLFF, who appeared to be celebrating a momentous occasion, which was kept secret by PRESIDENT RICH. OSCAR LUGO was celebrating both a birthday and an anniversary. WERNER and LEAH were celebrating a 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (two good years for WERNER, none for LEAH). HENRY KELMAN's birthday recognition was matched by WERNER and trumped by STAN TEADERMAN, who agreed to match them both.

### **Happy/Sad \$\$\$\$**



FATHER CHRIS was happy to be back and healed from surgery, although he's got about another three weeks in the wheelchair. JOANNE BLUM was in the midst of a full-scale family invasion, and had another \$10 because she was so impressed with Rotary after listening to WERNER. DAN ERCOLINI and JONATHAN LAWLIS were happy for reasons too esoteric to recall. DAVID K was happy to see FATHER CHRIS and impressed that WERNER finally upgraded from a running suit to a real suit.

### **Announcements**

Membership Drive: REN PARTRIDGE has set a goal of five new members. See REN or RICH for details regarding free lunch certificates and targeted marketing efforts.

Rotary Day at Cal Expo draws near: See GEORGE EGAN to pay for your raffle tickets and to get more to sell.

Board Meeting: Noon on Thursday, July 19, 2001 at Mira Vista. Red Badgers, be there!

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Program Teams have been assigned for September through June of 2002. Check the handout by the door for your assignment.

Door Assignments: Miss at your own ri\$\$\$k.

**Program**

PRESIDENT RICH introduced our speaker for the day, who happened to be WERNER. By noting that his lengthy Rotary resume failed to include his stint as president of our club, WERNER explained that this was because there hasn't been a competent president since 1981. Following the usual plethora of bad jokes, WERNER updated us on RI's efforts and recent developments:

- 1. Rotary is in 186 countries/territories (more than UN). Rotary is now making unofficial inroads in China via Hong Kong, Macao, Shanghai and Beijing (it has not been Peking for a long time WERNER!)
- 2. Rotary has helped end wars between Chile and Argentina, and elsewhere in South America during the 1st half of 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Rotary diplomacy was the key in the Falkland Islands dispute.

- 3. Polio Plus has been ongoing for more than 20 years and it has been successful in eradicating the disease in 99% of the world. Africa, India and Pakistan are still challenges. The target is for eradication by 2005. Central African guerillas and governments have agreed to ceasefires for a week in August, and another week in September, in order to conduct Polio Plus vaccination programs.
- 4. Rotary has made great strides at recruiting women in its membership with 92,000+ female members, 1900+ female club president, and 916 female District Governors.
- 5. Rotary membership in the future will consist of only two classes, active and honorary.

**Raffle:** CHARLES RAMSEY's conspiracy to pull STONEY's name fails as STONEY selects a very pale white ping-pong ball. With 4 balls left, proceeds will exceed \$600 next week.

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## LAST WEEK

The PRESIDENT OF RICHMOND ROTARY, RICH BRANDES, opened the meeting and DAN ERCOLINI had a thought for the day. RICHARD ALEXANDER brought his daughter Lauren; there were no visiting Rotarians.

We're not sure if there were any winners or what the prize is but the questions for the day involved Rotary numbers - clubs in the world, total Rotarians (1.2 million) and like that.

## Announcements

\*Renovations or something at Mira Vista will have us temporarily homeless in January and February so it looks like we're headed to the Hotel Mac for that time.

\*REN PARTRIDGE is fired up and ready to go on increasing club membership. He and his committee are looking for marketing ideas and potential club members. They're planning a new brochure and could use any other new ideas as well.

\*GEORGE EGAN is rockin' n' rollin' on the CalExpo Rotary Day which draws nearer as we speak. We're up to about \$1,300 in raffle tickets and looking to go higher.

## Recognitions & Happy \$\$\$\$\$\$\$

\*HENRY KELMAN was happy that WERNER was going to match STAN TEADERMAN's recent contribution.

\*WERNER was happy that HENRY was happy.

\*RICHARD ALEXANDER was sad about the loss of a friend's daughter.

\*LESLIE LEVY was happy and sad that she missed a couple of meetings; happy cause she was off somewhere having fun.

\*JONATHAN LAWLIS WENT TO DISNEYLAND!!!

\*REN bought a new BMW motorcycle and we're sure Jeanne is figuring it's a little late for a mid-life crisis.

\*JOHN NICOL was sad that he missed last week and the rest of us mourned the loss of his attendance streak.

\*JOE KELMAN finally got out to PacBell Park and that was another shocker.



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1. Proper diet. Most of us do not eat the recommended minimum number of servings of fruits and vegetables each day. All of us will feel better by adopting a low fat-high fiber diet. We should learn to read food labels, avoid processed foods, and reduce salt and sugar intake.
2. Exercise. In Jim's eyeball survey of the Rotary audience, he indicated that most of all would be able to add good years to our lives by taking up an exercise program. Jim recommended a regimen of 45 minutes of walking each day. A couple of hints for gaining exercise points include climbing steps instead of using the elevator. Park the car a good distance from your destination.

At the age of 65, JOE GREEN's grandmother took up a program of walking 3 miles per day. She is now 91 and he has no idea of where she is!

3. Lifestyle changes. Stop smoking, stop smoking, stop smoking!!!! Also, eliminate hard liquor. It has no nutritional value. A glass of quality of red wine can be beneficial.
4. Supplementation. Because of the environment-air and water pollution, heavy use of pesticides-the body does not receive the minimum number of nutrients needed to thrive. To counteract oxidants, eat a great deal of broccoli, tomatoes, nuts. Also, Jim recommends developing a program of vitamin and mineral enhancement.

For more information, check out the website:

[www.healthtalks.com](http://www.healthtalks.com)

It should be ready in about 10 days.

Jim Johnson's remarks were a reaffirmation of developing a healthy re-style. We appreciate his good advice.

### Richmond Rotary Lotto:

BART WALLACE got a free lunch for his donation to the club, but he did not win the \$654. Better luck next time.

*Your scribe.....*

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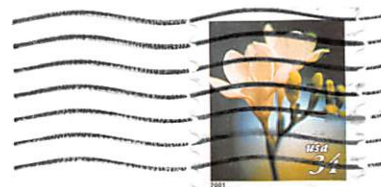
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### LAST WEEK

PRESIDENTE RICARDO welcomed one and all, JOE BAGLEY led the pledge and RICH's thought had to do with making and keeping commitments.

Guests included RICH's wife Lisa.

Questions for the day were on the first (Chicago) and second (San Francisco) Rotary clubs.

### Announcements

- Masquers time is upon us soon. The date is Thursday, September 6 and we're going to be seeing La Cage Au Folles. Dinner at the Mac as usual and remember, if we fill the joint, it's about \$1,000 for the club. Sign up sheets are going around. See HANK COVELL.
- We were treated to some terrific singing from Tamara Ray who was on hand to advertise the first ever West County International Music Festival. This will be held Sept 15 at two San Pablo venues. \$20 gets you an all day pass to the event. All kinds of music from Salsa to Blues to Cajun to Irish to Jazz to Bluegrass to Rock. Flyers were handed out or you can get tickets through the San Pablo Chamber.
- RICH read a nice card from the folks at Peres School thanking us for the environmental garden – nice work DAVE NINOMIYA. Other things our club has participated in at Peres include the literacy program, campus beautification, the Halloween Party and plus we've raised enough money to provide a computer for every classroom.
- German Night on the Red Oak will be Aug. 19. JOE NUSBAUM is master of ceremonies.
- MICHAEL FENLEY picked up a couple of tickets to an upcoming Giants game – and get ready – there will be four more tickets auctioned off for this Sunday's game against the almost-still-in-first-place Phillies.

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Program

WERNER SCHWARZ introduced Mark Von Hoetendorff, Governor-Elect of the Rotary District 5160. Mark's theme for the day was Membership, Membership, Membership! How to get it. How to retain it. He mentioned that most clubs experience the same kind of loss and gains of 8% to 12% each year that Richmond Rotary has undergone.

Although we have set an admirable goal of bringing in one new member per month, we really need to think in terms of bringing in 2 new members per month to compensate for the one member per month that we probably will lose. Otherwise, the club will not have grown.

Mark pointed out that each Rotarian has a personal obligation to recruit new members. How do we meet the commitment? Mark suggested the following:

- 1. Wear the Rotary pin everyday, not just the day of the meeting. Publicize the club everyday.
- 2. Include the Rotary symbol on the back of our business cards.

- 3. Bring guests to meetings. The Richmond Rotary membership committee has prepared an invitation card that we should be using to encourage prospects to join us at our friendly meetings.
- 4. Get new members involved in Club activities at an early date.
- 5. Show up at public events such as business mixers, community get-togethers, etc.

