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A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2002
(At the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club)

"When Did You Become a Rotarian?"



DR. CLIFF DOCHTERMAN
Past President, Rotary International
Moraga, CA, USA
Trustee, Rotary Foundation 1993-99
Chairman, The Rotary Foundation
Trustees 1997-98
President, Rotary International,
1992-93
Vice President, Rotary International,
1984-85
Director, Rotary International,
1983-85

A Rotarian since 1958, Cliff was Governor of our District 5160 during 1968-69. He received all Rotary International's and Rotary Foundation's awards for his continuing humanitarian work throughout the World.

He was one of the architects of Rotary's 3-H (Health, Hunger and Humanity) program and has been recognized for his initial leadership in creating the PolioPlus program. He has served as chairman of virtually all of Rotary's planning committees in the past dozen years.

During 1983-85 he was director of Rotary International and in 1984-85, was worldwide vice president of Rotary. As President of Rotary International during 1992-93, he presented the Rotary theme: "Real Happiness is Helping Others".

Cliff Dochterman had a career of 40 years in higher education administration, including 20 years with the University of California in Berkeley and 20 years as Executive Vice President of the University of The Pacific in Stockton, California.

Dochterman has been active in many national, civic and professional organizations. He has served as president of the 49er Council of the Boy Scouts of America, president of the Stockton Chamber of Commerce; and chairman of the San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation Commission. He is the recipient of the George Washington Honor Medal of the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge for his contributions to the American way of life. The Boy Scouts of America has

given him three of their highest honors – the Silver Eagle, the Silver Antelope and the Distinguished Eagle Award.

Cliff is a member of the Rotary Club of Moraga as well as an Honorary member of the North Stockton, Stockton, Berkeley and University Hills/Denver clubs.

Chairman of the Day: WERNER SCHWARZ

Door Duty: GLORIA JOHNSTON / DAVID NINOMIYA

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YOUR SPOUSE, SWEETHEART OR SPECIAL
GUESTS TO THIS UNIQUE EVENT.**

*Representatives from the West Contra Costa Rotary Clubs
will be with us at this meeting.*

LAST WEEK:

President RICH BRANDES called all to order and wished everyone a happy new year. OSCAR LUGO led us in a silent prayer in honor and memory of the fallen soldier who died that morning in Afghanistan.

Visiting Rotarians: Dan Jenkins of the Orinda Club. Sesa Reddy from Milpitas and Beth Huber from Marin. Welcome all.

Rotarians with guests: RICHARD ALEXANDER introduced his son Nathan. DAVID BROWN presented Josh Genser as a guest, for the last time. DON HARDISON's guest, also for the last time, was JAN BROWN.

RICHARD BRANDES marked his halfway in term by sharing some thoughts from George Carlin. George's advice, "Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things." Also, from George, "When you consider their location why aren't hemorrhoids called asteroids?" RICHARD, we have definitely moved into a much higher level of sophistication. Keep finding those gems.

Announcements: DR. TANITA brought us up to date on the plans for the visiting dentists from Russia. They will be arriving for a three week tour starting in early February. Housing and tour support is still needed. Interested parties should contact DR. DAN immediately.

RICHARD BRANDES gave a short mid-year report. Highlight of his report was the fact that we have inducted 11



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new members this year. Other points from RICH included the following:

- * The Annual Auction raised over \$8,500.
- * Plans to review publication and distribution of the Flywheel are being undertaken.
- * The Club continues to operate the Peres Elementary School program with enthusiasm and success.

Congratulations to MARK HOWE and DICK KING who moved from red badge to blue badge status.

Welcome to new member JOSH GENSER who was sponsored by DAVID BROWN. Also, welcome to JAN BROWN, graphic designer, who was sponsored by her father, architect, DON HARDISON. Both JOSH and JAN are very long time Richmond residents who play important roles in the life of the community. We look forward to their participation in Rotary.

Recognitions: Anniversary bells were ringing once again for HANK COVELL as he and Doreen marked their 43rd wedding anniversary.

Happy/Sad Dollars: BART WALLACE had some sage advice about shaving and beer. The advice was extremely valuable. Congratulations to TED ABREU who officiated at his daughter's wedding in South Pasadena. Better to officiate than referee.

Program:

OSCAR LUGO introduced us to one of Point Richmond's more colorful characters. Inventor, submarine designer and developer Guy Hawkes who specializes in remote underwater devices and winged submersibles.

From his incubator in Brickyard Cove, Guy and the series of companies he has started have brought several new submarine vessels into being which have opened up new opportunities into underwater exploration. He confirmed that despite rumors to the contrary he does not use his companies to produce robots.

His newest submersible is called a "deep flight aviator". Its design more closely resembles an airplane. It flies through the water and operates in much the same way as a jet. This unit will greatly expand the possibilities that Graham has already opened for organizations such as NASA and National Geographic in their pursuits to find new organisms throughout the universe.

One of Graham's principal goals is to be the first to see a live giant squid. With his passion for developing new submersibles, Graham may soon realize his dream.

Richmond Rotary Lotto: DR. DAN TANITA pulled a white ball. One free lunch coming up, but the lotto continues. The lotto was worth \$103.

Until next time

Guiseppe Verdi
Your friendly scribe

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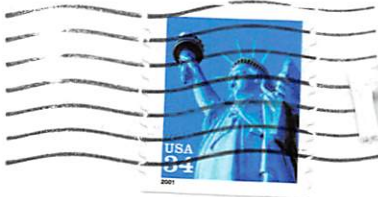
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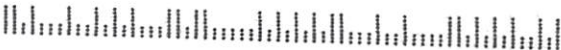


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“The Gateways Project”

MARCIA VALLIER
Vallier Design Associates

Valier Design associates is a landscape architecture, planning and design firm based in Point Richmond. Marcia Vallier, principal and owner of Vallier Design Associates has over 16 years of professional experience in the fields of landscape architecture and planning.

The Gateways Project began in 1998. In collaboration with the City of Richmond and the Richmond Redevelopment Agency staff, and business and neighborhood groups, Vallier Design Associates has developed a citywide urban design program for the City of Richmond.

Chairman of the Day: BARRY GORDON

Door Duty: PAM JONES / JOHN NICOL

LAST WEEK:

A full house plus greeted PRESIDENT RICH as he welcomed an all-star cast to the club. STONEY led the pledge and HERB COLE had some thoughts on service.

Visiting Rotarians was a who's who starting with guest speaker, former R.I. president Cliff Dochterman and including Mike Kutzuris, a past R.I. director; Bill Frank, current Assistant District Governor; past District Governor Chuck Swenson; and our own past D.G. WERNER SCHWARZ. Other visitors included Joyne Neil, Bill Van Dyk, Michael Burlson and Bruce Keim from San Pablo; Gary Sloan, Doreen Covell, Pat Kiesle, Jamie Hardin and Judy Cates from Pinole; bob Polacchi, Diane Griffin and Paul Wintroath from Hercules; David Kurland and John Clinton from Marin Sunrise; Randy Stevenson from El Sobrante, whew.

Guests included Bill Barnsdale with CHARLES FENDER, Anne Nusbaum with JOE, and Lea Schwarz with WERNER.

Announcements:

* We received a nice thank you letter from the New York Rotary Club that received our donations for the September 11 fund.




* Also got a nice thank you from the crew of the Red Oak Victory ship.

* DON LAU told us about a Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at the Richmond Auditorium on Jan. 21. It's being sponsored by the YMCA and will include a multi-denominational service and a keynote speech by Jim Lawson who worked with Rev. King.

* LESLIE LEVY tells us that the meeting on Feb. 15 will be a special Valentine's thing with a piano player and everything so bring you sweetheart.

* **Board Meeting on January 17 at noon Mira Vista** for all board members, red badgers and interested parties. Committee assignments are being updated so talk to RICH if you want to move around.

* We'll be looking for a report on the Reno trip this Friday.

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WERNER introduced our very special guest speaker, Cliff Dochterman. After some stellar jokes Cliff delivered a rousing talk about becoming a real Rotarian. The day you become (or became) a real Rotarian is not necessarily the day you joined the club. It's the day you truly realized the concept of service above self. It's impossible to do justice to the stories and thoughts Cliff brought to this idea, but it's fair to say that most of us got a good feel for what it takes and why it's important.

OSCAR LUGO went white.

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"SAILMASTERS YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM"

**(How Sailing can Help Richmond Boys
and Girls Develop Self Confidence)**

ROGER PELZ
Program Director

Roger Pelz graduated from Occidental College, Eagle Rock, So. California (1954), worked 3 years following college as a U.S. Air Force navigator. He became an executive with the Boy Scouts of America (1957) where he worked in Orange County, the Los Angeles Area Council and the Aloha Council in Honolulu, Hawaii for first 10 years. He then went to Guam in 1968 to organize a Boy Scout Council on that island which was accomplished in 1969. Following that he worked in Minneapolis, MN, Grand Forks and Fargo, ND, and then left scouting from the Golden Empire Council in Sacramento in December 1977.

From 1978-1997 he had his own business working in retirement planning primarily with teachers and small businesses using insurance, annuities and mutual fund.

Retiring in 1998, Roger started sailing every chance he could becoming a member of the Tradewinds Sailing Club where he had access to sailboats. He joined the Richmond Yacht Club in March of 2001.

Since 1997 he has sailed 2,700 offshore miles, from Seattle, WA to Cabo, San Lucas, Baja, CA. In addition, he is American Sailing Association certified in Keel Boats through the Advanced Coastal Cruising level and as a Small Boat Instructor.

Roger is currently working on the development of a program for boys and girls in the Richmond area to learn how to sail called the "SAILMASTERS YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM".

Chairman of the Day: BARRY GORDON
Door Duty: JUDY KAFKA / JUDY MORGAN

LAST WEEK

With PRESIDENT RICH tanned, rested and ready from the Reno Trip we gathered to hear OSCAR lead us in the pledge and HERB quote Churchill about babies.

Guests included Dana Griffin who is not only an SF Rotarian but DAN TANITA's bride to be. OSCAR brought Lawrie McFarin and we're sure we missed the spelling on that one as well as on MARK HOWE's guest Marta Valle.

Big reports from the Reno Trip as RICH handed out awards to JOHN NICOL for the best poker hand (4 aces but not exactly and don't ask me to explain except that the important thing is JOHN came home with \$2,500 of which he put \$200 toward his son's Paul Harris).




DAN TANITA won for best nap on the train; MARK HOWE for find the international bar; HENRY for first to bed; and HERB and HENRY for longest time at the crap table which was OK because they both apparently won a crapsload of money. HERB gave \$100 to his granddaughter's Paul Harris. TED ABREU had some happy dollars because he is in awe of JOHN NICOL's stamina.

Who Am I: New member PAUL ALLEN gave his Who Am I. He was born and raised in Iowa and graduated from the Merchant Marine Academy in New York and went on to get his Masters in nuclear engineering. He spent some time testing the nuclear power plants for Trident submarines and then decided to do some traveling and figure out what his plans were. He traveled extensively in South America with his brother and then came home to found MBA Polymers. Along the way he met his wife. MBA is working to find innovative ways to recycle plastic and PAUL is proud of the fact that this is truly an environmental effort. After the fire in October 2000 the company has regained its footing and is doing well enough to be looking at further expansion overseas. Welcome aboard, PAUL.

Board Meeting: The board approved spending \$1,500 on the Russian dentists visit. At the board meeting Assistant D.G. Bill Frank talked about alternative memberships including husband-wife and corporate. The board will also be reviewing, under JONI HIRAMOTO's leadership, various international projects.

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

* BART WALLACE was super pleased that daughter Amanda has been accepted into the California Maritime Academy.

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- * DAN TANITA was happy that he's engaged.
- * DAN READY was happy to have had another birthday and recalled that the members left from when he joined are WALTER WOLFFS, RALPH HILL and DON HARDISON.
- * GLORIA JOHNSTON was happy to be back at the club, proud of the work the club is doing at Peres and really cheesed off at some Bozo who sent her an email about the school bond issue.
- * DAVID K was happy that the wheels of justice continued to turn on the SLA members.
- * GEORGE EGAN was happy about a new estate planning area he's involved in.
- * JOE NUSBAUM was happy to have celebrated his 48th anniversary with the lovely Anne.
- * And ERLE's happy that Cal beat Stanford and that he's headed south of the border again.

Program:

Our speaker was Marcia Vallier who is heading up the planning for the ambitious Richmond Gateways program. This will be a series of signs and landscape at key spots around the city to let people know about amenities and transportation routes. It's designed to create an identity for the city, improve our visibility and ease of navigation around the city.

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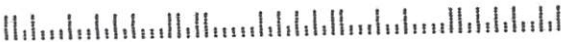


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Announcements:

* DAVID K. reported via JOE BAGLEY that FATHER CHRIS is home after eye surgery and we're hoping for the best.

* Rotary received a letter from the Director General of the World Health Organization recognizing Rotary's incredible role in helping eradicate polio. The letter noted the tremendous worldwide results.

* JOHN NICOL donated four passes for the upcoming Pebble Beach golf tournament.




Who Am I's:

* We had a couple of Who Am I's starting with JOE THOMAS. JOE is from New Haven, Connecticut. He did his graduate work at the University of New Haven – Accounting. He came out West and went to work at KTVU in Oakland. He eventually got his masters from Golden Gate University and currently does accounting for probate cases as well as handling conservatorships for veterans.

* KEN LEVERICH was next up. KEN works for the California State Lands Commission where he's been for about 10 years. He works on environmental issues dealing with oil spill prevention. He's also worked with Chevron. Welcome aboard fellas.

JONI HIRAMOTO had an update on member donations. Twenty-seven members have met the \$100 goal we set for donations to the Rotary Foundation. So far, during RICH's term, we have donated \$3,928.

DAN TANITA reminded us that the Russian dentists will be here next week. We're all invited to the welcoming reception at the Point Richmond Mechanics Bank at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, February 1. They'll be at our club on February 8.