All of us had outstanding sponsors who did a fine job in bringing us into the club. We now have similar responsibility of identifying and supporting individuals who can enhance our efforts of serving Richmond and the world.

By the way, Mark told one of WERNER SCHWARZ' jokes. Something about Cardinal Jack Nicklaus and Rabbi Woods. Nice try, Mark!

Thanks Werner and Mark for your timely remarks.

**Richmond Lotto:** We have a winner! We have a winner. Yes, ladies and gents, DONNA URIYU pulled the orange ball and will split \$755 with the club. Congrats.

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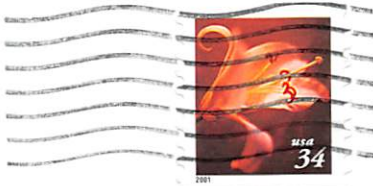
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2001

## ***"Richmond Chamber of Commerce"***

**JUDY MORGAN**

Executive Director

**VIRGINIA FINLAY**

President

Judy Morgan will present an update on Chamber programs and services, and Virginia Finlay will discuss the Chamber's new political action committee as well as other community activities. Judy, of course, is a Richmond Rotarian and always provides very useful information. Virginia just completed 8 years of services on the Richmond Planning Board and is very up to date on Richmond.

Chairperson of the Day: JUDY MORGAN

Door Duty: JOANNE BLUM & DONNA URIYU

### **Upcoming Programs**

Aug. 17 – Jaquin Murphy – **"Bureau of Auto Repair"**  
Door Duty: DAVID BROWN & JOE THOMAS

Aug. 24 – Pending  
Door Duty: ERLE BROWN & STAN TEADERMAN

Aug. 31 – Pending  
Door Duty: TOM BUTT & DAN TANITA

### **LAST WEEK**

After the weekly gong by President RICH BRANDES, a newly svelte JOHN MEDLOCK led us in the pledge. JUDY KAFKA gave us the quote from British essayist William Hazlett, "Women never reason and therefore they are seldom wrong."

Every Rotarian in the room was pleased to learn that Paul Harris came from Vermont.

**Guests:** Michael O'Neill, Education Consultant, was the guest of GLORIA JOHNSTON. TOM McGOWAN's guest was Cindy Sunderman of Vertigo Software.

**New Rotary Member:** Congratulations and welcome to the TOM SCHNEIDER, newest member of Richmond Rotary. TOM is District Director for the Boy Scouts of America. His sponsor is GLORIA JOHNSTON.

**Special Report:** ERLE BROWN did an excellent job of describing two programs supported by Richmond Rotary. The Rotary Foundation, which is underwritten by our contributions to the Paul Harris Fund, supports world wide humanitarian programs in the areas of health, hunger and human development. The Foundation is comprised of several million dollars collected worldwide and distributed to individuals and organizations around the world. One example of how these funds worked is the Lithuanian community program led by JOE BAGLEY. The Carl Reh fuss Fund is also a financial matching program designed specifically to underwrite projects and programs in Richmond. Thanks ERLE for the update.

**Announcements / Corrections:** JOE BAGLEY, not JOE NUSBAUM, will be Emcee at "German Night on the Red Oak Victory".

The next meeting of the Richmond Rotary Board will be held at 12 Noon on August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Mira Vista Country Club. Red badge Rotarians are invited to meet one of the obligations of new members at this luncheon.



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Congratulations to RICH BRANDES for winning the auction of baseball tickets.

It is not too late to buy raffle tickets for Rotary Day at CalExpo. See GEORGE EGAN for details. Rotary Day at CalExpo is set for August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Recognitions and Happy/Sad Dollars:

- \*Congratulations to JUDY and Vincent KAFKA who are celebrating another anniversary of wedded bliss.
- \*My notes are a little blurry but it includes something about RICH BRANDES making a donation to Carl Reh fuss Fund. Thank you RICHARD.
- \*JOHN MEDLOCK had happy dollars for the Sean Jones program. JOHN was the highest Rotarian in California during his vacation when he reached the top of Mount Whitney. HANK COVELL is happy that Doreen has retired after 43 years in the education field, most recently as principal at Pinole Valley High School. JOE BAGLEY is pleased that his daughter is recovering nicely after a scary car accident.

Program:

BARRY GORDON introduced Scott Stansfield, CEO of Vertigo Software. Scott took us on an interesting progression of milestones in his life. We learned that he became interested in computer programming by playing a wide variety of computer games. He spent a few years working with Pixar prior to starting his own

company. Scott located in Point Richmond on something of a whim because of his interest in sailing, hence the time at Pixar. Vertigo started in a small storefront on West Richmond Avenue in the Point a few years ago. He started the company with a bootstrap and a small loan from Microsoft. Over the years, Vertigo has grown to a company with significant capital. The company recently moved to new and larger offices on Washington Street in Point Richmond. Scott is quick to point out that Vertigo is NOT a dotcom outfit. The success of Vertigo is not based on the economic conditions of those companies. Vertigo partners with companies such as Microsoft and Johnson and Johnson in the design of software for specific applications. The U.S. Navy is also a client. It is heartening to know that a new company tied to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century was born and nurtured right here in Richmond. We wish Scott all best wishes for his company and his family.

**Richmond Lotto:** There was no orange ball but a lot of talk about dimpled balls (or chads) prior to the drawing. JOHN MEDLOCK won a free lunch after drawing a smooth white ball. We look forward to LESLIE LEVY's restoring the supply of orange balls or DONNA URIYU's return of one orange ball.

Respectfully submitted:  
Giuseppe Verdi

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2001

## ***"The Theatre"***

**CHAUCER & COMPANY**  
Theatrical Company in San Rafael

**Door Duty:** ERLE BROWN & STAN TEADERMAN

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY AUGUST 31, 2001

## ***"Round Table Meeting"***



**Door Duty:** TOM BUTT & DAN TANITA

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2001

## ***"District Governor's Visit"***

**SUSAN WAIT**  
District Governor  
District 5160

**Door Duty:** HERB COLE and DOUG STRAUS

### **LAST WEEK:**

THE GREAT AND POWERFUL PRESIDENT RICH opened the summer vacation meeting with the pledge and a few one-liners – we're going to have to start calling him PRESIDENT HENNY.

The birthplace of Paul Harris is Racine, Wisconsin for all of us who didn't know that. And RICH pointed out that the Clintons – yes those Clintons – attended a Rotary picnic fundraiser for the child victims of the Sierra Leone civil war – more evidence of Rotary's activities in the world.

### **Announcements:**

\*GEORGE EGAN was wrapping up solicitations for Rotary Day at CalExpo, which was Saturday. He was still accepting ticket sales and probably still is although you're chances of winning will probably be somewhat reduced at this point.

\*LESLIE is slowly finishing giving away her lovely parting gifts. If you were an announced recipient and haven't picked yours up yet – it's waiting for you.

\*The Christmas in April folks are looking for a few good Rotarians to sit on their Board of Directors. HERB COLE signed up but he would probably like some company.

\*The City of Richmond is sponsoring a "Building Racial Harmony" seminar in the city and would like a representative from Rotary to be there. See RICH.

\*DAVID BROWN received his President-Elect pin and the clock starts ticking.

\*There was a Board Meeting Thursday and it was decided that the August 31 meeting – week after next – will be a round table as it precedes the 3-day Labor Day weekend.

\*District Governor Susan Wait will visit our club September 7 so **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** – we want a great turnout for our first-ever-female DG.

### **Recognitions & Happy \$\$\$\$\$**

\*DAVID BROWN's youngest is off to college this weekend and DAVID is mucho ambivalent about the coming empty nest.

\*HANK COVELL is happy that we've got 55 club members and guests signed up for the Masquers and is



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sure the other 44 will be coming along soon. See HANK to sign up for this annual great time.  
\*JIM BEAVER was happy to be back from the sunny pleasures of Dodgertown.

**Program:**

BARRY GORDON introduced our speaker – Joachim Murphy from the State Bureau of Auto Repair. Joachim and his fellow investigators ferret out fraudulent auto body shops and recover money for consumers and prosecute the real bad guys. In response to a question from GEORGE EGAN Joachim acknowledged that in the past the Bureau may have gone a little harshly on some shops and business owners, but their focus has changed. They found that only about 10 percent of the consumer complaints warrant a formal investigation. About 40 percent of complaints involve a miscommunication between the shop and the customer over what was expected or promised. Another 40 percent are customers trying to pull one over on the shop. But every complaint is followed up.

The Bureau is currently undertaking a program where they are seeking out car owners who have had recent repairs because of a collision and checking how the repairs were handled. An amazing 40 percent of these inspections are turning up some evidence of fraud. Lots of stories and questions.

MIKE READY found a white ball in the green bag and eats for free next week.

Jaime Castor, Ed.

Last Saturday, August 18, our Past President CHARLIE WONG was honored by his son Gary with the Melvin Jones Fellowship of The Lions Clubs International Foundation.

This award is similar to our Paul Harris Fellowship. The occasion was the initiation of Gary Wong as President of the Piedmont Lions Club.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY AUGUST 31, 2001

## "Round Table Meeting"



**Chairman of the Day:** RICH BRANDES

**Door Duty:** TOM BUTT & DAN TANITA

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2001

## "District Governor's Visit"

**SUSAN WAIT**  
District Governor  
District 5160

**Door Duty:** HERB COLE and DOUG STRAUS

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## LAST WEEK

The BIG DOG welcomed us and had JOANNE BLUM lead the pledge. The thought had to do with wisdom being closer to the stoop than the ledge, I think. Our guest was Dick King with HERB COLE. In 1947 Rotary founder Paul Harris passed on but that started the tradition of donations to the Rotary Foundation. And Iceland has the highest per capita membership of Rotary so now you can go win Ben Stein's money.

## Announcements

Rotary Day at CalExpo was a great day. THE BIG DOG reported first hand and our club raised \$1,700 for the District, much, or at least some, of which comes back to the club.

Masquers is Sept 6; tickets are \$35; see HANK COVELL.

We've got some excellent **upcoming programs** for your calendar:

Sept. 7 – District Governor Susan Wait will be here and EL GRANDE BARKO has declared it "Bring Your Significant Other Day" Thanks John.




Oct. 12 – DAVID BROWN has rounded up all the DA's in the area who are running for office.

Oct. 19 – All the Richmond mayoral candidates will be on hand and let's be nice to all the ones who aren't named TOM BUTT.

On August 18 CHARLIE WONG was doubly honored when he was given a special Lions Club honor and his son, Gary, was installed as the new president of the Piedmont Lions Club.

## Recognitions

BUD MARTIN celebrated a birthday and didn't do much special but had a nice donation.

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STONEY and Mary Ann celebrated an anniversary and he took her, no not there, but to the Claremont for dinner.

DIANE SMITH celebrated a birthday and she might be going to STONEY's place.

DAN SANDERS had a birthday and looks too young to be a 25-year Rotarian.

JIM BEAVER celebrated his anniversary by getting out of the house.

JOANNE BLUM celebrates a birthday.

Happy \$\$\$\$\$

LESLIE was remembering that great sunset from Thursday night. BART WALLACE is having a great year in business.

JONATHAN LAWLIS thinks JOE KELMAN is one heck of a go-getter.

REN hasn't fallen off his motorcycle.

EL PRESIDENTE is also proving to be really good at his real job.

Program

Our speaker was Becky Geist who is the executive director of the Geoffrey Chaucer Co. which was founded in 1996 and whose mission is to bring all of Chaucer's works to the stage starting, of course, with the Canterbury Tales. They're the first theatrical group to attempt this project. They do the tales in modern English and with music which Becky's husband writes. They hope to make these wonderful works more accessible to people, especially students, as the actual texts can be difficult. The group tours all around the Bay Area from San Jose to Santa Rosa and their funding is through contributions.

ELOF found a white ball.

Your scribe....

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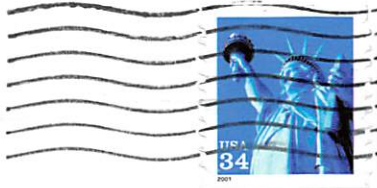
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Greetings Fellow Rotarians:

Anytime anyone says we are moving to a paperless society, take a look at your desk.

Meeting for September 7, 2001

12:15 at the Mira Vista Country Club.

Program: District Governor --Susan Waite. Susan has been an active member of Lamorinda Sunrise since 1990. She served on the club's Board of Directors for six years and is currently Vice-President of the Lamorinda Sunrise Endowment Fund.

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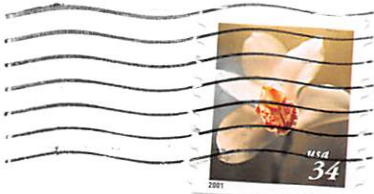
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**ISIAH TURNER**

**City Manager**

Isiah Turner brings 30 years of administrative and leadership experience to his current job as City Manager for the City of Richmond, California, where he manages 1,200 employees, 16 departments and a budget of \$265 million dollars. His extensive background includes serving in the Governor's Cabinet as Commissioner of the Washington State Employment Security Department, during which time he managed a department of 2,700 employees with an operating budget of \$150 million dollars.

Under his leadership in Richmond, unprecedented successful collaboration among public agencies, community-based organizations, labor, education and the business community has occurred. The results are establishment of a One-Stop Career Center System, RichmondWORKS, which has served the employment and training needs of Richmond area employers and job seekers resulting in 15,000 jobs for Richmond residents. He is currently leading an ambitious economic development program that will create 5,000 new jobs; the building of 3,500 new homes ranging from \$170,000 to \$750,000; a transit village in the heart of old downtown Richmond; the revitalization of the old Ford Building; and the creation of three retail/commercial centers in the Hilltop and Marina areas.

Mr. Turner has a B.A. in Liberal Arts from Evergreen State College in Washington State and is a graduate of the John F. Kennedy School of Government Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government, Harvard University, Cambridge Massachusetts. He is currently President of the Bay Area Chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, Board Member of the Richmond Police Activities League (PAL), the Contra Costa County Economic Partnerships, Richmond Chamber of Commerce, the Contra Costa County Economic Council, member of Governor Gray Davis' Workforce Investment Board, and a member of the California Association of Local Economic Development Board of Directors.

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## **LAST WEEK**

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**Guests:** ELOF GRANBERG re-introduced us to his significant other, Betty. HANS SHAPER brought Eva. DON HARDISON's long time dining companion and true better half, Betty joined us.

RICH BRANDES shared his most recent discoveries from the very rich Rotary International Website. This week he highlighted Rotary's outstanding program to eradicate polio around the world with special emphasis on Africa. Just a few years ago more than 16 million cases of polio was identified on that continent. Today the figure is less than one half million and falling fast. The polio eradication program is just one more example of Rotary living this year's theme of "Mankind is our Business".

## **Announcements:**

\* Rosters of this year's committees are available from JOE NUSBAUM, JOE GREEN or RICHARD BRANDES.

\* This year's Masquers Night was successful. Thanks to HANK COVELL for putting the package together.

\* Requests for a review of the Club's meeting format have been received. This important matter will be part of the agenda for the September meeting of the Board. Club members who have suggestions concerning the time, place, program of our meetings should send them to RICH BRANDES.

\* Congratulations to BILL REID who will be honored on September 19<sup>th</sup> as the Businessman of the Year.




## **Recognitions:**

\* Felicitations to ERLE and Phyllis BROWN on their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary. Phyllis, we missed at the meeting.

\* JUDY MORGAN and the Richmond Chamber of Commerce were featured in a recent issue of the West County Times. We agree that JUDY is cuter than the photo. HERB COLE was cited in the West County Times. He does not remember the reason for the citation. Such is the price of fame.

## **Happy/Sad Dollars:**

\* We heard reports about DAN ERCOLINI and events tied to a fantasy in a dark place. Upon further explanation from DAN, we learned that he had sad dollars because he missed the Rotary Night at the Masquers but happy dollars because he did well in the fantasy football league draft. He also was pleased with the drafts he received in the dark place where the draft was held.

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\* ERLE BROWN had sad dollars because of Cal's debacle against the University of Illinois.

**Program:**

WERNER SCHWARZ introduced Susan Wait who is the current District Governor. Susan brought us up to date on several Rotary projects, which included:  
\* The next District Conference will be held in Ashland, Oregon in May 2002. The district has set aside a special pricing package through September 15. A rich and entertaining series of programs and parties have been put together for the conference.  
\* The GSE this year is a joint venture with Rotary District 2350, which includes Sweden and parts of Russia. Steve Pollan is the GSE program coordinator this year. The District is recruiting a GSE leader to work with the GSE program participants.  
\* A new Peace Scholarship has been organized by Rotary. This program has been developed with 7 universities around the world. Students will be enrolled in a 2-year program aimed at developing skills in "peace and mediation".  
\* A one-day Web page seminar will be conducted in Sacramento on November 3. For more information visit the District's website which I think is *rotary5061.org*. The cost of the seminar is \$20.  
\* Susan shared her recent experiences of her visit to Sweden and Russia to meet with various Rotary clubs in their organization and development. She mentioned that because

of cultural differences Russians view their participation in Rotary primarily for business purposes. The idea of service through group participation is a new concept. Programs such as GSE should help to broaden the role of newly formed clubs in Russia.

Governor Wait concluded her remarks with a summary of the four cornerstones of effective clubs. They are:

- 1. Finding ways to sustain and grow membership.
- 2. Developing interesting projects and programs which stimulate member participation.
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- 4. Building leaders whose effectiveness reaches beyond Rotary and goes into the community.