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Program:

Roger Pelz is the director of the Sailmasters Youth Sailing Program. The program is sponsored by the Northland Nautical Foundation and is intended to work with youngsters to help them learn to sail but mostly to help them learn discipline, self-confidence and physical fitness. Their goals for the kids are much the same as the Boy and Girl Scouts. The program is run out of Marina Bay. It involves learning to sail – starting with a dinghy – with regular access to sailboats, advancing to racing and high adventure sailing in keelboats. A major aspect of the program is that there are no fees for the kids. They're seeking community support for equipment purchases.

Raffle:

DAN READY yanked a white one.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2002

"Judicial Candidates Forum at Richmond Rotary"

Our guest speakers will be four candidates for Contra Costa Superior Court Judge in the Election of March 5, 2002. Their names are:

JOEL GOLUB

STACE GRASSINI

CHERYL MILLS

MALCOLM SHER

Chair of the Day: BARRY GORDON

Door Duty: DAVID KUCHENTHAL / TOM MCGOWAN

LAST WEEK

President RICH BRANDES once again brought order from chaos when he called another meeting of the friendly Richmond Rotary. After the pledge, Dr. DAN TANITA, as only he can, reminded us and recited for us Rotary's "Four Way Test". DAN, it was BENEFICIAL for all concerned.

Visiting Rotarian: Bruce Keim from San Pablo and Sacha Redi from Milpitas.

Guest: Dorothy Hertzger, a local teacher, who is coordinating a trip to Washington D.C. for high school students in the Richmond area.

Congratulations to JOE THOMAS who received his blue badge.

Who Am I?

New member GEORGE ALVAREZ was born in Mexico City and raised in San Diego. By training, GEORGE is a historian and investment banker. He tried the world of finance for a few years, but quickly learned that his passions

were more in the area of the travel and art. For several years, he was connected with various art galleries in San Francisco. A few years ago, GEORGE set off on his own by starting his own art gallery in the Richmond area. He specializes in Latin American art with a heavy emphasis on the very popular oil paintings of outstanding Mexican artists. Working in the field of art has enabled GEORGE to travel the world – something in which he finds great joy. GEORGE is married to Liz. They have a 7-½ year old son. Welcome aboard GEORGE!

Announcements:

* DAN ERCOLINI reminded members of the Community Services Committee. That committee will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday February 13th at JUDY KAFKA's house on Ocean Avenue in Point Richmond.

* While visiting Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, two members of the visiting Russian dentists delegation had their pocket books stolen. Several hundred of dollars was taken. Thanks to the efforts of Rotary clubs in El Sobrante, San Pablo and Richmond, the money was restored. Another example of Rotary's International efforts at work.




* DAVID K. shared the sad news that OSCAR LUGO's sister had passed away. Also, Alan Norris, well known Richmond attorney and brother of JOE NUSBAUM, PASSED away last week. OSCAR and JOE, please accept our condolences.

Happy / Sad Dollars:

JOE THOMAS had happy dollars. JOE, in the future speak up so all of us will know why you are happy. FATHER CHRIS WOERZ was happy to be back and pleased to be able to SEE all of us. He said that the surgery was indeed a miracle. He also is pleased at the academic performance of the students at Salisian High school. JOE BAGLEY is glad that he can now legally share a drink with his daughter. MIKE READY is very happy that he continues to be able to toast his father, DAN, on the occasion of his birthday. DAN was 89 on January 13. DAVID K. had happy / sad dollars. Happy because he went fishing in the annual Superbowl Sturgeon Festival. Sad because he was skunked. DAVID BROWN shared his thoughts about Alan Norris with us. Mr. Norris was well respected throughout the community and served as a mentor to many lawyers in the Contra Costa County. He set an example that should be emulated. He will be missed.

Program:

DR. DAN TANITA discussed the background of Richmond Rotary's leadership in coordinating the visit of 10 dentists

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from Russia to the Bay Area. The work has been exciting, tiring and challenging. He then introduced Beth Gelfond from the Center for Citizen Initiative. Beth reviewed the CCI's initiatives. She stated that CCI works closely with Rotary because the missions of both groups coincide and the results of joint projects have always been positive. She stated that the visiting Russian dentists gained a group deal from their visits to America. The dentists view American dental care as the very best from both a business and medical perspective. They are impressed with customer service, modern clinics and organization of services. Their aspirations are to reach a similar level in Russia. Beth turned the program over to Matthew Finkel, travel coordinator for the dentists. He introduced us to the delegation that have come to regard their American hosts as parental and loving. They are from all parts of Russia – St. Petersburg to Siberia. They operate a variety of clinics from a large unit with more than 18 chairs to very modest offices just getting started. All clinics are private and represent new ventures in the new economy of the former Soviet Union. Another benefit of the relationship has been the development and expansion of Rotary throughout Russia. Thank you DAN for your efforts.

Richmond Lotto: DR. DON MILLER tried for the \$310 pot, but only came up with a free lunch.

Happy Valentine's Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Giuseppe Verdi,
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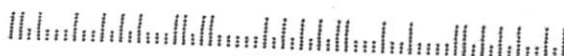


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“MEASURE K”

Financing Environmental Maintenance & Protection in East Bay Regional Parks

BRUCE BEYAERT

Bruce chairs the Planning Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Board of Directors of East Bay Regional Park District. He also is Chair of TRAC, trails for Richmond Action Committee, which is working to expedite completion of the San Francisco Bay Trail in Richmond. His other responsibilities include:

- * Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Save San Francisco Bay Association
- * Board of Directors of ABAG's Bay Trail Project
- * Member of Richmond's Shoreline Development Advisory Committee
- * Member of Richmond's Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee and the Navy's Restoration Advisory Committee Advisory Board for Point Molate Naval Fuel Depot

Before becoming so active in community issues, Bruce worked 33 years for Chevron in many diverse jobs, primarily in the home office in San Francisco. His last two jobs were:

- * Principal Strategic Planning Consultant, Chevron USA Products Co.
- * Manager of Environmental Planning, Chevron Corp.

Chairperson of the Day: BARRY GORDON

Door Duty: JON LAWLIS / NORM LUNDBERG

LAST WEEK

It was another perfect day in paradise as the president turned over the pledge to PP JOE BAGLEY and handled the thought himself. Our guests included Clavel Fender with CHARLIE, who also brought friends Bill and Florence. JAN BROWN brought along Sandra Dixon Brown from Doctors Medical Center San Pablo.


You've already missed the going home party for the Russian dentists who cut quite a swath through the Bay Area during their stay. Thanks to all the home hosts, the club members who entertained them at dinners and parties and of course, the inestimable DAN TANITA for basically doing everything.

George Harris from the West County School Board was on hand to give us a pitch for Measure D which will be on the March ballot. It's an important measure to renovate all our middle and high schools.

The Board met and handed out several community donations. \$1000 will be going to the Contra Costa College foundation to give assistance to disabled students by training them in horticulture. \$500 will go to GRIP and \$500 to the Salvation Army.

Recognitions:

- * PRESIDENT RICH had a birthday and an anniversary and a donation to his wife's Paul Harris.
- * MR. BEAVER had a birthday and a donation to the Carl Rehfsuss Fund.
- * DAVID BROWN had a birthday, which he spent chipping paint and a donation to whatever would help him get s shiny blue ribbon.
- * DONNA URIYU had a birthday on Valentine's Day and a fond remembrance for her birthday mate GEORGE WACKER.
- * STAN TEADERMAN was catching up on some recognition and had an additional donation on top of what he'd already put in. Trabajo bien, dude.
- * LESLIE's birthday was good and the check's in the mail. She also had an extra \$20 for her son's straight A's.
- * TED ABREU matched that for his daughter's acceptance to grad school.
- * JONATHAN LAWLIS was really happy that he's seen a positive business turnaround.
- * DAN READY was happy that son MICHAEL became a grandfather which makes him a great grandfather and to that

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we can only say that there could never be any question that DAN is a GREAT grandfather.
* JOE BAGLEY was joyful that his cousin got a needed liver transplant – and from his own sister who donated part of hers as a living donor. Wow.

PROGRAM

Our speaker was Roger Thomas who is the British Consul General in San Francisco and it was among the very best programs we've had in recent, or even distant memory. A Welsh raconteur, Mr. Thomas began with an amusing discussion of his country. But he really kicked things into gear with his story of his adventures as a United Nations weapons inspector in Iraq after the Gulf War. He was informed, insightful and opinionated. It felt like we were at a Pentagon briefing and the news was sobering. Weapons inspectors found that Iraq had loaded onto missiles enough chemical weapons to destroy life on the planet four times over. They were building ever more powerful and sophisticated missiles. The inspectors found a document that indicated that Iraq's goal was to reach a point where it could launch a surprise attack that would destroy Israel. Incredibly fascinating stuff – he went to a full ten minutes after our normal time to end the meeting and no one had budged.

Raffle held over to next week.

-Jim Beaver-

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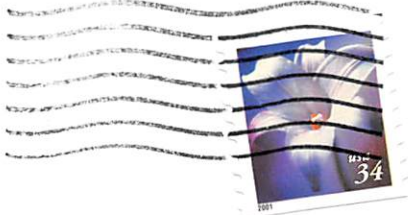
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2002



"Learning to Laugh and Live Longer"

WILLIAM O. (BILL) CREWS
B.A., B.D., L.H.D., D.D., D.Min

William Crews became the sixth president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary on December 1986. He came to the Seminary from Riverside, CA, where he was pastor of the 2,300 member Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church for eight years. His background includes a wide range of pastoral and denominational experience. For 14 years he was a pastor in Texas, having served five different churches. In 1967 he moved to Seattle, WA, to become pastor of Victory Baptist Church until 1972, when he became pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church in Portland, OR, until 1977.

In the community, he has been active in the Rotary Club, having received the "Service Above Self" award from the Southwest Portland Rotary Club in 1976 and was president-elect of the Riverside Rotary Club in 1985. He was a member of the board of directors of the Rotary Club of San Rafael. He served on the board of directors for the Marin County Chamber of Commerce. He serves on the North Bay Council and as a member of the Board of Directors of Marin General Hospital.

Spouses, Sweethearts & Guests are Invited

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Door Duty: LESLY LEVY / OSCAR LUGO

LAST WEEK

Were it not for the fact that we could use some rain again it would be tempting to say that paradise continues at the top of the hill every Friday. PRESIDENT RICH opened things up with the pledge and a discovery that dentist jokes are not particularly funny.

Visiting Rotarians: Jane Hildebrand from Pleasanton, Jeanne Barton from El Sobrante and Ruth Vazquez-Jones from San Pablo who was also JIM BEAVER's guest.

Guest: REN PARTRIDGE brought the ever sunny Jeanne.

Announcements:

* The District Conference is May 17-19 at Ashland, Oregon and RICH thinks it would just be terrific if a few more of us signed up to go. He also says there's some open spots for the International Conference in Barcelona.

* We signed a card for RAY MARTIN whose wife Marylyn passed away.

* Thanks to those of you - we'll get your names next week - who as I write this are reading to the kids at Peres School. Thank you, JUDY, for putting it all together.

* If you want to help out with the sailing program for inner city kids that we heard about a few weeks back, see OSCAR. They can use your time, skills, money or boat.




* If you weren't there you missed a great going away party for the Russian dentists last Saturday - or was it Friday? Thanks again to DAN TANITA and all the hosts and everyone who helped out.

* MARKKU was back from a visit to the mainland and had a Rotary club banner from Kamppi, Finland.

* Priscilla Leon, the Dean of Economic Development at Contra Costa College spoke to us about Measure A which would raise about \$30 million for the college to renovate and refurbish the 50 year-old building on campus and provide some needed modernization.

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* MIKE READY had a birthday but all he wanted to talk about was his new granddaughter. Congratulations.

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- * DON & Shelly LAU celebrated an anniversary and DON remembers something about snow.
- * ERLE BROWN had a birthday and something for his daughter's Paul Harris but all he wanted to talk about was da Bears. Go Cal basketball and he's been watching the Flywheel in vain for other alumni to do some boosting for the team.
- * JONI HIRAMOTO had a birthday which she celebrated singing songs and enjoying the festivities at Madera School. Donation to her husband's Paul Harris.
- * BART WALLACE was way happy that daughter Amanda got a summer job as a deckhand on the Angel Island Ferry. Cool.
- * DAVID K. saw a great Cal game – triple overtime.
- * RUSS SCHULZE – hey RUSS – is enjoying vacation; just got back from golf in Hawaii.
- * ELOF was unhappy that he put all that work into showing where all the dentists came from on a big map of Russia that he put together and a gust of wind blew it all to heck.
- * DON HARDISON stood tall for the Bears.
- * The REV. BELCHER had a birthday and some happy dollars cause he's glad to be alive.

Program:

Bruce Beyaert was on hand to give us some information on the East Bay Regional Parks and Measure K which would provide funding for needed maintenance and to open up newly acquired space and trails. Maintenance would include refurbished and added toilets, improved and added trails, camp shelters

and improved shoreline trails among other improvements. About 14 million people visit the parks annually more than Yosemite, Monterrey Peninsula and Napa combined. There are 59 parks and a total of 93,000 acres. The cost is \$12 annually for a single family home or, as Bruce put it, “a pizza for the parks.

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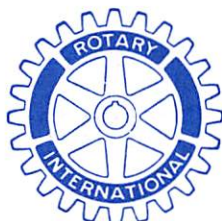
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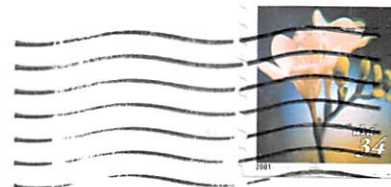
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2002

"The Nevin House"

MICHELLE GIBSON
Administrator

EVELYN CRESPO-MENA
Clinical Administrator Intern

Every year The Nevin House, a crisis residential home, owned and operated by Phoenix Programs, Inc., serves 700 people who are homeless and mentally disabled. Licensed and trained professional staff manage up to 16 clients at the home each day, where they are provided breakfast, lunch, dinner, phones, counseling, clothing and shower facilities. It is from over thirteen years of normal, everyday, wear and tear to the facilities that repairs and standard replacements become mandatory. This home is feeding the hungry and keeping people off the streets and helping them get back on their feet, making a difference in our community.

Chairperson of the Day: JOE BAGLEY

Door Duty: DONNA BELL / GEORGE ALVAREZ

LAST WEEK

On a gray, overcast day the group was called to assemble by Soon-to-Be Prez. DAVID BROWN, who threatened to give us a glimpse into our future. So that's why there was no sun! The Pledge was led by the guy who is responsible for DAVID's presence in our club...JOE NUSBAUM. The appropriate thought for the day was given by JOE THOMAS...we all said a little prayer for peace in the Middle East.


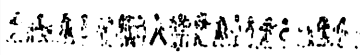

There were no Visiting Rotarians. Rotarians with guests included: RICHARD ALEXANDER who brought fellow barrister Brian Stern; JOHN MEDLOCK was accompanied by his nieces Venora and Deloris, both students on break from Washington Elementary; JOE ROBINSON's guest was Will Vinski, the Risk Management dude from the City; and JOHN NICOL introduced Ron Pierceall, a friend of the speaker.

Announcements:

- Incoming DAVID reminded us of the District Conference in Ashland, OR...info on web sit www.rotary5160.org. Club Leadership Seminar was held on 4/6...if you're reading this now...you missed it!
- House Captain PAUL HODGEN can use your skills on April 27 at our Christmas in April house. Let PAUL know if you can be there!!! We need skilled and unskilled!
- Secretary-for-Life JOE NUSBAUM noted that REN PARTRIDGE and GEORGE EGAN also gave to RotoPlast...and reminded us of his dirty little prank...he changes our badge slots every 3 months...so pay attention!
- DAVID asked for and got a very warm round of applause for our Club donating enough money for 4 surgeries for RotoPlast last week.

Who Am I!

We were treated to a wonderful "Who Am I!" from red badger JAN BROWN (I wonder who her sponsor was??). JAN is a designer by trade who has been involved in a number of local projects. A Cal Bear '71 with a major in Environmental Design, she once worked for a company whose client was Bill Harrah. Money was no object...but that made the job no fun. She then went

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to work for Pops (that's our own DON HARDISON for those not paying attention) doing interior environmental aspects of architectural design. An obvious free spirit, JAN shared her days of "road trips" with her parents and brother Steve, her musical gigs as part of a trio, her meeting and romance with future hubby Byron Brown, her work for VISTA and her obvious love of a good story. She has two children, Mathew and Jennifer. Welcome to our club JAN...we all know you'll be a great Rotarian...thanks papa DON!

Recognitions

RICHARD ALEXANDER and Kathryn celebrated 6 years of bliss...we would love to see your better half at a meeting soon!

Happy Dollars

BARRY had some for his anniversary (it's going to cost you much more) which is also the same day Aaron broke Ruth's record. JOE THOMAS is happy he has a grandson on the way...more to follow. DAN ERCOLINI had some for baseball starting and the sweep in LA...how sick are you BEAV!! DAVE K also had a happy \$5...JON LAWLIS was happy his daughter is 13 on Saturday. REN celebrated his granddaughter's 21st and KEN LEVERIDGE was happy he made it to Hawaii and wants to go back soon.

Program

BARRY GORDON introduced our speaker Ron Uselding, National Director of Fitness Motivation Institute of America...your basic fitness guru...who unfortunately forgot the punchline to his big opening joke. Sound body...but the mind? Ron is a fitness motivation guy who kept telling us that our bodies need rest, fuel and exercise. He kept also telling us that he could get us all fit if we just could spare 2-15 minutes per day (but that he could only show us that after the meeting!). We also need exercise to release our endorphins...which lead to us being more relaxed. With exercise...we reduce the risk of depression, heart disease and diabetes...so let's all get with it and exercise!

For some reason, with all those Rotarians in the room, we could not find the lottery balls...TED ABREU's ticket was picked so he gets first pick next week. Soon-to-Be DAVID bought the roses and hopefully a ticket out of the doghouse for \$40.

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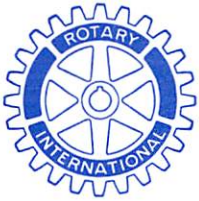
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PROGRAM FOR MARCH 15, 2002

“Rotary at the District Level”

BILL FRANK
Assistant District Governor

Chairman of the Day: **DAVID BROWN**
Door Duty: **TED ABREU / CHARLIE WONG**

LAST WEEK

Sure and twas a foine day top o’ the hill where KING RICHARD pledged the flag and HERB COLE had thoughts of glory and failure.

VISITING ROTARIANS included our asst. DG Bill Frank, David Kurline from Marin Sunrise, Richard Scheer from Lamorinda Sunrise and Chuck Ramm from Clayton Valley. GUESTS included Anne Nusbaum with JOE, Lisa BRANDES with whatsisname, Leah Schwarz with whosits, Randy Borden with HANNS SHAPER and Priscilla Leadon with JUDY MORGAN.

PREZ elect DAVID BROWN is back from cheerleading camp, otherwise known as the President Elect Training

Seminar and he had our slogan for the 2002-03, “Sow the Seeds of Love”, Very 60s. He’s got some ideas from programs starting with the purchase of a Rotary license plate which will bring money back into the club – see DAVID. Also an International program on wheelchairs and an education program for Spanish-speaking residents.

Visiting Rotarian Richard Scheer, a walking P.A. system, was on hand to tout all the wonderful adventures you can have if you sign up for the District Conference in Ashland, OR, coming in May. Sounds like serious fun and serious Rotary business. See our own RICH.

Thank you DAVE NINOMIYA for the flowers – as always.

Good program in two weeks, *Lighthouse for the Blind*.

Recognitions & Happy \$\$\$\$

* Well RICH gave it the old college try but couldn’t come up with TOM BUTT’s anniversary. Maybe next time.

* Joanne Ward was happy that Project Seed is going to be featured on CBS’ The Early Show on March 14. Tune in.

* FATHER CHRIS is truly happy to be seeing pretty darn well. Drove himself to the club even. Fantastic.




* DAN ERCOLINI’s daughter not only made the JV softball team but acquitted herself quite well in her recent game, thank you.

* JOSH GENSER was happy to see that the club has been a member of the Richmond Chamber for 45 years. Check out their mixer at The Pinnacles at Brickyard Cove this Thursday.

* JIM BEAVER was happy that TOM BUTT is selling goats on his e-mail newsletter.

* DON LAU’s 16 year old daughter got her license which reminded HERB COLE that she would have been born the year DON hired HERB. Tempis fugit, dudes.

* REN’s daughter’s operation turned out OK.

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* JOE NUSBAUM had a lovely thank you letter from Peres School.
* ERLE BROWN had a few dollars for CHARLES RAMSEY's efforts in the recent election and a few more for the BEARS to which CHARLIE FENDER added a hooray.
* JOE BAGLEY says the reading at Peres last week was great and you shouldn't pass up a chance to do it next time.
* JOHN NICOL noted that, once again, nothing he voted for passed.

Program

If what Bill Crews says is true, we were all a lot healthier after his talk. His theme was that laughter and humor are good for you and he gave a nonstop patter of some terrific jokes that had everyone rolling. He said humor is human, healthy, possibly healing and holy. He said that you are going to feel a lot better if you can find the humor in life and laugh a lot. He found a lot of humor and we were laughing a lot.

We were catching up on three weeks worth of raffles so RICH, DON LAU and KEN LEVERICH all got the chance to go white.

- JIM BEAVER-


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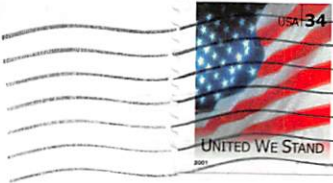
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"Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired"

DAMIAN PICKERING
Public Affairs Director

DONNA KAZANJIAN
Mobility Instructor

The Rose Resnick Lighthouse is part of a national network of independent Lighthouses that provide services for blind and visually impaired individuals, as well as training for volunteers.

Our guests will show an amusing videotape that includes a section about what not to do to help blind folk.

Chairperson of the Day: JOANNE BLUM
Door Duty: RICHARD ALEXANDER /
FR. CHRIS WOERZ

LAST WEEK

BARRY GORDON led the pledge and DON HARDISON had a thought about Americans being forgiving about everything except stupidity.

GUESTS included Paul Washington and Terrence Holling with STONEY and Priscilla Leadon with JUDY KAFKA.

Prez RICHARDO informed us that we have a first Rotary Club in the Arab Emirates-Bahrain. Did we get that right?

Christmas in April is coming on the 27th of, yes, April. PAUL HODGEN is all over things and will have sign-ups sometime soon.

GEORGE ALVAREZ was welcomed on board with his Blue Badge.



"Who Am I?"

JIM BATES gave his Who Am I and it turned in into a Who Do You Want Me To Be by opening things right up to questions. We found out that JIM, currently the Executive Director of the Council of Industries, has a wife Sandy and two sons, Michael and Steven. He graduated from Fort Lewis College in Colorado (football scholarship) with a brief stop at Cal. On to his Masters and Ph.D. at the University of Missouri. He worked at Xeneca for 27 years. His life-changing event had to do with some sobering health news that caused him to move to a vegetarian diet. JIM finished up with a great - semi-technical - discussion about dealing with toxic soil. Good job.

Good luck to TED ABREU on his marathon for the Leukemia Foundation.

Announcements

- The District Conference approaches. Ashland is lovely that time of year. See RICH or the District web site for info.

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- Look out, incoming! President, that is. DAVID BROWN is ready to go and is encouraging his board members and others to attend the Leadership Conference on April 6 in Vacaville. If you want to go you're already paid for. Send an email to BDAMEO@aol.com, although possibly last Friday was the deadline. Check it out.

Happy \$\$\$\$

- JOANNE BLUM was happy that CBS This Morning did a good job on Project Seed.
- MARKKU pointed out that last week's Euro's were given in honor of son Jonathon who is an outstanding youth leader and performing pianist. The Flywheel prints all corrections on page 34.
- DAVID BROWN found out he was spending the weekend in New York because his wife was cool.
- CHARLIE WONG led his fellow Cal grads in a cheer.
- JOE BAGLEY refrained from responding with the Fish Cheer.

As it was a roundtable, we retired to conversation, hobnobbing and cutting out early. DON HARDISON will be rooting around for an orange ball next week.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2002

"RotoPlasty Program"

PAUL FISHER

This week's program will be a presentation from Paul Fisher who will discuss the RotoPlasty program. This is a new Rotary International health initiative designed to bring plastic surgery to individuals around the world who otherwise would suffer long term debilitating problems tied to deformities.

Chairperson of the Day: BARRY GORDON

Door Duty: JOE BAGLEY / MICHAEL WINTER

LAST WEEK

President RICH BRANDES called the sparse but enthusiastic group of Richmond Rotarians together for another friendly meeting where "Mankind is Our Business". PAUL HODGEN led us in the pledge. The gem of the day was "The only person who gets everything done by Friday is Robinson Crusoe" delivered by JOE GREEN.

It was a pleasure to see Dr. RUSS SCHULZE, a true blue Richmond Rotarian, even if he can only visit us from time to time.

Announcements

* MIKE READY reported that his dad, DAN, had been in the hospital in recent weeks and had recently been moved to a convalescent home in San Pablo. MIKE hopes his father will be home in the next few weeks.

* Vice-President, President-Elect, DAVE BROWN reported on events that are scheduled to occur during his administration. Among them are:

Rotary International is making a last and, we hope, final push in the PolioPlus program. This time, RI is targeting particularly difficult places to reach. In order to realize the entire scope of the plan, each Rotarian would have to contribute \$68 next fiscal year. DAVID will have more information about this in the next few months. Thanks to Rotary International the once dreaded disease, Polio, has nearly been eradicated from the Earth.

More locally, the annual Rotary "Fun Day" will be held during the Oktoberfest in Dixon. Details will be released soon.

* President RICH BRANDES announced that the club will be credited with a net of 8 new members who joined our club during the past 12 months. This is a result of the hard work of the membership committee who should be commended for their stellar achievement. We exceeded our goal of 5 new members. To get the new members rolling with all of the Club's activities, a "Fireside" meeting will be held on April 26th at Mira Vista.

* PAUL HODGEN is this year's Captain for the Christmas in April program. The event will occur on April 27th at a house soon to be identified by PAUL. Anyone interested in participating in this wonderful project should contact PAUL immediately.

* Congratulations to JOSH GENSER who received is blue badge in record time.

Recognitions

Congrats to JOE GREEN, HENRY KELMAN, JONATHAN LAWLIS and their respective spouses upon wedding anniversaries.

Happy / Sad Dollars

RICH BRANDES had sad dollars for failing to recognize the wedding anniversary of JONATHAN and Elizabeth LAWLIS...OSCAR LUGO had happy dollars upon learning that his daughter has been accepted into he prestigious and exclusive dance program at UC Irvine...DAVID BROWN had bittersweet dollars. He just returned from NYC where he had the opportunity to visit "ground zero". Of course, the devastation is huge and terrible to see. Nevertheless, one is heartened by the

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resiliency of New Yorkers who are busy putting their lives and city back to work....JOE GREEN did his makeup with the Thunderbird Chapter of Rotary in Phoenix. He relayed a wonderful story that he heard during that club's meeting. You would have loved it!

Program

JOANNE BLUM, fired with enthusiasm, introduced Damian Pickering and Donna Kazanjian of the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

Damian, who has been blind since the age of 4, is the Program Director for the "Lighthouse" and makes visits throughout the Bay Area in order to introduce organizations such as Rotary to the work of the "Lighthouse". He introduced an excellent video "What Do You Do When You See a Blind Person?". The video, in a humorous and uplifting way, gave sighted individuals ways to assist the blind in navigating in several different places including restaurants, traffic, financial transactions, making appointments, etc.