Her final challenge to the Club? Recruit 20 new members this year!

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### September 14 Meeting Highlights:

- \* A moving invocation by Rev. Charles Belcher in memory and honor of the tragic events of September 11.
- \* Induction of DICK KING as Richmond Rotary's newest member.
- \* An enthusiastic presentation by Richmond City Manager Isiah Turner who reviewed current and future issues facing our City. On a day when it was easy to feel depressed, Isiah gave many of us hope about our City and its potential for a successful future.
- \* A touching closing reading from the Book of Isiah by Father CHRIS WOERZ.

### LAST WEEK:

RICH BRANDES rang the bell for another meeting of the friendly Richmond Rotary. RALPH HILL led us in the pledge. JONI HIRAMOTO's thought for the day was her heartfelt plea that all of us remember that as Americans we have an obligation to respect our fellow citizens and be tolerant of everyone no matter how they look or dress or practice religion. Although this is not always easy or convenient to do at this or any other time, failure to do so demeans the spirit and meaning of America.

**Visiting Rotarians:** Welcome to Bill Frank, Assistant District Governor.

**Rotarians with Guests:** Bob Bane, a developer who has submitted a proposal, for the Ford Assembly Plant. Tamara Ray was RICH BRANDES' guest. GOERGE EGAN escorted Janet Johnson from the City of Richmond's Redevelopment Authority. Honorary Lanny French was introduced by CHARLES WONG.

Tamara Ray did a wonderful job of providing us with some patriotic songs. She did a fine rendition of "Proud To Be

An American". We all did a friendly Richmond Rotary singing of "America the Beautiful".

### Announcements:

\* Richmond Rotarians can help in the rescue and relief efforts tied to the September 11<sup>th</sup> devastation by supporting efforts of clubs in the New York City area. District 7230 has established the Rotary District 7230 NYC/WTC Disaster Relief Fund" to support education programs for the children of deceased rescue workers. This fund will support the long-term needs of children whose parents sacrificed their lives rescuing others. Richmond Rotary will donate \$1,000 to this fund.



District 7250 has established a disaster relief fund through its foundation. Called 7250 Foundation Disaster Fund/WTC-911, its purpose is to collect funds to aid the families of victims of the World Trade Center disaster who live in the district (Brooklyn, Queens and all of Nassau County, New York) – an estimated 60 to 70 percent of the total number of families affected by the disaster. Richmond Rotary plans to match its \$1000 donation to District 7230 with a donation to District 7250. In a surprising and graceful act, a table led by DAVID BROWN rose to the occasion and pledge \$1000 to District 7250.

\* The Club has a goal of each member donation of \$100 to the Rotary International this fiscal year. Donations to a Paul Harris fellowship count towards this goal. Richmond Rotarians have already donated \$2,241.00 through August. 19 of our 72 members have already met the \$100 per year goal. This is a great start! The Club plans to have ribbons made for all members who achieve the \$100 goal this year. Thank you for your generous support of Rotary International.

**\*THE OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HOTEL MAC IN POINT RICHMOND.** All club members should plan on moving through the food line earlier. Let's begin the march through the buffet promptly at 12:15 pm.

\* Mark your calendars. December 14<sup>th</sup> as been set for the *Annual Auction and Holiday Party*.

\* Although Rotary does not endorse candidates, RICH BRANDES enjoyed TOM BUTT's comments concerning the speed with which government moves in Richmond. JOE GREEN enjoyed DONNA URIYU's retort.

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**Happy / Sad Dollars:**

Thank you to JUDY KAFKA and LESLIE LEVY for their donations to the relief effort. DAVE CALFEE, the guy in the mountains, made a considerable donation to the Carl Reh fuss fund.

**Program:**

BARRY GORDON introduced fellow Rotarian GEORGE EGAN. George is a certified financial planner and tax consultant. He took us on a tour through the confusing, sometimes daunting and always changing world of tax laws and rules. Some highlights of 2001 tax laws include:

**TAX RATES:** New 10% rate bracket created and slight reduction in higher tax brackets, reflecting the first installment of rate cuts under the Tax Relief Act of 2001.

**TAX TABLES:** New 2001 Tax Rate Tables reflecting changes made by Tax Relief Act of 2001.

**CHILD TAX CREDIT:** The tax credit for families with children under age 17 increases to a maximum \$600 per eligible child, from \$500.

**CAPITAL GAINS:** Lower capital gains for investments held more than 5 years by individuals in 15% tax bracket.

**STUDENT LOAN DEDUCTION:** Up to \$2,500 student loan interest paid in 2001 will be deductible, up from \$1000 in 2000.

**RETIREMENT PLANS:** Contributions limits have been raised for self-employed Keogh plans, "Section 457" plans for state and local government employees, and SIMPLE plans for employees in smaller businesses.

Also, several changes have been made in estate tax laws. Of course, all of these changes could be revised or eliminated within the next few months. Stay tuned.

Thank you George for an interesting presentation.

**Richmond Rotary Lotto:** MICHAEL FENLEY gets a free lunch but no big prize of \$441.

Respectfully submitted:  
JOE GREEN

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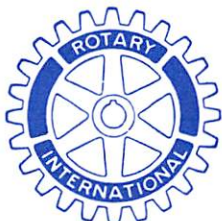
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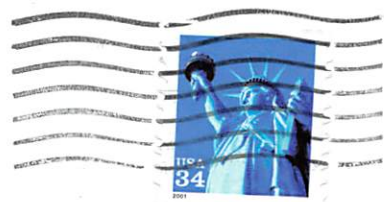
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2001

## **"DA's in the Area Running For Office"**

This week's program features the four candidates  
for District Attorney of Contra Costa County:

Robert Kochly  
Mark Peterson  
Michael Gressett  
Matthew Guichard

Each candidate will have a few minutes to speak,  
and we will save a few minutes for questions from  
the floor.

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN  
Door Duty: CHARLIE FENDER / HANNS SHAPER

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2001

## **"Richmond Mayoral Candidates"**

All the Richmond mayoral candidates will be on hand and  
let's be nice to all the ones who aren't named TOM BUTT.

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID BROWN  
Door Duty: MICHAEL FENLEY / WERNER SCHWARZ

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### **LAST WEEK**

As PRESIDENT RICH pulled himself and the flag together  
we had a thought for the day from JOE GREEN regarding  
J.R. Ewing's iron law of politics, which we won't repeat  
except to note that for our female candidates it's the  
opposite.

Many guests included two members of a prominent new  
company in Richmond and we'll get their names from  
DONNA URIYU for next week's bulletin. REN  
PARTRIDGE brought along City Council member Rev.  
Charles Belcher. RICHARD ALEXANDER was hosting  
David Del Simone. WERNER SCHWARZ was with soon-  
to-be-new-member Mark Howe. DONNA BELL brought  
her daughter Melissa and RICH's guest was Levin  
Terminal's honcho Jim Cannon.

### **Announcements:**

\* The Club has done a great job raising funds for relief  
efforts in New York – about \$2,400 if I was keeping track  
correctly – much of it will go through Rotary clubs and  
districts back east.

\* REN thanked WERNER for his help in getting a new  
club brochure together – be sure to take one for use in your  
marketing efforts for new members.

\* Nobody had the answer to what RI President RICHARD  
KING was up to last month – he was in Romania – so the  
free lunch pass went unclaimed.

\* DAN TANITA bagged tickets to Friday night's Giants  
game for \$250 – a bargain if Barry goes the yard – and then  
cut co-bidder Mark Howe in on the package – nice going  
gentlemen.

\* Let RICH know what you thought of the accommodations  
at Friday's meeting; we're thinking of using the Mac for  
several months after the first of the year but we need to  
know how it works for people.

\* Remember, October 19 is the Richmond Mayoral  
candidates.

\* If you can hear that lonesome train whistle blow it must be  
time to start planning for the annual Reno Train Trip. It's  
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Recognitions & Happy \$\$\$\$\$

LOREN STRAUGHN – and good to see you LOREN – was celebrating 45 years of marriage to the lovely and indispensable Carole and congratulations to them both.

MARKKU was celebrating his 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Mary although he was apparently by himself in Estonia on the actual day, but all is well now.

BART WALLACE went for the twofer with a birthday and anniversary.

ELOF was happy to donate his tax refund to the Club.

DAVID BROWN was happy to see so many big new employers in the room as he has an employed dot-comer he’s trying to help hook up.

DAN ERCOLINI was happy and thankful for all the help he got with the Peres School barbecue and also happy that his daughter is firmly ensconced up there at Washington.

ERLE was happy that Cal’s got a day off on Saturday.

TOM BUTT was happy and thought you could be too to know that there’s a new caretaker couple out at the East Brother Light House.

RICHARD ALEXANDER is back from his naval training exercises and happy and proud that our military is ready.

HERB COLE is happy that his wife is home from Texas but he refrained from leaving the meeting early.

PAUL HODGEN is happy that his son is ensconced down at UC Santa Barbara and excited that as of next Thursday he’ll be working for Chevron-Texaco.

Program:

JOE GREEN and Sandi Genser-Mack were on hand to discuss Measure M in a totally non-partisan (not) way. And who can blame them after watching two countywide ballot measures in support of libraries pass overwhelmingly in Richmond but go down to defeat because of a lack of support in the rest of the county.

Measure would provide \$725,000 annually to the Richmond Library for eight years. It would cost homeowners \$19.80 per year and commercial properties \$39.60.

The measure is on the November 6 ballot. Richmond voters only.

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The program this week features the four candidates for the office of Mayor of the City of Richmond. Those candidates are (in no particular order):

**JOHN MARQUEZ  
IRMA ANDERSON  
(our own) TOM BUTT  
NAT BATES**

All four candidates are current members of the Richmond City Council and seek to trade in their council seats for the top spot, to replace the retiring Rosemary Corbin.

Rather than restate what will be in their campaign literature and speeches, plan to attend and bring a Richmond guest to hear our Mayoral candidates.

**Note:** Because we have four speakers, the meeting will start a bit early so as to give each candidate five to eight minutes and to leave time for questions.

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### **LAST WEEK**

Designated Hitter DAVID BROWN called us to order. The pledge was followed by DONNA URIYU's thought for a lesson in being on the lookout. Our visiting Rotarians was Sasha Reddy of Milpitas. There were no Rotarians with guests.

### **Recognitions & Happy \$\$\$\$**

There were no recognitions. Happy \$\$\$\$ started with JOE NUSBAUM who was happy about the Oakland A's victory over the Yankees (let's hope he's still happy this Friday). DAN TANITA was happy he got those tickets to the Giants game a couple Fridays ago. JUDY KAFKA was happy about the superintendent of schools making tough decisions, but sad that Julio Franco had to be moved from Peres to Kennedy. DAN ERCOLINI was happy that the Bank of America agreed to donate computers to students at Peres School – Spirit of Excellence Program. JON LAWLIS was happy about Rotary being involved in Peres School and thanked the other club members who show their commitment.

\* DAVID BROWN announced that mayoral candidates will speak to us next week. On October 26 there is an event on the Red Oak Victory – authentic "chow line" and program regarding history. January 11, past RI President Cliff Dochterman will speak at the Richmond Country Club.




\* Mr. Sunshine DAVID K announced that DON HARDISON fell but is OK – no broken bones. A card will be sent.

\* OSCAR LUGO announced that the Bay Area Rescue Mission is seeking donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

### **Program**

DAVID BROWN introduced our three speakers, Matthew Guichard, Robert Copley and Mark Peterson, the candidates for Contra Costa District Attorney.

According to lots, Mr. Guichard went first. He was Deputy District Attorney from 1983 to 1990 and is currently a partner in a private law firm. Mr. Guichard stated he is running for office because he was asked by several people and loved being a district attorney when he was in the office. Born and raised in Contra Costa County, Mr. Guichard has two daughters. He worked for the New York Times and has traveled extensively throughout the country

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and Europe. He does business, banking and litigation work and serves on the Youth Homes and Cancer Society. His time away from the DA's office gives him a different and better perspective he believes and would look forward to addressing administrative issues such as the need to recruit better lawyers and make the office prestigious.

Robert Copley is the Assistant Deputy District Attorney, the number three position in the DA's office. He has been married for 31 years, has four children and has lived in Concord for 25 years. He has worked in all divisions of the office and has extensive trial experience. He is involved with Planning & Justice Advisory, received the Community Champion Award from Rape Crisis and is director of Zero Tolerance-Domestic Violence. He is a founding member of the School Hate-Crime Collaborative, and helped establish the first elder abuse unit. Mr. Copley feels that gang violence is a priority and we need to promote programs that affect generational cycles of crime with domestic violence being a key target. He is endorsed by current DA Gary Yancey, his predecessor Bill O'Malley and the Contra Costa Police Chiefs Association.

Mark Peterson was Deputy District Attorney for 17 years. He has been married for 18 years and has three daughters. He has been on the Concord City Council and served as Mayor in 1998. Mr. Peterson has tried over 100 jury trial and over 20 murder cases, including death penalty cases. He has worked in virtually every department in the main office and in Richmond. He is responsible for a large budget as a city council member and crime in Concord has declined by 30 percent over the past five years and 42 percent over the past seven years. Mr. Peterson also feels the gang problem should be a priority and that a task force needs to be created among local police forces to deal with it.

The pot is at \$596 but OSCAR fished a white one.

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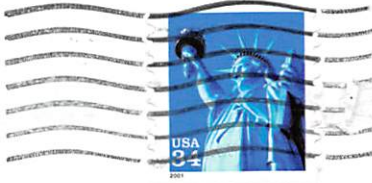
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We start with another reminder that this Friday’s meeting is on the RED OAK out in Point Richmond. Last week was a bit of a whirlwind as PRESIDENT RICH tried to get right to our speakers, the four Richmond mayoral candidates. We were sequestered in the way back room which was, well cozy.

Our guests included Jim Bates and Ken Leverage.

New Member MARK HOWE gave his “Who Am I” . MARK is married to Susan and has a daughter, Serana, who’s seven and a son, Ross, who’s 11. He graduated from UC Davis and received his masters from Sac State. After practicing as a CPA and as a market maker in the Pacific Stock Exchange MARK and his wife took a year to sail around Mexico. On his return he purchased the Amigo Bag Company, which he runs today. He also purchased the 200,000 square foot Rheem plant in North Richmond, which is home to 22 small businesses. Welcome aboard MARK.



### Program:

Our guests were the Richmond mayoral candidates, Nat Bates, Irma Anderson, John Marquez and some guy named TOM.

John Marquez went first and said his main strength is his participation in various regional agencies which gives him insights which he can bring back to benefit Richmond. He knows how City Hall can too often be a cumbersome bureaucracy that seems to work for the employees rather than the customers. He’ll put a stop to the contracts that are negotiated by handshakes.

Nat Bates has been on the council 22 years and has been mayor twice. The responsibilities of the job are the same, he said, so he’s had the experience. The difference now is the time commitment and the level of interaction with regional, state and federal agencies and authorities. Here, too, Nat believes he has the most experience. Nat said he is a team leader who will make sure department heads are responsible for actions in their departments.

Irma Anderson comes from a public health nursing background and emphasizes accessible health care, opportunities for children, safer, cleaner streets, jobs and infrastructure. Everybody needs to be able to participate in Richmond’s growth and opportunities. The city’s potential, with 42 miles of shoreline, is tremendous. She has demonstrated that she is a results oriented person. She will

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bring decisive leadership and her focus will be on consensus.

TOM BUTT said he is the only candidate with a true business background. His insights from the private sector give him the tools necessary to help make the city and City Hall a successful enterprise. He pointed out that his two key endorsements reflect his success at bringing wide ranging and even disparate interests together – the Richmond Chamber of Commerce and the environmental community through the Sierra Club. His ability to bridge the interests of two normally opposing groups shows that he brings a wide ranging ability to the role. Ninety-eight percent of council votes are unanimous, he pointed out, but it's that other two percent that draw the attention of the community and requires the greatest skill to negotiate. Those issues normally revolve around land use, infrastructure, quality of life. TOM brings the best set of skills to deal with those issues.

There was no drawing.

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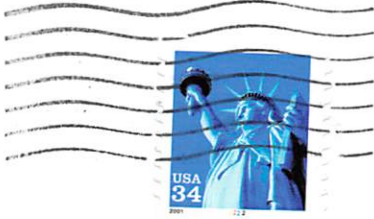
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## **"Battle on the Home Front"**

**TOM & SHANNON McGOWAN**

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### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Dec. 14, 2001 – Annual Auction & Holiday Party**

**Jan. 13 & 14, 2002 – Annual Reno Train Trip – Same  
Price as last year - \$225 for a single room.  
Engineer JOHN NICOL needs your money by  
November 2, 2001**

### **LAST WEEK**

On the Red Oak Victory LESLIE LEVY led the pledge and followed with a thought from President Calvin Collidge: "If I could place a Rotary Club in every town in the world, I could underwrite the peace of the world."

**Visiting Rotarians:** Charlie Adams of Oakland 3.

**Rotarians with Guests:** TOM McGOWAN's guest was Karen Schneider of Librarian's Index; GEORGE EGAN's guest was Ian Dickson; MARKKU PELANNE brought Tim Mussen; GLORIA JOHNSTON brought Michael O'Neil, a consultant with the School District; REN PARTRIDGE brought his wife, Jean; and WERNER SCHWARZ introduced Paul Allen of MBA Polymers and Ken Leverich.