Donna Kazanjian is a mobility instructor with the "Lighthouse". She demonstrated several different methods that are used in enabling the blind to become independent in their daily lives. We were all impressed with her ability to support the work of Damian and his colleagues.

I think that many of us found the presentation inspirational. Thank you JOANNE, for bringing these individuals to our attention.

Richmond Rotary Lotto: Well, whadda ya know. Our guest speaker, Donna Kazanjian, won \$329 which she'll split with the club. Next week we start with a fresh pot.

We adjourned.

Your respectful scribe,
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2002

"How to Remain in Business and Stay Alive"

RON USELDING, C.S.P., M.A.
National Director

Fitness Motivation Institute of America

While other platform speakers bring messages for the mind and psyche, geared to help you take charge of your life and help you succeed in business, Ron Useldinger imparts a message that probably has more impact on personal and corporate success than any other. He is the nation's leading authority on Fitness Motivation.

His message dramatizes the danger of physical inactivity inherent in our automated society. It underscores the dramatic impact poor fitness is having on the economics of American business. The nation's escalating health care cost and personal welfare on individuals and families. He also demonstrates some exciting research breakthroughs in the exercise and conditioning fields and reveals successful motivational techniques that have helped thousands of individuals to achieve and maintain higher levels of fitness.

Ron has shared the platform with: Frank Sinatra, Ronald Reagan, Erma Bombeck, Norman Vincent Peale, Tony Alessandra, Rosie Perez, Bruce Jenner, Lou Holtz, Dr. Charles Jarvis, etc.

Chairperson of the Day: **BARRY GORDON**
Door Duty: **JIM BEAVER / BART WALLACE**

LAST WEEK

It was a good Good Friday when PRESIDENT RICH called us together to remember that at Rotary "Mankind is Our Business". RICH had a very interesting thought for the day from author Robert Heinlein. Something to do with human beings as generalists and insects being specialists.

Welcome to Michael Burlson from San Pablo Rotary.

Barbara D'Ennio from the Berkeley Club encouraged us to participate in the Rotary Leadership program scheduled for April 6th. A few Richmond Rotarians have already enrolled. There is room for more.

Announcements




RICH BRANDES did a recap of the Club's annual report. Some of the highlights include:

- \$16,000 raised for Peres School projects.
- \$2,800 raised to support fire and police recovery in New York City.
- The Spirit of Excellence Program
- DR. TANITA's dental program at Peres School which is valued at a minimum of \$17,000.
- The strong likelihood that we'll have an Ambassadorial Scholar.

And as they say in Main, "And that's only the top!"

The District Conference will be held May 16th -19th in Ashland, Oregon. Visit the District's website at www.rotary5160.org for more information.

PAUL HODGEN is this year's captain for the Christmas in April program. The program is set for April 27th at a house on McBride Avenue in Richmond. Work usually begins at about 8 a.m. and finishes when it's finished. The property is owned by a 45-year-old man who has been confined to a wheelchair for several years. PAUL reports that there is much work to be done and the work takes in anything related to house maintenance from painting to electrical to yard work, etc. The more Rotarians - the merrier. Please contact PAUL as soon as possible.

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Congratulations to DR. JIM BATES who is now an official blue badger.

Recognitions

Happy Birthday to DON HARDISON who shares a birthday with TOM BUTT. DON is somewhere between 30 and 100.

Happy/ Sad Dollars

JOANNE BLUM is pleased that her organization has been winning considerable financial support from a wide variety of agencies...JAN BROWN is happy about her dad's (DON HARDISON) happy birthday...DAN SANDERS is happy to be back to the club after missing a few meetings...JIM BATES is happy about gaining his blue badge.

Program

Past District Governor WERNER SCHWARZ introduced Past District Governor Paul Fisher. Paul introduced us to a new Rotary International health initiative called "RotaPlast". This program that started in San Francisco and has grown exponentially over the past 10 years, teams Rotarians with plastic surgeons and nurses who travel to South America to correct cleft lip and cleft palate deformities among individuals in remote areas of Argentina, Chile, and other countries in that continent.

For genetic and physiological reasons, individuals in South America have a much higher rate of cleft palate

and cleft lip than individuals in North America. In addition to the surgery, funds are being used to isolate the gene which contributes to the problem.

The host club in the city where the surgery is to take place works with clubs in a particular district to organize and send teams to perform the surgeries.

The 65 clubs in District 5160 are attempting to raise \$40,000 for RotaPlast. That represents 100 surgeries at \$400 per operation. Upon hearing this goal, several club members immediately made contributions to the program. Thanks to JOANNE BLUM, JUDY KAFKA, ERLE BROWN, JIM BATES, JOE NUSBAUM, STONEY STONEWORK, JOHN NICOL and HANS SHAPER who collectively donated more than \$900 which will go to RotaPlast. Richmond Rotary has left the door open for others to make contributions. The deadline is Friday, April 12th.

In some quarters, PDG may stand for "permanent dinner guest" but in the case of Paul Fisher and the RotaPlast teams it stands for "pretty darned great".

Richmond Rotary Lotto

GEORGE EGAN picked a white ball. GEORGE, enjoy your free lunch and try for a pot greater than the \$88 from last week.

Humbly submitted by your loyal scribe,
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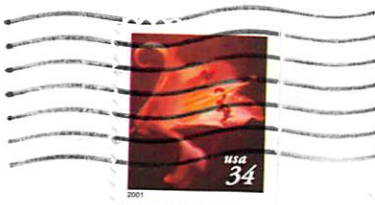
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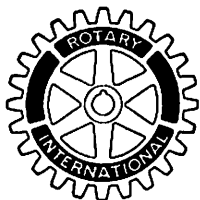


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Coaching & Training Services

Sydney Barbara Metrick, Ph.D., CPCC

As a coach/trainer and teacher, Sydney has helped thousands of people live their lives more successfully. She has over twenty years of experience in curriculum and program design. Her multidisciplinary background blends psychology, art, education and business.

Sydney is everywhere in Richmond. She is chair of the Richmond Arts and Culture Commission, Past chair of the Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Committee, does staff development for WCCUSD, teaches an adult ed course for WCCAE, and she does coaching and training for a number of members of the Richmond business community.

She is the author of four books that address transitions: The Art of Ritual, I Do, Art from Ashes, and Crossing the Bridge.

Chairperson of the Day: JOE BAGLEY

Door Duty: JOANNE BLUM / DONNA URIYU

LAST WEEK

PRESIDENT RICH was back in fine fettle with a thought from Mr. Clemens. Our visiting Rotarian was Mr. Al Dunphy from Texas. Paul Morris was the guest of LESLIE LEVY who is running for San Pablo City Council.

Announcements

- The District Conference approaches - and not stealthily. It's May 17-19 and you can find out all about it by visiting the District website.
- If you receive this after 12 noon on Thursday, April 18th, you've missed the board meeting. Otherwise, check it out at Mira Vista.
- *Christmas in April* approaches and house commander PAUL HODGEN is gathering the troops. Check with him if you found your hammer.
- DAN ERCOLINI and the Community Services crew are preparing this year's fundraiser at the East Brother Light Station.
- Congratulations to all who contributed to the RotoPlast effort the week before last. An amazing \$1,200 was given and special thanks to JOANNE BLUM who kicked it into gear.

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

\$ JUDY MORGAN's birthday brought a donation to the community fund.

\$ JOE GREEN's birthday brought a quote from Yogi Berra and a donation to his Paul Harris.

\$ HERB COLE's birthday brought a donation to his son's Paul Harris.

\$ FATHER CHRIS' birthday brought a donation a something about going Jewish to help him celebrate.

\$ TOM BUTT's birthday brought a donation to whatever will get him one of those "keen ribbons". Done, dude.




\$ BART WALLACE is going to go broke with his kids' accomplishments. Amanda got straight A's.

\$ JUDY KAFKA wasn't going back to work.

\$ JOSH GENSER is bowling for Junior Achievement. He may still be taking pledges.

\$ HERB COLE attended his 46th high school reunion and, yes, he has the prettiest wife.

\$ LESLIE LEVY enjoyed Canada, hey.

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\$ DAVID BROWN is glad REN went to the Leadership Conference because he got to see Jeannie Erwin speak. REN says she was great.

JOHN NICOL said JOE NUSBAUM might have broken his knee while walking - more on that as soon as we can get it.

PROGRAM

Michelle Gibson and Evelyn Crespo-Mena are with The Nevin House in Richmond. The Nevin House is a crisis residential house serving up to 16 people at a time who are homeless, mentally disable and/or drug abusers. They are provided breakfast, lunch, dinner, phones, counseling, clothing and shower facilities

The professional staff at The Nevin House help these folks make the transition back into the community and to live either independently or semi-independently. There are three stages in this transition. Their goal is to have an action plan for maintaining their independence and to stay drug and alcohol free once they are back in the community. Part of the program helps them learn to express themselves.

People who complete the program usually live at The Nevin House for four to six months. The Nevin House helps them connect to other programs that can help them. Referrals to The Nevin House come from local jails, homeless shelters and emergency psychiatric services.

DAVID BROWN joins the line to pick an orange ball.


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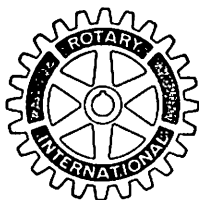
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2002

"West County Reads"

J. Kevin Hufferd

Kevin Hufferd is a senior planner with University of California, Berkeley. He has 19 years of professional experience planning and developing complex urban revitalization projects for public agencies.

Mr. Hufferd is responsible for master planning the University's 150 acre Richmond Research Campus. He holds a master degree in City and Regional Planning from UC Berkeley. His master's thesis was on the potential for collaboration between cities and school districts to address urban education needs. This work included a study of such partnerships in West Contra Costa County.

His interest in West County education began while he was a member of the City of Richmond's Economic Development Commission from 1990 to 2000. He served as chair of the Commission's Education subcommittee and was also chair of the Commission for two years. He is currently chair of the Community Alliance for Public Education, a volunteer collaborative of parents, teachers, business and civic leaders dedicated to improving public education in West County.

His topic will be the potential role for community organizations in the new literacy campaign, *West County Reads*.

Chairperson of the Day: JUDY MORGAN

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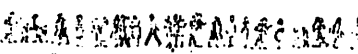

LAST WEEK

President-in-waiting DAVID BROWN was in control of the sideways side room, but as your scribe walked in *in media res* we will have to wait for our guests and visitors although I did note that good old Bill Reese was on hand.

Announcements

- The new roster is going through proofs and that means that you have to find it and make sure your info is correct and up-to-date and your photo is actually of you.
- JAN BROWN - congratulations on a blue badge.
- The District Conference beckons - May 17-19. Visit the District web site for info.
- The Community Services Committee, under the beneficent DAN ERCOLINI, will meet this Friday (4/26) at 11:15 A.M. prior to the club meeting.
- Thank you to the members who are helping prepare the Peres School kids for some upcoming tests.
- *Christmas in April* is upon us! This Saturday. See PAUL HODGEN if you've got a hammer and need to swing it. We'll be doing fence repair, window repair and yard cleanup.
- Rotary International is sponsoring a class of 70 grad students Peace Scholars who will specialize in the study of conflict resolution.
- New members and their sponsors will be enjoying some fireside fellowship and that's great for several reasons: one, it's just a nice idea and, two, it's nice we have enough new members to require it.
- JONI HIRAMOTO was all over the blue ribbon project. We're about 2/3 of the way to our goal of every member donating \$100 to some form of Rotary Foundation endeavor. New blue ribboners included: DAVID BROWN, ERLE BROWN, CHARLIE FENDER, JONI HIRAMOTO, JOE KELMAN, DICK KING, DAVE NINOMIYA, STAN TEADERMAN, TOM BUTT, DOUG STRAUS and DON HARDISON.

RALPH HILL and PAUL HODGEN were so inspired they ponied up \$100 on the spot to jump in.

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Happy \$\$\$\$\$\$

\$ JOSH GENSER is still happy about participating in the Bowl-A-Thon for Junior Achievement that he was still signing up donators.

\$ DAVID K was sad that he's going to miss *Christmas In April* for the first time.

\$ Travelin' Man HERB COLE is off to the Big Apple with his spouse.

\$ JONI HIRAMOTO was both sad and penitent about something having to do with DAN ERCOLINI.

\$ JON LAWLIS just loves the fellowship of Rotary and we feel the same about him

\$ DAVID BROWN was sad that his synagogue needs additional security but happy that BART WALLACE stepped forward with his expertise to help out. JUDY KAFKA agreed.

Program

Sydney Metrick is an organization expert who gave us some good tips on getting and staying organized. Imagination is the first step. You've got to choose to be the organized person you want to be and allow yourself to be different from the disorganized mess you are now. Logic, she said, gets you from A to B, but imagination takes you anywhere. Once you're organized you can get to Rotary meetings on time and then you'll know who the guests and visitors were.

Raffle - It was catch up week. TED ABREU and DAVID BROWN picked from weeks past and both went

White. And then JOANNE BLUM, she of good luck, picked for last week and, drum roll please, got the ORANGE ball. Split \$240 with the club and we'll hear about her weekend later.

Mr. Beaver, editor

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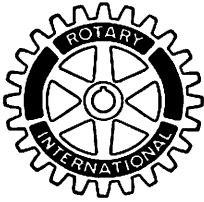
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2002

"The Modern Stone Age YMCA"

DON LAU

Vice President/Executive Director
YMCA of the East Bay
West Contra Costa Branch

DON LAU has worked for the West Contra Costa YMCA for 19 years. When DON started with the YMCA in 1983 it was an independent YMCA with an annual budget of \$460,000. DON was hired as a Program Director and given the charge of implementing school age child care and other youth programs for the YMCA which had just moved out of the Memorial Youth Center at (superscript: rd) Macdonald.

In 1990, the West Contra Costa YMCA merged with the Alameda County YMCA to form the YMCA of the East Bay. Today, the West Contra Costa branch of the YMCA of the East Bay has an annual budget of \$11 million.