### **Recognitions:**

JOE BAGLEY celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Rita. He wanted to climb Half Dome – and he did it on his birthday! He was the first in his group to do it. His friends came to visit and showed him seven full moons for this birthday.

REN PARTRIDGE had a birthday. A check was given for Jeannie's Paul Harris.

### **Happy/Sad Dollars:**

TOM McGOWAN was happy they raised \$18,000 on his beach the night before, adopting classes at Washington School. GLORIA JOHNSTON was happy and sad (\$5) that

she took Julio Franco away from Peres, but he is doing quite well at Kennedy High. JOE GREEN was very happy that Richmond Rotary endorsed Measure M, but sad that there was a typo (\$39.60 instead of \$439.60 for taxes). JOE KELMAN was sad (\$5) that he had to use a paper plate for collections and the happy (\$5) when he was handed a big plastic bucket. JOE BAGLEY wanted to make the bucket heavier!

### **Announcements:**

\*Tours of the Red Oak Victory took place after the meeting. Thanks to people volunteering to help: Chief Steward-Jimmie Torrell; Chief Steward-John Holman; Mate-Jerry Souza; Chief Bosun-Bill Smith; Dick Gifford and Bob McGill.

\*The Spirit of Excellence program has been launched and is getting strong. Bank of America donated computers.

\*The barbecue for Peres last month went well.

\*JOE NUSBAUM says he and JON LAWLIS have been discussing private information in the roster. All home phones and home addresses will be eliminated, except members who do not have businesses. Their home phones and addresses will be included. If you have any objections or comments, please contact JOE.

\*October 30 – Susan Wait, District Governor Elect will be at the Mira Vista Country Club for dinner with local Rotary Clubs hosting (El Cerrito, San Pablo, etc.)

\*\$3,225 has been collected for response efforts to the September 11, 2001 disaster. The funds will be sent to local clubs.

\*Salt Lake City Rotary Club will do a Bed & Breakfast fundraiser for the Winter Olympics. The event is very inexpensive and all proceeds will be donated.

\*RICH's wife is a fan of the "The West Wing" – a comment was made by a character who referred to a "fat-assed Rotarian gas bag". RICH laughed, but Rotary International has taken issue with NBC and is sending letters.

\*DAN ERCOLINI needs helpers for Peres Halloween Party. Set-up at 9:00 a.m., party from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

\*January 2 the Rotary International President will speak at a grand dinner at the San Jose Fairmount.

### **Program:**

At the head table was Tom Miller – "viper" Red Oak Victory; Tom's manager, Chief Bill Jackson; Lois Boyle, President, Richmond Museum Association and owner of Red Oak Victory; member of Novato Rotary Club, Roley Houck, Master of Ceremonies and Chief Mate.

The ship was built at Kaiser Perm shipyard #1. It launched in November of 1944. Over 100 volunteers have contributed their time to make it an operating ship and raising money to give trips out on the Bay. DON



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HARDISON ("father of the Red Oak") picked her out of the fleet. ERLE BROWN has also been actively involved. Roley Houck sailed on a sister ship in 1944, later sailed again and 3 years ago, he asked to see this ship in Benicia. Roley has been putting in 10-day weeks volunteering to restore the ship.

The ship has been officially recognized by Congress as part of the Rosie the Riveter Park. The ship has 6000 horsepower; it cruised at 16 knots with a steam turbine. There are 3 decks, 14 winches, each weighing 7,000 lbs. The Booms are 3-5000 lbs. Most of the equipment still works! But, all is taken part, which takes about a month to reactivate each winch. Two of the requisite guns were found on Treasure Island. Eventually, there will be a meeting room below deck for public use, in addition to a museum.

The ship has been officially recognized as part of Richmond's "Rosie the Riveter National Park". Lois Boyle has the pink slip on the ship and spends much of her time raising funds to help restore the Red Oak. Rotarians make up four of the five current board members - HERB COLE, ERLE BROWN, DON HARDISON and DAVE NINOMIYA. And HANK COVELL was a founding member. PRESIDENT RICH is chair of the Restoration Committee. Bill Jackson, 83, has stories and statistics on the ship and of his long time at sea - beginning at age 16! He had some great stories and could have kept on going if we hadn't run out of time.

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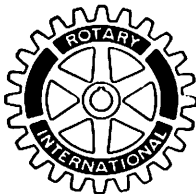
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### “Congress’ Secret Underground Bunker”

#### RICH BARTKE

The historic Greenbrier five star hotel has been revealed as the location of the getaway place for the House and Senate in case Washington is attacked. Local political activist Rich Bartke stayed at the Greenbrier and toured the bunker in August.

Rich Bartke is a Richmond attorney, with a Bachelor’s from UC Berkeley and Doctorate from USF. He has been involved in local government for the past 35 years, having twice served as Mayor of El Cerrito, and is currently a member of the county Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo).

Rich is Chairman of the Advisory Commission to the Golden Gate National Parks, and Point Reyes Seashore. He was first appointed to the Commission by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior in 1973, and has been reappointed by successive Secretaries. He was elected Chairman in 1990, and reelected biannually since then. As such, he conducts all public hearings on National Park issues in the Bay Area, attends four to six meetings a month, and communicates daily with National Park Service staff, members of Congress, park concessionaires and contractors and park users.

Hobbies include California and U.S. history 1844 to 1865, hiking, running, swimming and biking. His wife Jane retired last year as a teacher for West Contra Costa School District, and from politics, also having twice served as Mayor of El Cerrito.

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## LAST WEEK

JOE GREEN led the pledge and DAVID K had a Jeffersonian thought about patriots, tyrants and blood. Our visiting Rotarian was Sesha Reddy from Milpitas. Our guests included Eva (missed the last name but she’s a scientist with the state), George Alvarez and Mindell Penn with WERNER; Eva was with HANNS and DON (welcome back) HARDISON brought his wife Betty and daughter Jan. No one got the quiz on how many Rotary Clubs there were in the U.S. in 1994.

DAN TANITA showed up at Mira Vista instead of the Red Oak last week but was let off the hook for his honesty.

### Announcements:

\*CHARLIE WONG is feeling better but moving slow after a knee replacement. See you soon.

\*And DON HARDISON was walking around pretty good after his fall.

\* **Board meeting – Nov. 15 at Noon at Mira Vista.** New members and old ones too are welcome. New members should hook up with a committee ASAP.

\* Lamorinda Sunshine Club is continuing the dictionary project and since they’ve pretty much covered their neighborhood they’d like to do some more work in Richmond. HERB COLE is helping out.

\* Past Rotary International President Cliff Dochterman will be the speaker at the club on January 11. PRESIDENT RICH has invited other local clubs to this meeting and it’s also a bring your spouse.

\* The REV. CHARLES BELCHER was welcomed into the club as a new member.

### Happy & Sad \$\$\$\$\$\$




\* JUDY MORGAN was called on the carpet for having her picture in her own newspaper no fewer than four times.

\* So was DAN ERCOLINI, but his sadness was offset by the terrific work the many club members put in on the haunted house at Peres School. Great job.

\* DAVID BROWN was happy that our library gets used a lot.

\* MARKKU was happy to see DON HARDISON back at the club.

\* As the grandson of a Yankee Stadium usher, JOE GREEN was way OK with the Yankees.

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- \* HERB COLE was welcoming his 4<sup>th</sup> grandchild.
- \* JONATHAN LAWLIS thought DAN did a great job organizing the Peres School project.
- \* JOE BAGLEY thinks it's great that we help out at Peres School.
- \* TOM SCHNEIDER was happy to be back in town and off the road for a while.
- \* JIM BEAVER appreciated LESLIE filling in on scribe duty.
- \* JOE KELMAN still can't picture his brother as a scarecrow.

**Program:**

The program was an uplifting visit from TOM and SHANNON MCGOWAN. Although their story of Shannon's battle with lung cancer was harrowing to listen to, the warmth and courage they showed in dealing with it, as well as the support and encouragement they received from their friends, made it an enriching experience for them and for us. TOM took us through a week-by-week account of the experience from the day Shannon was diagnosed one year ago, right up to the present. It sounds like they've been through bad days, good days, downright horrible days and a few terrific ones. It was great to see Shannon looking and feeling better, and their spirit was positively inspiring.

HENRY found a white ball. The raffle was at \$707.  
 -JIM BEAVER-

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**PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2001**

## **"Congress' Secret Underground Bunker"**

**RICH BARTKE**

The historic Greenbrier five star hotel has been revealed as the location of the getaway place for the House and Senate in case Washington is attacked. Local political activist Rich Bartke stayed at the Greenbrier and toured the bunker in August.

Rich Bartke is a Richmond attorney, with a Bachelor's from UC Berkeley and Doctorate from USF. He has been involved in local government for the past 35 years, having twice served as Mayor of El Cerrito, and is currently a member of the county Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo).