The YMCA offers programs that serve infants through active older adults at 27 sites in West County and at program sites outside of West County's borders.

DON is married to Shelly and they have three children.

Chairperson of the Day: DAVID KUCHENTHAL

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LAST WEEK

The President was on hand to open things up. JOHN NICOL led the pledge and ERLE BROWN had some thoughts about old men.


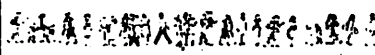

Visitors included Kennan Barzun (a miracle if we got that right) with the Richmond Farmers Market which opens this Friday at Civic Center Plaza. DAVID BROWN brought his secretary, Linda. And Assistant DG Bill Frank was with WERNER SCHWARZ.

Announcements

- The President had some stats on polio eradication efforts: there were only 537 cases reported worldwide last year, a 99.8% reduction since 1988, thanks in no small part to PolioPlus, a Rotary project.
- OSCAR LUGO's father passed away recently and JOE BAGLEY had a card. Best wishes to you, OSCAR.
- Yes, you can still sign up for the Rotary Conference in Ashland coming up May 17-19. See RICH or the District website.
- Pinole Rotary's annual golf tournament is May 22 and costs \$100. I think RICH has info or I'm sure you know someone in Pinole Rotary.
- You should have received PAUL HODGEN's e-mail on *Christmas in April* last Saturday. Sounds like it was a success, again.
- JOHN MEDLOCK reported that our ad hoc committee selected two worthy students to attend Camp Royal. They'll give us a visit to report in on how it went.
- JOHN also has info and tickets for the Ed Fund banquet coming up May 17. And May is getting very busy indeed.

"Who Am I"

JIM CANNON gave his *Who Am I*. JIM was born in Minneapolis in 1940 and moved to Salt Lake City in 1952 where he learned at least one very funny joke about Brigham Young. He was an exchange student in Mexico and traveled around Europe for awhile before joining the Army. He graduated from the University of Utah with degrees in engineering and chemistry with slip form

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concrete being his specialty. He came to Richmond in 1983 to work for Levin Terminals refurbishing the docks. He was married in there somewhere and has three kids. JIM is currently the director of marketing and engineering for Levin Terminals. Welcome aboard sir.

Happy \$\$\$\$\$

\$ HERB COLE was feeling sad for poor Linda, whose boss will be club president next year. A few others thought that was appropriate as well, and of course DAVID appropriately matched all comers.

\$ ERLE BROWN was happy to point out that Stanford slunk away from the rugby field again. Meanwhile Cal is mowing down the competition on their way to their 12th NCAA championship.

\$ JOANNE BLUM was happy she won the raffle last week and was thinking that life's funny that way.

\$ DAVE NINOMIYA was just back from Niagara Falls.

\$ And RICH was happy to see Bill Frank again and, hey, RUSS SCHULZE was on hand too.

Program

Kevin Hufferd is with West County Reads, a program with the large ambition of getting every third grader in our school district reading at their own grade level. Right now only two of the District's 39 schools meet the District's literacy goals. In some schools fewer than 10 percent of students read at their grade level. The solution, like so many, is simple and seemingly

impossible at the same time. Kids learn to read by being read to. And parents are the most important ingredient in that equation. Obviously, many kids aren't getting read to, so Kevin's group is starting with the goal of getting books into their and their parents' hands. Next is spreading the word and encouraging parents to read to their kids. The group is also looking for volunteers to read as well. And how about some books. Donations are welcome. Finally they're sponsoring literacy events to highlight reading and encourage everyone to pitch in. A good program, and it looks as though JOANNE will be a liaison for the club.

MICHAEL FENLEY went white. Until next week.

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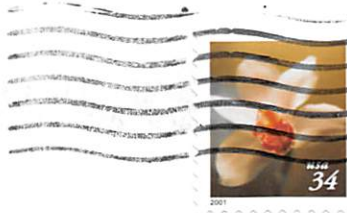
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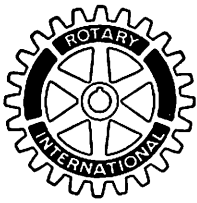
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mechanics Banks prognosticator Brian Pretti on May 24 (always a good program) and Sharon Craig Carter from Chevron sometime this month as well.

It is my sad duty to report the passing of our fellow member and friend **Dan Ready**. Dan was President of Richmond Rotary in 1988/1989. All of us will miss Dan's pleasant demeanor and supportive manner.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 16th at the Wilson and Kratzer Mortuary located at 24th and Barrett Avenue in Richmond.

LAST WEEK

Once upon a time in a lovely house on a beautiful hill overlooking a verdant landscape with refineries and bridges, there was a pledge to our flag and a thought for the day.

MARK HOWE was with his wife Susan; and the CALFEE'S, DAVE and Betty were down from the foothills. GEORGE ALVAREZ brought Eiko and if he keeps bringing her we're going to have to make sure we're spelling her name right. FATHER CHRIS brought a group of the outstanding students from Salesian who helped us with *Christmas in April*. And JON LAWLIS brought a friend whose name is Mark.

RICH had a nice story about a Rotary Club in England and balloons and Russian farmers and a year's salary and it was a great story with more plot twists than *Gone With the Wind* and about as long too.

PAUL HODGEN, who appears to have achieved Hall of Fame House Captain status was happy and grateful to acknowledge all the many helpers for *Christmas in April*.

Recognitions:


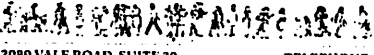

- DAVID K had an anniversary and on account of JUDGE CALFEE'S presence made sure his donation went to the community fund.
- MARK HOWE had the, um, pleasure of hearing us sing Happy Birthday as Friday was the very day.
- GLORIA JOHNSTON had a birthday awhile back but was in fine style as she started her granddaughter's Paul Harris.

Happy/Sad Dollars:

DAVID BROWN had happy \$\$\$\$ because he is thrilled with the success of the Spirit of Excellence program at Peres Elementary. FATHER CHRIS WOERTZ is happy to announce the 75th anniversary of Salesian High School and encourages Richmond Rotarians to participate in upcoming Salesian events. GLORIA JOHNSTON is delighted with several new high school programs recently introduced in the school district. GEORGE EGAN had happy dollars but the reason was unclear. Thank you very much George. JOE GREEN had happy dollars as a way to say thanks to "Mom" as we approach Mother's Day.

Announcements:

ELOF GRANBERG called to notify all Rotarians that Past President, Dan Ready, had passed away. We all

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enjoyed meeting with Dan each week and he surely will be missed. Services are scheduled for Thursday, May 16th at Wilson & Kratzer Mortuary at 24th and Barrett in Richmond.

JUDGE JONI HIRAMOTO reminds all Rotarians that one of Richmond Rotary's goals this year is to have a per capita contribution of \$100 to the Rotary Foundation. As of last week about 50% of the membership had made the contribution. The deadline for joining the Blue Ribbon Club is June 30, 2002. Your contribution will count towards a Paul Harris membership.

Program:

Richmond Rotarian Gloria Johnston, Superintendent of West Contra Costa School District, introduced Dr. Scott, Principal of Peres Elementary School, who expressed her appreciation to Rotary for the Club's contributions to the School and continuing to support programs that enhance the students' performance. In particular, she is thankful for the *Spirit of Excellence* program. Dr. Scott introduced Richmond Rotarian Judge Diana Becton-Smith who described the *Spirit of Excellence* program at Peres Elementary. In order to become part of the program a student must complete an essay on lifetime goals; earn citizenship points; stay on the honor roll every term; present a "Who am I" speech and participate in several other school programs. Students who stay with the program are rewarded with a stay at a science camp in Marin County. Judge Diana then turned the program over to Judy Kafka Chair of the Community

Services Committee which oversees Peres' programs. Judy introduced us to five charming students who have been in the *Spirit of Excellence* program for 2 to 3 years each. The students did a wonderful job with a slide show that described their wonderful experiences at science camp last summer. The teacher at Peres who works closely with Rotary to insure the continuation of the program is Maxine Harris. Since its inception at Peres, 42 students have participated in the *Spirit of Excellence* program. Judge Diana indicated that many of the students have now moved on to middle and junior high school and the Committee is exploring ways to sustain the program with Peres' grads all the way through high school. Each Richmond Rotarian should be pleased and proud that we have been able to contribute to improvements at Peres Elementary School.

Richmond Rotary Lotto:

MICHAEL FINLEY picked a white ball and earned one free lunch. And the pot keeps on growing.

Respectfully submitted by your scribes,
Jet Beaver and Giuseppe Verde.

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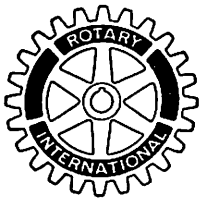
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2002

PERES SCHOOL **Slide Show Presentation** **"Walker Creek Science Camp"**

Participants:
MARJALA SIMS
2nd Grade

APRIL CLARK
5th Grade

SONIA HERNANDEZ
5th Grade

MEUY SAECHAO
6th Grade

LORENA CORREA
6th Grade

The above students will present a slide show to report on their experiences at Walker Creek Science Camp last May and as repeat *Spirit of Excellence* participants.

Dr. Janet Scott, principal, and Mrs. Maxine Harris, teacher, will accompany the students to the meeting.

Chair for the Day: DIANA BECTON-SMITH

Door Duty: LESLIE LEVY / OSCAR LUGO


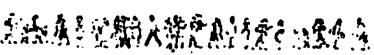

LAST WEEK

DAVID K led the pledge and JOE BAGLEY had a thought about fathers and daughters.

Jeanne Partridge was on hand with REN. GEORGE ALVAREZ had a guest whose name, we believe, was EIKO.

Announcements

- May 17 - 19. District Conference. See RICH. Be there. Have fun. Go now, sign up.
- *Christmas in April* was your basically unqualified success. A good turnout of about 30 people including the usual - and greatly appreciated - students from Salesian - thanks, Fr. CHRIS. People stayed on until the jobs were done and that always takes longer than anticipated - thanks especially to Mr. BAGLEY, Mr. BROWN (ERLE) and Mr. GRANBERG. The owner was truly grateful.
- TED ABREU is deep in training for his upcoming marathon.
- The fireside gathering for new members was enjoyed by all and thanks to the wise elders of the club who took part.
- The annual *Pt. Richmond Stroll* is coming on May 16 and the event continues to grow. Bands and lots of free stuff in the congenial afternoon atmosphere of the Point.
- Welcome to PRISCILLA LEADON who received her red badge and a round of applause, and a special welcome from WERNER.
- June 17 is the 6th *Annual West Contra Costa School District Golf Tournament*.
- The School District is also holding a contest to name the new middle school at the old Harry Ells site. And this of course led to a spirited debate among JUDY MORGAN and JOHN NICOL over the name. See the participants for the particulars. HERB COLE also pitched in. JON LAWLIS figures they should name it 3.COM School and reel in some serious money.
- UPCOMING PROGRAMS include the Peres School presentation this week, Mechanics Banks prognosticator Brian Pretti on May 24 (always a good program) and Sharon Craig Carter from Chevron sometime this month as well.

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

\$ GEORGE ALVAREZ was celebrating a birthday.
\$ DAN TANITA celebrated a birthday and is getting married in a week or so. For the last time, he swears. He also was happy that we were getting to hear from DON LAU.
\$ PAUL ALLEN was sad about some hard times in the plastics industry but very happy that his wife is pregnant.
\$ JOANNE BLUM was trying to figure out what she was but she was certainly happy about going on a cruise to England and all sorts of other places.
\$ ERLE was kind of happy/sad too. He needed a typewriter - remember those? - and found one at JUDY MORGAN'S office.
\$ JOHN NICOL was celebrating 49 wonderful years with the delightful Felicia.
\$ JIM CANNON'S grandson turned 16 and that was happy.

PROGRAM

DON LAU told us everything we could possibly hope to know about what the YMCA is up to. And it's up to more than you could possibly imagine. The Y has held onto its traditional programs and philosophy while adapting and branching out to meet new challenges and needs. They continue to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities. In addition to their more recognizable activities and facilities - such as the Hilltop facility - the Y is involved in Day Camps, computer labs, a new Rodeo Y, the Pinole Swim Center, Infant Centers at Richmond and Kennedy High, childhood development centers, programs for migrant

families in the Fresno area, and the youth and government program. To name just a few. An incredible array of programs - all of them worthwhile.

JOE THOMAS got a white one. Onward.

Jaime Castor

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San Rafael, CA 94901 (415) 460-6669

Tuesday:

Albany – Mira Vista Golf & Country Club at 12:30
7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito, CA 94530 (510) 233-7550
El Sobrante – Joe's of El Sobrante at 12:15 – 4203 Valley
Road View, El Sobrante, CA 94803 (510) 222-9925

Wednesday:

Hercules – Senior Center at 7:15 a.m.
111 Civic Dr., Hercules, CA 94547 (510) 799-8291
Berkeley – H's Lordships at 12:15
199 Seawall Dr., Berkeley, CA 94710 (510) 843-2733
San Pablo – San Pablo Casino at 12:15 - 13201 San Pablo
Ave, San Pablo, CA 94806 (510) 233-7550

Thursday:

El Cerrito – Mira Vista Golf & Country Club at 12:15
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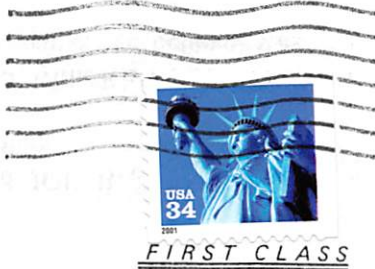
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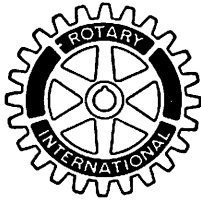
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"Junior Achievement"

JOSH GENSER

Fellow Rotarian and attorney Josh Genser will provide us with an update on the work of Junior Achievement – the youth based program that provides young people with a leg up into the business world. The organization does significant work in the Richmond area and Josh will be able to inform us about local services.

Chairperson of the Day: JOSH GENSER

Door Duty: HENRY COVELL / LOREN STRAUGHN

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

(LESLIE LEVY will preside at the June 14 & 21 meetings.)

May 24 – JOSH GENSER on Jr. Achievement
May 31 – Sharon Craig Carter of Chevron Texaco
June 7 – National Institute of Art & Disabilities
June 14 – Brian Pretti of Mechanics Bank
June 21 – The new Richmond Crime Lab
July 5 – NO MEETING
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LAST WEEK

ELOF led the pledge and CHARLIE WONG had a pleasant thought as PRESIDENT RICH continues his countdown and he's feeling so good that he keeps bringing the delightful Lisa.

Some thoughts and a moment of silence for DAN READY and for those of us lucky enough to have known him what can you say – a true gentleman with a glint in his eye, warm, funny, smart - one of a kind.

Announcements:

- Mary Keating of Contra Costa College was on hand to give us a thank you and a report on the Greenhouse Project at the College. The Club donated \$1,000 to this project which will give disabled students training in commercial nursery programs. The new greenhouse will also serve botany students.
- Rotary International reports that the international project started by LESLIE LEVY has been approved. The project is helping Ethiopian Jews who have emigrated to Israel get a hand up.
- TOM SCHNIEDER, welcome to your blue badge.
- KEN LEVERICH is taking part in a 100 mile challenge walk for MS. He has the sign up sheets so see him to make a pledge.
- PRESIDENT RICH was positively giddy in announcing his last board meeting of his term. In fact he was so excited I'm not sure when it's happening. Next Thursday? Call RICH if you're dying to go.
- Thank you JUDY KAFKA for representing us at the District Conference.
- See HERB COLE about the annual Mock Interview day for high school students. He can use all available volunteers to help the students learn what it's like in the real world.

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

\$ DAVID BROWN will be sailing on the Bay on his anniversary but as long as he's home in time everything's cool.

\$ DAN ERCOLINI had a birthday and he's been hangin' around New Orleans and saw Barry go deep and caught the earthquake at the Giants game.

\$ TOM SCHNEIDER is all over his birthday.

\$ HANK COVELL is happy to be running in his 37th Bay to Breakers and remembers the year – 20 years ago – when Richmond Rotary had 20 members do a centipede in the race.



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\$ JOSH GENSER left \$100 just to make sure he gets one of those cool blue ribbons.
 \$ TOM SCHNEIDER – again – was happy to be sporting a blue badge.
 \$ HERB caught a 55 lb. Sturgeon and was sure wishing DAVID K. was on hand to hear about it.
 \$ MARKKU was remembering DAN READY.
 \$ Our guest Mary Keating was happy about three upcoming events at the college – a scholarship presentation; a Latin concert with Pete Escovedo; and the College Foundation Golf Tournament June 10.
 \$ PRISCILLA LEADON was happy to be here as a real member.

Program

Jim Matzorkis is the Executive Director of the Port of Richmond. He had an excellent history of the Port. Did you know that Pt. Richmond used to be an island and was filled in to connect it to the mainland. Richmond has five city-owned public terminals. Terminal 1 is no longer an active marine terminal. The Red Oak Victory currently resides there and the site is under redevelopment for residential units. The other terminals handle a combination of vegetable oils, brake bulk, steel, lumber and other products. The largest, Point Potrero Marin Terminal is at the former Kaiser Shipyards and handles mainly auto imports. Jim says there are plans to expand the terminal for other uses. Container cargo is expected to double in 10 years and triple in 20 years. The Port generates \$4 million annually for the City and that's expected to double in the next two – three years.

The PRESIDENT himself got the ticket and he'll get to draw a marble this Friday.

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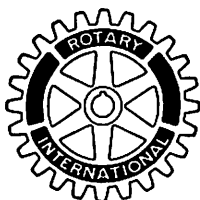


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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2002

"The Masquers Playhouse in Point Richmond"

ROBERT C. GOSHEY
President of the Board

The Masquers is a non-profit community theatre in Point Richmond which has been producing plays and musicals of the highest caliber for 43 years.

Every year they have a main season of five productions, two are musicals, which run for about seven weeks (nine weeks for musicals), with performances on Friday and Saturday evenings and some Sunday matinees.

Members of the theatre group perform all functions attendant to productions, including play selections, selection of directors, auditions, casting, staging, lighting, prop construction, etc. No employees or salaries but minor stipends are paid to musicians and reservation services.

Chairperson of the Day: **BARRY GORDON**

Door Duty: **STONEY STONEWORK / JIM BATES**

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LAST WEEK

MR. GORDON led the pledge and our thought for the day was that we can't trust our dogs to watch our food and why we should always do right by Mark Twain.

Visiting Rotarian Ken Stewart was down from Folsom.

Guests included Robert Cohen with GEORGE EGAN and TED ABREU brought our Camp Royal scholars Sarah Mendoza and Raymond Smith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bob Dylan turned 61 and PRESIDENT RICH thought you should know.
- Time to re-up or new-up your ad in the Flywheel. For a mere \$25 for 6 months you can have most of the movers and shakers (especially the shakers) of Richmond know about your business.
- Check out the *Festival of Arts* in Pinole coming on June 1. There will be good music – jazz, classical and contemporary – plus wine tasting, gourmet food, an art exhibit and a silent auction. Tickets are \$20 in advance and HANK COVELL would love to help you get one.
- DAVID K. read a lovely note from the READY family.
- DAVID BROWN says we are 71 percent there on our goal of getting every member to donate \$100 to Rotary International.
- New blue ribbons to JOSH GENSER, DAVE NINOMIYA, OSCAR LUGO, HANS SHAPER, DOUG STRAUS and STANLEY of the famous TEADERMANS.

Who Am I?

JOE NUSBAUM delivered a *Who Am I* for those of us who didn't know he discovered Treasure Island. Not really, but he did come to Richmond in 1953 and founded a successful plastics company which he sold in 1988 so he could reach for his greatest achievement which of course is to be club secretary and as RICH justly pointed out, presidents are a dime a dozen but a good club secretary is invaluable. JOE joined the club in 1974 and was president in 1988-89. His other greatest achievement was marrying Anne with whom he has two daughters and two grandchildren.


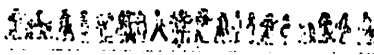

Recognitions & Happy \$\$\$\$\$\$

\$-MARK HOWE celebrated an anniversary and he was a good husband.

\$-JOSH GENSER moved into his new digs in Pt. Richmond and we can go nose around his office and the rest of the digs during the Richmond Chamber Mixer on June 13.

\$-ELOF reminded us that among DAN READY'S many accomplishments he had also served on an admiral's staff during WWII where he helped decipher Japanese codes and survived a kamikaze attack.

\$-HANK COVELL completed his 37th (38th?) *Bay to Breakers* and he ran slowly.

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\$-JUDY KAFKA is happy to be helping out at Peres where she is assuring the first graders that those are her own teeth and happy that the school is getting a full time vice principal. Which reminded RICH that the club will be donating \$5,000 for computers to the school. More on that at a later date.

\$-JUDY MORGAN was happy that the Chamber team, including DON LAU and JOE BAGLEY, came in first at the Junior Achievement bowl-a-thon.

\$-HERB COLE'S daughter-in-law is graduating from San Luis Obispo and managed to have two kids while she was getting her degree.

\$-DAVID BROWN was happy he invested in a generator a while back cause that darn squirrel zapped El Cerrito and the Brown & Black law offices kept the lights on.

PROGRAM

Michelle Igataki and Sue Turner were on hand to tell us about Junior Achievement and how it works. You too can do this and it sounded like it could be interesting and fun. As Michelle said, they don't just send you in there on your own. There's a whole package of materials with a script and lesson plan. In five one-hour lessons the kids are taken through most of the aspects of economics and business including planning, production, marketing from the micro to the macro. Sue Turner is a Peres teacher who's had the program in her classroom and said several kids who had been having trouble were newly motivated in their classwork. Yes they can use volunteers.

RICH got a white one from last week and JAN BROWN went white too.

Toodles.
Mr. Beaver

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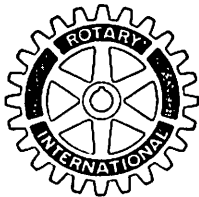


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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2002

"NIAD"

National Institute of Art and Disabilities

Joe Bagley will introduce representatives from the National Institute of Art and Disabilities. NIAD is a Richmond based organization which does phenomenal work with the physically and mentally challenged through the use of art as an educational medium.

Chairperson of the Day: JOE BAGLEY

Door Duty: GEORGE EGAN / TED SMITH

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- June 14 – Brian Pretti of Mechanics Bank
Door Duty: Dan Ercolini / Diana Becton-Smith
- June 21 – The New Richmond Crime Lab
Door Duty: Charles Fender / Charles Belcher
- June 28 - Demotion
Door Duty: Michael Fenley / Werner Schwarz
- July 5 – NO MEETING
- July 12 – Organizational meeting with New Prez
- July 19 – Handwriting analysis expert Steve Kendall
- July 26 – CHP dog training officers, maybe with dogs

LAST WEEK

President RICH BRANDES called in with flu symptoms. His doctor told him that if he takes medicine he'll get better in one week. I told him if he does nothing he'll get better in seven days. Let's see who's the better diagnostician. Vice President DAVID BROWN ably filled in for Pres. RICH. BART WALLACE led us in the pledge. DAVID BROWN's thought for the day was a reminder of the importance of learning the full scope of another individual's life by taking the time to share in that person's life.

Announcements:

Upcoming Programs:

June 7th - National Institute of Art and Disabilities

June 14th - Brian Pretti from Mechanics Bank with an update on investment strategies.

June 21st - A description of the new crime lab, which specializes in DNA tracing.

Happy / Sad Dollars (Is this going fast?)


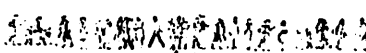

- Happy Birthday to DAN ERCOLINI whose family threw a significant party for him. DAN was pleased to catch up with friends and family - many of whom he had not seen for several years.
- JOANNE BLUM had a wonderful trip to St. Petersburg, Russia, despite the fact that she took a nasty tumble in that city. Joan was there before or after Presidents Bush and Putin were in town? Good thing the cold war is over.
- JOE KELMAN has bittersweet dollars. He disposed of an antique mobile home which has been replaced with a new mobile home that Joe and family are breaking in.
- KEN LEVERICH was pleased that he exceeded his financial goal in his recent walk.
- JOE BAGLEY is looking forward to raising significant dollars on his upcoming 60-mile hike.

PROGRAM

BARRY GORDON introduced Bob Goshey who is President of the Board of Directors of the Masquers Playhouse.

The Masquers is a community theater group that has been in business for 48 years. The group was started in a church in El Cerrito by its guiding light, Jo Light, but has been in Point Richmond for all but 2 of its 48 years.

The Masquers puts on five performances per year. There is always a mix of comedy, drama and musical theater. With the exception of the reservations manager, everyone behind and in

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front of the curtain is a volunteer and participates in Masquers through a sheer love of the theatre and the joy of sharing with the community. Bob encourages anyone who ever thought of being in a play or has been in a play and would like to "re-up" to try out for an upcoming show at the Masquers.

The next three shows at the Masquers will be: "City of Angels" - a musical comedy that takes place in the LA of the 40's; "An Inspector Calls" - a psychological mystery; and finally "Gypsy" - one of the all time popular musicals based on the life of Gypsy Rose Lee. Besides the main attractions, the Masquers offers more "cutting edge" theater through its State One presentations.

About 12,000 people partake of the Masquers presentations. Bob indicated that the Masquers' budget is about \$150,000, all raised through ticket sales and various fund raisers including the opportunity to "buy" the theater for the evening as Rotary has done many times.

Bob Goshey reported that the Masquers Playhouse has always had space problems including only one restroom; a rigged up dressing room; and limitations on the stage setting capabilities of presentations. The Masquers has plans to redesign the Playhouse in order to bring the community bigger, better and more comfortable offerings. Masquers surely is a valuable community asset.

Richmond Lotto: \$328 was up for grabs. MARKKU PELANNE did not grab the orange ball so this lotto continues to grow.

Humbly offered,
Giuseppe Verdi,
Your scribe this time.

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2002

"Richmond Crime Lab"

Don't miss this interesting program about the new Richmond Crime Lab which specializes in DNA tracing.

Chairperson of the Day: BARRY GORDON

Door Duty: CHARLES FENDER /
CHARLES BELCHER

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2002

"Demotion"



Richard Brandes

Don't miss the fun! Once again it is time for "Out With the Old" and "In With the New". Come and enjoy the fun as we review this past year with President RICHARD BRANDES at the helm.

"Spouses and Sweethearts are Invited"

Chairperson of the Day: LESLIE LEVY

Door Duty: MICHAEL FENLEY /
WERNER SCHWARZ

Reminder:

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2002 - NO MEETING

LAST WEEK

PAST PRESIDENT LESLIE LEVY was handling affairs as MR. BRANDES is off to Barcelona. The pledge was special on Flag Day and JOE NUSBAUM had a thought about fathers and optimism.

RICH is being joined at the Barcelona Rotary festivities by a solid Richmond contingent including WERNER, GEORGE ALVAREZ, DAVID BROWN and HERB COLE. I'm not sure we got that many representatives when it was in Indianapolis.

JUDGE SMITH had two guests, both jurists — Judge Armando Rodriguez and Judge Manuel Rose. JOSH GENSER brought John Troughton.

Announcements:

- Board meeting this Thursday at lunchtime. LESLIE will preside and both the outgoing and incoming boards are asked to attend.
- Thanks to Jonathan Lawlis for the excellent new look for our e-mail Flywheel. This Internet thing may be for real.
- JUDY MORGAN purchased her own clip-ons.

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

It was an anniversary kind of day starting with:

\$ DON HARDISON who was celebrating 60 years with Betty. They're off to an Alaskan cruise with Jan and the rest of the gang.