Rich is Chairman of the Advisory Commission to the Golden Gate National Parks, and Point Reyes Seashore. He was first appointed to the Commission by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior in 1973, and has been reappointed by successive Secretaries. He was elected Chairman in 1990, and reelected biannually since then. As such, he conducts all public hearings on National Park issues in the Bay Area, attends four to six meetings a month, and communicates daily with National Park Service staff, members of Congress, park concessionaires and contractors and park users.

Hobbies include California and U.S. history 1844 to 1865, hiking, running, swimming and biking. His wife Jane retired last year as a teacher for West Contra Costa School District, and from politics, also having twice served as Mayor of El Cerrito.

**Chairperson of the Day: LESLIE LEVY**

**Door Duty: JOE GREEN / WILLIAM REID**

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### **UPCOMING DATE TO REMEMBER:**

**Dec. 14, 2001 – Annual Auction & Holiday Party**

### **LAST WEEK**

JOE GREEN led the pledge and DAVID K had a Jeffersonian thought about patriots, tyrants and blood. Our visiting Rotarian was Sesha Reddy from Milpitas. Our guests included Eva (missed the last name but she's a scientist with the state), George Alvarez and Mindell Penn with WERNER; Eva was with HANNS and DON (welcome back) HARDISON brought his wife Betty and daughter Jan. No one got the quiz on how many Rotary Clubs there were in the U.S. in 1994.

DAN TANITA showed up at Mira Vista instead of the Red Oak last week but was let off the hook for his honesty.

### **Announcements:**

\*CHARLIE WONG is feeling better but moving slow after a knee replacement. See you soon.

\*And DON HARDISON was walking around pretty good after his fall.

\* **Board meeting – Nov. 15 at Noon at Mira Vista.** New members and old ones too are welcome. New members should hook up with a committee ASAP.

\* Lamorinda Sunshine Club is continuing the dictionary project and since they've pretty much covered their neighborhood they'd like to do some more work in Richmond. HERB COLE is helping out.

\* Past Rotary International President Cliff Dochterman will be the speaker at the club on January 11. PRESIDENT RICH has invited other local clubs to this meeting and it's also a bring your spouse.

\* The REV. CHARLES BELCHER was welcomed into the club as a new member.

### **Happy & Sad \$\$\$\$\$\$**





\* JUDY MORGAN was called on the carpet for having her picture in her own newspaper no fewer than four times.

\* So was DAN ERCOLINI, but his sadness was offset by the terrific work the many club members put in on the haunted house at Peres School. Great job.

\* DAVID BROWN was happy that our library gets used a lot.

\* MARKKU was happy to see DON HARDISON back at the club.

\* As the grandson of a Yankee Stadium usher, JOE GREEN was way OK with the Yankees.

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- \* HERB COLE was welcoming his 4<sup>th</sup> grandchild.
- \* JONATHAN LAWLIS thought DAN did a great job organizing the Peres School project.
- \* JOE BAGLEY thinks it's great that we help out at Peres School.
- \* TOM SCHNEIDER was happy to be back in town and off the road for a while.
- \* JIM BEAVER appreciated LESLIE filling in on scribe duty.
- \*JOE KELMAN still can't picture his brother as a scarecrow.

**Program:**

The program was an uplifting visit from TOM and SHANNON MCGOWAN. Although their story of Shannon's battle with lung cancer was harrowing to listen to, the warmth and courage they showed in dealing with it, as well as the support and encouragement they received from their friends, made it an enriching experience for them and for us. TOM took us through a week-by-week account of the experience from the day Shannon was diagnosed one year ago, right up to the present. It sounds like they've been through bad days, good days, downright horrible days and a few terrific ones. It was great to see Shannon looking and feeling better, and their spirit was positively inspiring.

HENRY found a white ball. The raffle was at \$707.  
-JIM BEAVER-

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### *"The Strengths and Weaknesses of the Voting System"*

STEPHEN L. WEIR

Our speaker this week will be Stephen L. Weir, Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder who is Director of the Contra Costa County Board of Elections. He will talk about making your vote count and how your vote works.

**Chairperson of the Day:** BARRY GORDON

**Door Duty:** RICHARD KING / MICHAEL READY

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## PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2001

### **NO MEETING**



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### **UPCOMING DATE TO REMEMBER:**

**Dec. 14, 2001 – Annual Auction & Holiday Party**

### **LAST WEEK**

President RICH BRANDES chimed us to order in the revised schedule, which seems to be working pretty well. Vice-President DAVID BROWN led us in the pledge. Program director for the day, LESLIE LEVY, had this gem from G.K. Chesterton, "My country, right or wrong, is a thing no patriot would think of saying except in a desperate case. It is like saying 'my mother, drunk or sober'."

**Guests:** WERNER SCHWARZ introduced Paul Allen and DON HARDISON's guest was his daughter, Jan Brown.

### **Announcements:**

\* MICHAEL FENLEY, in collaboration with shopping centers throughout the United States, is selling 9/11

commemorative calendars to raise money for the families of the attack. MICHAEL has a good number of these items and one hundred percent of the receipts go to the families. Each calendar costs \$10.00.

\* JET BEAVER, once again, will co-host the annual Rotary Auction. The event is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>. It is the club's biggest fundraiser and its success depends on the prizes that each member is prepared to make. Think big!

\* DAN ERCOLINI will chair the meeting of the Community Services Committee at JUDY KAFKA's house at 805 Ocean Ave., Point Richmond, on Wednesday, November 14. The meeting will commence at 5 p.m.

\* The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Rotary will be on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon at the Mira Vista country Club. For the newly inducted red badgers, this is a good opportunity to meet one of the requirements to move to a blue badge.

### **Newest Member Inducted:**

Welcome to PAUL ALLEN, President of MBA polymers who was sponsored by WERNER SCHWARZ. PAUL has a very interesting biography and we look forward to hearing his "Who Am I".

### **Recognitions:**

Congratulations to WERNER SCHWARZ who celebrated another Happy Birthday. DR. DON and Martha MILLER celebrated their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. No small accomplishment! DICK KING just joined the club and already is recognized for a wedding anniversary. Kudos from the club.

### **Happy/Sad Dollars:**

HENRY KELMAN is delighted with WERNER SCHWARZ's efforts in recruiting new members for the club. TOM BUTT thanks all of the members for their support in his Mayoral race and for the relief that he now enjoys by finishing in second place. HANK COVELL is very pleased with the coverage that his son, the ferry boat pilot, received in a recent issue of the San Francisco Chronicle. DIANA BECTON-SMITH is thrilled with this year's response to the Spirit in Excellence program at the Peres School. CHARLES BELCHER appreciates the support he received in his campaign to retain his City Council chair. Congratulations CHARLES! JIM BEAVER reported that this year's Casino Golf Tourney for the Hospital was the most successful to date. ERLE BROWN tried to say, "Go Bears", but the tears got in the way. There's always next year for the Cal basketball team. JONATHAN LAWLIS expressed his disappointment in the defeat of Measure M by presenting the Richmond Public Library with a generous donation. JONI HIRAMOTO is happy to report that her rambunctious lifestyle continues.

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DAVID K. made a donation for a great variety of happy reasons.

**Program:**

LESLIE LEVY introduced Rich Bartke who is an attorney and political activist from El Cerrito.

Nestled in the hollers of West Virginia one can find the spectacular Greenbriar Resort. The resort was built by the C&O Railroad in White Sulphur Springs and ever since its inception it has hosted leaders from around the world. However, for several years there was always something a little extra special about the place that only recently was uncovered.

If one walks around the grounds of the Greenbriar, one will come upon a huge door marked, "Danger—High Voltage" and behind that plated wall one finds enormous vault doors. Inside of a mountain on the grounds of the Greenbriar was a bunker designed to act as safe haven for all members of the U.S. House and Senate. Although the place is Spartan in all respects, legislative deliberations, if necessary, could have been conducted from that location. In addition to Senate and House chambers, the place included living quarters for select staff. It is ironic that it was never used. But might have been in the events surrounding the 9/11 attack. It was so well camouflaged that it remained a secret hiding place for more than 40 years. A few years ago, the Washington Post finally was able to confirm the location of the bunker and new quarters had to be found. Now, the place is a tourist attraction and private citizens can make reservations for an escorted visit to the bunker. RICH took the tour last August.

RICH also took a few minutes to describe the splendor of the Greenbriar. It is an enormous operation able to host more than 900 guests on a regular basis. Just about any

recreational activity can be enjoyed at the Greenbriar with heavy emphasis on golf. RICH encouraged each of us to try to make a visit to this remarkable piece of American history.

**Richmond Rotary Lotto:** \$783 were up for grabs on November 9<sup>th</sup>. JOE ROBINSON pulled a white ball. He gets a free lunch, but the lotto grows.