\$ KEN LEVERICH was celebrating his 22nd anniversary on Friday.

\$ PAUL ALLEN was celebrating his 4th and the happy couple's first pregnancy.

\$ DAN ERCOLINI is heading for his 29th.

\$ And DAN TANITA was celebrating one month and 3 days. Congrats DAN-O.

\$ JUDY KAFKA was celebrating a birthday.

\$ JIM BEAVER was mostly happy that his son Chris has a driver's license.

\$ REN was happy that JEANNE'S doing alright after a biking contretemps.

\$ RUSS SCHULZE was on hand to say hello and report on his current activities which include a little doctoring.



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\$ JUDY KAFKA paid money to find out what that thing is out in front on MARK HOWE'S building.
MARK explained that it's a sculpture.
\$ DAVID K says it's the best halibut season in years and one of these days one of them is going to stay on his hook.

PROGRAM

Brian Pretti, vice president for investments at The Mechanics Bank, was on hand and he's always one of the best programs of the year. Brian managed to remain humble even though all his cautious predictions about the bull market of the late 90's were proven true. Just like the bull market fed on itself and all news was good news, the current bear market has many of the same features, only upside down – all news is bad news. He wouldn't be surprised to see the downward trend continue to feed on itself for awhile but at some point many stocks will again be solid bargains. The key will be to pay attention not only when to buy, but when to sell. Don't fall in love with anything. Watch carefully and be prepared to move in and out. He had a few tips as usual but would it be fair to all concerned to tell you what they were?

One of our guests had a ticket drawn and we'll draw a ball for him next week.

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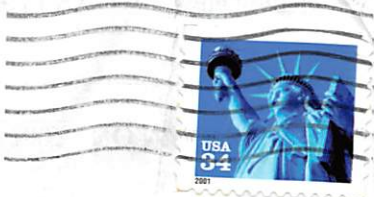
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"California Highway Patrol Canine Corps"

OFFICER JOEY NARDIL

Our speaker is Officer Joey Nardil, a Division Asst. Forfeitures Coordinator and Explosives K9 Handler with the Golden Gate Division Investigative Services Unit since 1/00 to present.

Officer Joey Nardil graduated from the CHP Academy August 16th, 1984 after which he was assigned to the Oakland Area until 1998 with assignments that included Road Patrol, Commercial, Specially Marked Patrol Vehicle, Mobile Road Enforcement, Narcotics/Patrol K9 Handler and Departmental K9 Handler.

His next assignment was with the Golden Gate Division, Special Operations Unit - (5/98-12/00) as Canine Handler (Narcotics/ Patrol), Departmental K9 Trainer, Asset Forfeiture Coordinator

Chairman of the Day: JOE NUSBAUM

Door Duty: JOE GREEN /

WILLIAM REID

LAST WEEK

President DAVID BROWN called the meeting to order. Past President LESLIE LEVY led us in the pledge, and President DAVE followed with the thought for the day, a response from German actor, Fritz Kortner, to young people who told him he could not understand their problems: *You were never as old as I am. On the other hand, I was as young as you are now.* (A handy *reposte* for parents of teenagers.)

Rotarians with guests: PDG WERNER SCHWARZ' guest was Chuck Swenson of the Rotary Club of Ross Valley and JIM BATES had as his guest, Ted Pugh.

Announcements:

- In the absence of Sunshine Chair DAVID K., President DAVE announced that WALTER WOLFFS, the Club member with the longest tenure (1936), has been under the weather. A card was circulated to send to Walter.

- See GEORGE EGAN regarding the Bavarian Bash, District 5160's fundraiser.
- President DAVE reported that the Board of Directors, at their meeting the previous day, discussed the health screening project and clarified that it was for women as well as men. He also said that they are seeking partners to participate in a Wheel Chair Foundation project to send a container of wheel chairs abroad. Cost of such a container is \$36,000.
- Later in the meeting, DICK KING announced that ArtTrain USA is coming to Richmond on September 7-8. It will contain artworks from NASA and from the National Air and Space Museum collections. Volunteers are needed to assist with this event which is free to the public.
- District 5160 Assistant Governor Barbara D'Anneio is looking for someone to host a Youth Exchange Student from Brazil in the coming year.

Recognitions: (with OSCAR LUGO presiding and JUDY KAFKA serving as Sergeant-at-Arms)

- JOSH GENSER and his wife observed a wedding anniversary and once again debated about getting a hot tub. JOE KELMAN hinted, *sotto voce* and somewhat lasciviously, that this was a no brainer.
- WERNER SCHWARZ and Leah celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss on a cruise.
- TED ABREU turned 67 the previous week and had a picture of his birthday cake to prove it.
- DICK KING celebrated a birthday.

Happy/Sad Dollars:

\$ DAVID BROWN is happy that his son has found a job in Japan.

\$ JON LAWLIS was elated about Elizabeth's birthday.

\$ REN PARTRIDGE was pleased that Jeanne will be out of her cast in two weeks. He is also seeking participants for the membership committee.

\$ DONNA URYIU was relieved that the Richmond city audit, which she coordinated, was completed four days early. The city scored 93% with 186 out of 200 points. Way to go, Richmond!

\$ FATHER CHRIS was happy to be back at Rotary and happy about Salesian High's upcoming 75th anniversary celebration. President Bush has been invited, and President DAVE suggested that Dubya might want to join us at a Richmond Rotary meeting as well

\$ GEORGE EGAN announced that he has left the corporate world and is happy to be, once again, in business for himself.

Program:

President DAVE introduced Steve Kendall, a realtor in his day job, who has considerable experience as a handwriting analyst, including using his talent in screening prospective job seekers. According to him, handwriting can reveal if a person is suited for a particular career or occupation.

Using a handout, Steve demonstrated how individual personality traits are reflected in handwriting. He illustrated how degrees of extroversion, organizational skill, and spontaneity manifest themselves in writing samples. A scarier example was from a Manson gang member that included a tell-tale G and the *maniacal D*.

Spacing and size of writing can also be revealing, and a downward drift can indicate sadness or depression. Writing closer to the left margin reveals a person who favors the past and the familiar. One who writes closer to the right margin is more comfortable with the unknown and the future.

The intrepid BILL REID, who crowds the right margin, volunteered a writing sample. It revealed him as organized and efficient (which we knew) and a potential architect (which we didn't). Is there a career change in his future?

Despite evidence to the contrary, Steve claims to not be an expert in the field. He said that agencies, such as the FBI, employ highly trained professionals whose skills are often used successfully in investigative work.

Richmond Rotary Lotto:

JUDY KAFKA drew a white ball, earning a free lunch but leaving the \$613.00 pot for another day.

Respectfully submitted,
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2002

STEVE KENDELL

Handwriting Analyst

Our guest speaker will be handwriting analyst Steve Kendell. No untoward readings will be made without permission. Should be entertaining.

Door Duty: ELOF GRANBERG /
JOSEPH ROBINSON

LAST WEEK

President DAVID BROWN assumed his new office with his usual dash and good spirits. RICHARD BRANDES led us in the pledge. DAVID's thought for the day was fitting, "Be careful what you wish for, you may get it."

Rotarians with Guests - PAM JONES introduced her job shadow, Jennifer, who will be learning the law under PAM's daughter, Lauren. CHARLES FENDER's guest, for the third time, was Jim Young. Jim looks like a solid prospect for Rotary membership. Jack Wilson was the guest of CHARLES WONG.

Announcements:

- DON HARDISON was decked between decks on the Red Oak Victory ship and ended up with a broken leg. Despite his fracture, DON was up and about at the last Rotary meeting. ELOF GRANBERG took a nasty spill and broke a vertebra. He is home and on the mend. Best wishes for a speedy and easy recovery to both DON and ELOF.

- The next *Richmond Rotary Board Meeting* will be held at noon at the Mira Vista Country Club on Thursday, July 18. New members who have not attended a Board meeting should try to make this one. It would be a good way to kick off the new year.
- HERB COLE reported on an upcoming Rotary trip to Ghana. The purpose of the trip is Rotary's PolioPlus initiative. This should be the last Rotary trip to Ghana to distribute inoculations because Polio has almost been eradicated in Ghana. The anticipated departure date is October 28th. For more information, call HERB COLE.
- Although there were no official recognitions at the July 12th meeting. JOANNE BLUM chipped in \$43 as an announcement of her latest wedding anniversary. Congrats to JOANNE and her family.

Happy/Sad Dollars:

\$ DAVID BROWN had a wonderful time in Europe. Unfortunately, the trip coincided with several things that went wrong on the homefront -- son's leg broken; broken sewer line at the house, etc. Welcome back DAVID.

\$ LESLIE LEVY's son has left for an extended stay in Spain. He's working on his Spanish fluency.

\$ JAN BROWN was pleased to announce that her parents celebrated a 60th wedding anniversary by taking the family on a wonderful cruise. She's also happy because she celebrated her own wedding anniversary and birthday in this time period.

\$ MICHAEL FENLEY was grateful that he was spared a polio shot prior to his to China. He thanks Rotary for its PolioPlus efforts around the globe.

\$ GLORIA JOHNSTON is celebrating the birth of her first grandson.

\$ KEN LEVERICH completed his 50 miles for Muscular Dystrophy. He thanks all Rotarians who contributed to the cause.

\$ ERLE BROWN is happy to be home after a great two weeks in the Azores.

\$ TOM BUTT is pleased to announce the summer music series in Point Richmond.

\$ Ever modest MARKKU PELANNE completed a Trans-Atlantic flight using a single engine aircraft. Yes, he says, the plane started out with only one engine.

\$ Although he cannot match some of the far-flung adventures of some Rotarians, RICHARD ALEXANDER still had a wonderful 4 days at the happiest place on earth - Disneyland.

\$ A very relaxed RICHARD BRANDES asked us to guess why he was feeling happy.

Program:

New President DAVID BROWN spent a few moments telling us about some of his plans for the club for this upcoming year. He began by introducing us to the *Board of Directors*. They are:

HERB COLE - *Vocational*

REN PARTRIDGE - *Publicity and Membership*

GEORGE EGAN - *Club Service*

DAN ERCOLINI - *Community Relations*

JONI HIRAMOTO - *International Relations*

BART WALLACE - *Programs*

JOE NUSBAUM is Secretary, DONNA BELL is Treasurer and STONEY STONEWORK is Vice-President/President Elect.

One project that DAVID hopes to see realized in the next 12 months is a move to most communications in electronic format either through e-mails or website. Richmond Rotary has its own website:

www.richmondcarotary.org

All club members should get in the habit of checking their e-mails and the website for information about the Club.

We should have a year full of valuable programs.

Some upcoming events are:

July 26 - California Highway Patrol Canine Corps

August 9 - A veteran from the CIA will be on hand to give his perspective on Afghanistan.

August 16 - Lisa McIntosh from East Bay MUD will gave a state of the utility report.

August 23 - We'll be hearing from District Governor Mark Von Hotzendorff.

August 30 - We'll mark a PolioPlus kickoff.

DAVE looks forward to hearing from Richmond Rotary members about ways to enhance projects such as Peres School sponsorship or Christmas in April as well as the Club's donation process.

Richmond Rotary Lotto:

\$580 was in the pot. Lauren Alexander picked a white ball. Dad gets a free lunch and better luck next time.

Respectfully submitted,
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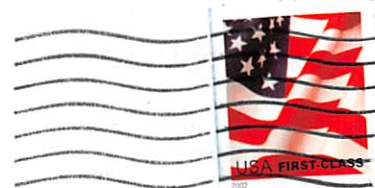
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2002

"PolioPlus"

BARBARA D'ENNEO

This week's program will be a presentation by Barbara DeEnneo of the Berkeley Rotary who will do the "PolioPlus" kickoff. Rotary International has been so successful in its work toward eradicating polio around the world that this will be the last year of the campaign. Barbara will inform us as to how we can support this year's effort.

Door Duty: PRISCILLA LEADON /
MICHAEL READY

LAST WEEK

Already we've noticed that new President DAVID BROWN is not gonging the bell with the same gusto that he showed just after taking office. Nevertheless, there will be no palace coup. MIKE READY led us in the pledge. President DAVID had some words about words -- too many words to include in this missive.

Rotarians with Guests: JUDY KAFKA introduced us to her good friend, Debbie Sterns. WERNER SCHWARZ' guest was Sally deWitt. Jim Young, candidate for Rotary membership, was making his last visit as a guest. JOSH GENSER's was his son Joseph. Welcome to all!

Announcements:

- Richmond Rotary is soliciting applications for Rotary's Group Study Exchange. The deadline for applying is rapidly approaching. The scholarship is available to individuals who are pursuing higher education, especially at the graduate level. For more information, please contact DAVID BROWN.
- We received the sad information that our oldest member and most veteran member, WALTER WOLFFS, has been moved to a hospice.

Happy / Sad Dollars:

\$ BART WALLACE is glad because his son will not be a lay-about this summer. The young man has a job!

\$ RUSSELL SCHULZE was pleased to announce that he aced a hole on a recent golf outing.

\$ DAVID K. has made up for a slow summer of fishing in the Bay Area with a very successful angling trip to Montana.

\$ JOE BAGLEY was pleased to report that the first Friday night music fest in Point Richmond was very successful. He looks forward to the next event which is set for the second Friday in August.

\$ DON LAU was happy to be back in the fold of the club and DAVID BROWN was happy that DON had worked out things with the parole officer. DAVID says, "Just kidding."

Program:

JOE NUBAUM introduced California State Trooper Joey Nardil. Officer Nardil has been a State Trooper since 1984 and has specialized in K-9 corps work for the past ten years.

Joey Nardil should be recognized as the one who introduced the concept of using "pound" dogs as opposed to dogs with papers for police support activities. He told a fascinating story about his acquisition of his current dog Spike and the ways that Joey and Spike have been instrumental in saving the State thousands of dollars in police dog costs.

Officer Nardil trains dogs to work in patrol surveillance and capture, explosives detection and drug detections. Although some dogs are cross-trained, most specialize in one area. Spike specializes in explosives detection.