Respectfully submitted,  
GIUSEPPE VERDI, your scribe.

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### **"Local Businessman Runs for Mayor"** TOM BUTT

Fellow Rotarian Tom Butt sits on the city council and has been a successful businessman for over 25 years.

### **"Close Up Program"** DOROTHY HERZBERG

Our second speaker is a teacher at Richmond High. This year the students at Richmond High have the opportunity for the first time to participate in the *Close Up Program*. The CloseUp Foundation has run a program for high school students to spend a week in Washington DC for over 30 years.

**Chairman of the Day:** BARRY GORDON  
**Door Duty:** RALPH HILL / MARKKU PELANNE

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## PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2001

### **\*\*\*\*Elections\*\*\*\*** **ANNUAL AUCTION** **"Guests Welcome"**

**Chairman of the Day:** JIM BEAVER  
**Door Duty:** JONI HIRAMOTO / REN PARTRIDGE

#### **LAST WEEK:**

President RICH BRANDES gonged another meeting together of the friendly Richmond Rotary Club where "Mankind is our Business". DON LAU led us in the pledge. BARRY GORDON's thought for the day was Sam Goldwyn's admonition, "Anyone who goes to a psychologist should have his head examined." By the way BARRY, what was Sam Goldwyn's real name?

**Rotarians with Guests:** DAN HARDISON's guest was Jan Brown, DON's daughter and a graphic artist. WERNER SCHWARZ introduced George Alvarez, Randy Gordon and Father Atwood. Father Atwood is from St David of Wales

Church. DAVID BROWN's guest was attorney Josh Genser.

#### **Announcements:**

**\*\* LESLIE LEVY** reported on the work of the nominations committee. The slate of officers for next year is HORACE "STONEY" STONEWORK for Vice-President/President Elect, JOE NUSBAUM for Secretary and DONNA BELL for Treasurer. DAVID BROWN announced candidates for the Board of Directors and they are JOANNE BLUM, GEORGE EGAN, REN PARTRIDGE, BART WALLACE, MARK HOWE and RICHARD ALEXANDER. Elections will be held at the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with three individuals elected to the Board of Directors. There were no nominations from the floor.

**\*\* The Rotary Auction** will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The auction is the Club program for that day. Jet Beaver will handle the auctioneering responsibilities. JIM reports that several outstanding prizes have already been contributed including cruises on the Bay, weekend cabins at Tahoe and DAVID BROWN's "living will" preparation for any member of the club.

**\*\* The Rotary Holiday Party** will be held the evening of December 14<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse at Brick Yard Landing in Point Richmond. The party will begin at 5:30 p.m. We will be graced by the musical entertainment of Tamara who will sing a selection of holiday tunes. Tamara will be "on stage" at about 6:30. There is no charge for each Rotarian and one guest. Additional guests are welcome. The charge is \$5.00 per person. For directions to the party, please call JOE GREEN at 510-620-554 or 510-235-8944.

**\*\* Dr. DAN TANITA** will be coordinating the visit of dentists from Russia. The dentists will be in our area for the first 3 weeks in February, 2002. At this time, DAN is looking for Rotarians who could host the dentists for a period of one week. Each host should be prepared to host two dentists. This particular program is directed by the United States Department of State. DAN looks forward to the usual strong level of support from the Club.

**New Member Induction:** WERNER SCHWARZ was pleased to induct our newest member GEORGE ALVAREZ. GEORGE's badge will read "Art Dealer" and "honest" in very small print. According to WERNER, GEORGE is down to his last 5 original Mona Lisa's. GEORGE has a very interesting biography and we look forward to hearing his "Who Am I". Welcome to the club, GEORGE.

**Rotary Foundation:** ERLE BROWN, the club's coordinator for the Paul Harris Fund and Rotary Foundation activities, described the work of the Foundation and its



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importance to each Richmond Rotarian. The club has established a financial goal of \$100 per capita for the support of the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation is a multimillion dollar operation dedicated to world wide peace initiatives including programs such as "Polio Plus" designed to wipe out polio throughout the world. 19 club members have already made their commitment to the Foundation. Contributions to the project can be made at club meetings. Check should be made payable to the Rotary Foundation.

**Program:** BARRY GORDON introduced Matt Orem, a certified water technologist, from Point Richmond. Matt owns and operates Protection Engineering, Inc., which provides water treatment consulting and formulates conservation designs for heating, air conditioning and cooling systems. This relatively new firm is on the rise and should reach its first half million in revenues in 2002. Some of their customers include Columbo Breads and Ghiradelli Chocolates. By helping these companies install and maintain cleaner systems, the environment is improved and the companies realize greater financial profits.

All of us enjoyed Matt's guided tour through his trials and tribulations in trying to find his way as a student. His very entertaining tale of starts and stops leading to his career as a successful scientist and chemist reminded your scribe of David Letterman's remark that the world is ruled by "c" students. I think all of us hope that Matt pays us another visit in the near future.

**Richmond Rotary Lotto:** Congratulations to MARKKU PELANNE who had the good luck to pluck the orange ball and win \$1,072. Thus, a new lotto begins with the meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

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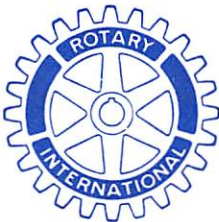
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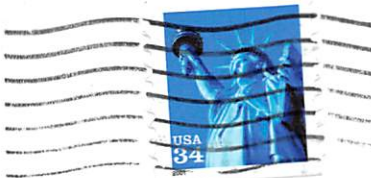
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2001

**\*\*\*\*Elections\*\*\*\***  
**ANNUAL AUCTION**  
**"Guests Welcome"**

# AUCTION



Chairman of the Day: JIM BEAVER  
Door Duty: JONI HIRAMOTO / REN PARTRIDGE

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FRIDAYS, DECEMBER 21 & 28, 2001

*NO PROGRAMS – but we WILL be meeting.*



*Roundtable discussion and fellowship on the Agenda.*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JANUARY 11, 2002**

World-renowned speaker Cliff Dochterman, Past President of Rotary International and Past Chairman of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees, will address our club at Noon, Friday, January 11, 2002. His topic is *"When Did You Become a Rotarian?"*.

It would be great if you could bring your spouse, sweetheart or special guests to this unique event.

### **LAST WEEK**

There was a pledge and a thought and visitors and guests. Our visiting Rotarian was David Carlin from Marin Sunrise. Guests included Rita Bagley with JOE, Jeanne Partridge with REN, Josh Genser with DAVID BROWN and JIM CANNON with WERNER.

JIM was welcomed into the club as our newest member a short time later. Standing O and welcome aboard.

### **Announcements:**

**\*\* HOLIDAY AUCTION THIS WEEK.** Bring everyone you know. We'll also be having the election for the board. Candidates are: BART WALLACE, GEORGE EGAN, JOANNE BLUM RICHARD ALEXANDER, MARK HOWE and REN PARTRIDGE. STONEY is our selection for vice-president and the usual suspects for treasurer and secretary. Actually, JOE and DONNA pretty much hold the club together and don't you forget it. The HOLIDAY PARTY will follow the auction – 5:30 p.m. at the Brickyard Landing clubhouse. Entertainment included. You and your guest are free; additional guests are \$5.

**\*\* DICK KING** gave his "Who Am I". DICK is the president of AnWest, a civil and structural engineering firm. He has been married for 40 years and has four children and five grandchildren. He attended Cal where he played football for Pappy Waldorf. He's worked all over the world on engineering jobs and is happy to be located in Richmond where he moved his firm in 1978.

**\*\* We congratulated Rita Bagley** on becoming a full-fledged Paul Harris Fellow. JOE looked on with pride and thoughtfulness as WERNER told him he'd now be going to bed with a fellow.

**\*\* MARKKU** finally got to let loose a holler for winning the ping-pong letter last week. True to his generous nature, MARKKU split his share with Peres School and then put in another \$100 on his wife's Paul Harris. Now that's service above self.



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JOE THOMAS was happy to give a donation for his birthday and anniversary.  
PRESIDENT RICH was happy to give \$5 for missing JOE's birthday and anniversary.  
REN and Jeanne were celebrating a new granddaughter.  
ELOF was unhappy that his hand was in some kind of splint.

**PROGRAM:**

We had a split session. Dorothy Herzberg started off with a presentation on the Close-Up program which sends deserving high schoolers to Washington D.C. for an up close and personal look at the nation's capital and tours highlighting our history and institutions. The emphasis is on history and civics. They can always use some donation type help to supplement these trips.

TOM BUTT have an insightful and enjoyable trip through his political campaigns and service on the city council. He said it costs anywhere from \$30,000 to \$100,000 to run for the City Council in Richmond. TOM managed to stay



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