The dogs go through a thorough and exhaustive review prior to induction for training. The training is rigorous and only a select group make it to the State's K-9 corps. Spike and his colleagues have socialized with humans and educated in the fine points of asset forfeiture. Joey Nardil pointed out that the State's dogs receive full chauffeur service; live in friendly family situations; and are served excellent meals.

All Rotarians were impressed with Spike as he greeted each one of us and then gave a demonstration of his considerable skills in explosive detection. Thanks to JOE NUSBAUM for bringing Officer Nardil to Richmond Rotary.

Richmond Rotary Lottery: RICHARD BRANDES, not again, picked a white ball good for one free lunch. The lotto is now up to \$684.

Respectfully submitted,
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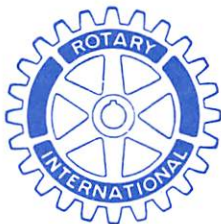
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"Afghanistan"

TONY ARNOLD
Ex-CIA Member

Tony Arnold, a veteran from the CIA, will be on hand to give his perspective on Afghanistan.

Door Duty: DON HARDISON /
CHARLES RAMSEY

LAST WEEK

President DAVID BROWN called the meeting to order at 12:30. CHARLIE FENDER led us in the pledge.

Pres. David's words of wisdom: "It takes twice as much spiritual strength to be an honest business man as to be an honest teacher (Rabbi), but if you have that much spiritual strength, why waste it on business?" -Rabbi Salanter-

Welcomed Guests of Rotarians: CHARLIE FENDER introduced Jim Young as his guest for the last time before his induction as a new member. Jim was joined by his wife, Linda, and two banking associates from Walnut Creek.

New Member Induction:

Congratulations to JIM YOUNG, with Comerica-California, who became the Club's first new member under Pres. DAVID's regime. CHARLIE FENDER presented JIM with the Rotary pin and red badge, basics for attaining blue badge status. We warmly welcome our new Banking-Credit Richmond Rotarian.

Announcements:

- A very special *Happy Birthday!* to WALTER WOLFFS who celebrates his 95th on August 5. WALTER is at home with the care of a hospice nurse (a correction to last week's Flywheel). Visitors and phone calls are welcome. In spirit, he's at our meetings where we all salute the milestone of Rotary's 1936 inductee.
- JOE BAGLEY announced next Friday's free music fest (the second in a summer concert series) in Point Richmond at the Baltic Restaurant featuring the Joyful Noise. Where to legally park in this growing metropolis remains an issue worthy of shuttle service.
- HANK COVELL announced the first Antique Road Show to benefit the Richmond Museum Association on September 21 at the Richmond Auditorium. All antiques (bodies and

furnishings) will be given a value. Should be interesting.

- HANK also announced the great annual *Masquers / Dinner-at-the-Mac* night on Thursday, September 12. \$35 guarantees you one of Rotary's finest entertaining evenings. Don't miss it.

MIKE READY was the successful bidder for JIM CANNON's Giants/Cubs seats.

Happy/Sad \$\$\$\$ (was all happy)

\$ DAVID KUCHENTHAL noted that we were enjoying what may very well be Mira Vista Club's finest fish lunch ever... a new trend in Rotary cuisine?

\$ DAVID BROWN recently completed successful laser eye surgery that has made him a visionary.

Program:

President DAVID introduced Michael Nixon, Coordinator of the new Bloodless Surgery Program at Doctor's Medical Center, who captured the interest of all of us. Michael introduced this option to traditional surgery techniques by asking: "How many of you think that the blood supply in the US is 100% safe?" From here he led us to reflect on how our world is getting smaller. Like it or not, we all must face the challenge of addressing how to get along when we come from such different backgrounds, cultures, and religions. Medical care for all people must address the same issues.

Doctor's Hospital is taking the lead in offering a coordinated program and medical commitment to respecting a patient's request for an alternative to the need for blood in surgery whether for religious, cultural, or safety reasons. Historically, the medical profession often confuses a patient's convictions with a refusal of care. Himself a Jehovah's Witness (a faith whose beliefs prohibit the acceptance of blood transfusions), Mr. Nixon gave us all a new sensitivity and appreciation of this growing medical expertise that reaches out to the community-at-large while avoiding the rising costs and short supply of blood.

The Bloodless Surgery Program at Doctor's has nearly quadrupled its patient outreach in the three years of its existence. Thank you Michael Nixon and Doctor's Hospital for pursuing this area of health practice.

Rotary Lotto marches upward from \$723 as JIM CANNON pulled a free lunch sans \$.

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Jan B. Nimble

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2002

"EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT"

Lisa MacIntosh

Door Duty: RALPH HILL / MARKKU PELANNE

LAST WEEK

PRESIDENT DAVID called the meeting to order at 12:30. HANK COVELL led us in the pledge.

PRES. DAVID's words of wisdom: The test of humility is your attitude to subordinates. (Anonymous)

Welcomed Visiting Rotarians: Michel Burleson, of Doctor's Medical Center, was visiting from the San Pablo Club. Charles Swanson with Ignacio Engineering also joined us.

Welcomed Guests of Rotarians: JUDY MORGAN introduced us to her guest, Karen Fenton, President of the West Contra Costa County School Board.

Sunshine Report:

DAVID K. delivered good news health stories as he told of successfully wired Rotarians, NORM FOLEY and LOREN STRAUGHN. NORM is doing fine after having defibrillated an irregular heart beat. Meanwhile, LOREN has the Dick Cheney-style-upgrade, having achieved the remarkable status of being a walking heart scanner. We all extend our thoughts and best wishes to both LOREN and NORM in their recoveries.

Announcements:

- GEORGE EGAN announced the Bavarian Bash (Rotary's District FundRaiser) on October 5 in Dixon. Rotary Raffle tickets are on sale at a mere \$10 per ticket or \$100 per book. See George for details, books and tickets. Raffle purchases are a win-win since they benefit Rotary and count towards Paul Harris contributions.
- PRES. DAVID announced that GSE (Group Study Exchange) participant applications are being sought. Not for Rotarians or their immediate family, this is an unusual opportunity to nominate a budding young professional who would gain from a 5-week cultural exchange experience in central southern Europe.
- JOE BAGLEY reminded us again of the Art Train rolling through town September 7-8.

Docent volunteers are needed for this country's only traveling art museum which features well-known Norman Rockwell-Andy Warhol-Peter Max-type artists.

- HENRY KELMAN turned 39 again, but couldn't recall how he spent it.
- Meanwhile, Pres DAVID BROWN was fined for a widely broadcast police mug shot. Thankfully, his association with Rotary is still undercover.

Happy/Sad \$\$\$\$ - The NRA was brought up (not once, but twice) but this writer forgets why.

\$ HERB COLE told a fish story that would make his grandson proud.

\$ HANK COVELL announced a successful (20,000 - wow! Where did they come from?) turnout at the Pinole Wine Arts Festival, so if you missed it, you have another chance next year.

\$ DAVID K., our Sunshine and PolioPlus representative, made our Club's first \$68.00 contribution to this year's final polio campaign. \$68 from each Rotarian is all it will take to reach the furthest corners of the globe and wipe out the last vestiges of this once dreaded virus.

Program:

BART WALLACE introduced Tony Arnold whose distinguished life and career has led him from Afghanistan (and other European countries with the CIA for 27 years) to Stanford's Hoover Institute (as a visiting scholar) to Richmond Rotary last Friday.

Tony brought to life the character and culture of the Afghan people through the anecdotal stories that only a parent can tell. He revealed the good, the bad, and the ugly (better than Clint Eastwood) as he told of his great respect for the Afghan people who are proud, independent, and self-reliant. In particular, he pointed out that we owe a special debt to Afghanistan for being the catalyst that brought down the Soviet Empire. Tony described the hostile history of take-overs and take-backs with a confident hope that in time the true nature of the Afghan people and strong sense of social order within its independent communities will thrive again.

Thank you Tony for sharing with us your valuable insights. And thank you BART for bringing him to Rotary.

Rotary Lotto earned HENRY KELMAN a belated birthday lunch, but without greens. So as we break \$800, Rotary attendance is expected to increase for reasons beyond its outstanding programs and camaraderie.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan B. Nimble

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"Rotary International's PolioPlus Campaign"

GARY MILLER

Door Duty: JONI HIRAMOTO /
REYNOLDS PARTRIDGE

LAST WEEK

Past President DANIEL TANITA filled in for PREZ DAVID. DON LAU led the pledge of allegiance. Mahatma Gandhi provided the thought for the day: *"If we are to reach real peace in the world, we shall have to begin with the children."*

Sewing the Seeds of Love Inspirations: Last fall Richmond Rotary warmly welcomed (thanks to host and organizer DAN TANITA's efforts) a professional group of dentists from Russia. Prez-for-the-day DAN reports that he is in frequent email contact with one of our former guests who was inspired by his visit to start a new Rotary club in Russia (high-fives among Richmond Rotarians). Another Rotary outreach story...DAN reports that Rotary clubs are sending contributions to fellow clubs in towns affected by the current flooding crisis in Europe.

Visiting Rotarians: A warm welcome to Ken Franceschi visiting from San Rafael.

Announcements:

- **District Raffle:** Look out...GEORGE EGAN is eager to enjoy the Bavarian Bash on October 5 in Dixon with the clear conscience of a successful promoter. Your raffle book is in the mail. It's a win-win-win with prizes, Paul Harris credit, and the satisfaction that all proceeds benefit District Rotary's worthwhile programs.
- **Group Study Exchange:** Know someone who might benefit and enjoy the GSE? Applications are being accepted.

- **Masquers and Dinner-at-the-Mac:** HANK COVELL is touting a great Rotary event on Thursday, September 12. At only \$35 per person, it's one of Richmond's best entertainment deals. Don't miss it.
- **Community Service:** DAN ERCOLINI reminds us of the Art Train which is about to roll into Richmond on September 5 - 8. The City of Richmond is seeking volunteers in 4-hour slots for guiding tours or assisting in Lawrence-Hall-of-Science- led activities.
- **Peres School appeal for old but legal software:** Rotary has lots of computers for students at Peres school (thanks to Bank of America); but alas, no brain or operating software. If you purchased a computer or Windows (98 preferred) operating system and can provide the original CD and key (serial number), many doors will open for our children at Peres School. Bring what you have to the next Rotary meeting and DAN will take it off your hands.
- **Sergeant-of-Arms-for-the-day** (thank you JUDY KAFKA and JOHN NICOL) suggest you find and proudly wear your Rotary pin.
- **JOE BAGLEY** received a standing ovation (in his dreams) and proceeded to honor with great distinction the finest of milestones in our club.
- **Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to:** OSCAR and Nancy LUGO who celebrated their 23rd anniversary; JOSH and Elaina GENSER who celebrated 21 years; and MIKE and Cindy WINTER who celebrated their 42nd anniversary. Meanwhile, ELOF GRANBERG has a birthday this week and looks plenty fit to blow out all those candles. Happy Birthday ELOF!

Happy/Sad \$\$\$\$

HANK COVELL is on his way to Rome next week ... DAN ERCOLINI's soft ball team is on its way to being 5 and 0 ...Master scribe, *Guiseppe Verde*, gave encouragement to the latest green notetaker... Past Pres RICH comes through in rough sailing weather in treating the Christmas Auction lucky high bidders (Dan and Dana) to an afternoon of sailing and lunch in the sun (albeit safely moored to a buoy for much of it) ... JON LAWLIS wants the baseball strike prospect to go away...JOE BAGLEY and wife, Rita, are preparing to walk 60 miles for the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk, honoring both of their sisters' battles against the disease...JOSH GENSER announces the Richmond Chamber's Golf Tournament on September 23rd and is looking for participants and raffle prizes ... Pres-for-the-day DAN is one happy guy thanks to his

daughters, his wife, and a day on the Bay with the Brandes crew.

Program

BART WALLACE introduced our speaker, Lisa MacIntosh, Director of the East Bay Municipal Utility District representing Ward 1 (Crockett, Hercules, Rodeo, San Pablo and portions of Richmond and Pinole).

Water quality is EBMUD's forte, but the spiraling costs of energy, pressure from ratepayers, and the structure of the District as a public entity caused EBMUD to consider the possibility of entering the energy market. Lisa explained the investigative process, considerations, and tentative conclusions as the Board seeks to relay their findings to the community. For the time being, EBMUD will stick to what it does best: delivering quality water and wastewater processing services (audible sigh of relief from PG&E).

Small bits of other trivia slipped into the report ... did you know there can be more cyanide in bottled water than in your tap? ... Or that providing water services to 75,000 new homes in a year's time supercede planning for the next inevitable drought?

Thank you Lisa MacIntosh for sharing your report with Richmond Rotary.

Raffle odds are getting better: JIM CANNON opted for another free lunch. We are down to just 6 balls, and a pot that hovers near \$800.

Respectfully submitted,

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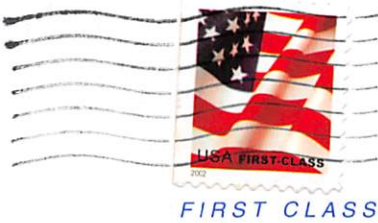
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2002

"Round Table"



Chairman of the Day: DAVID BROWN

Door Duty: PAUL HODGEN / JOE NUSBAUM

LAST WEEK

PRESIDENT DAVID, dressed in muffler and overcoat, warmed us all with good humor on the coldest of summer days at the Mira Vista Golf Club. DAN TANITA led the pledge.

Thought for the day: "We sleep in separate rooms; we have dinner apart, we take separate vacations. We're doing everything we can to keep our marriage together." (comedian Rodney Dangerfield)

Visiting Rotarians: Welcome Francisco from San Ramon Rotary and Ruth Vasquez visiting from San Pablo Rotary!

Announcements:

- JOHN NICOL reports that Vice President STONEY (Horace Stonework) is successfully recovering from gall stone surgery. "They don't call him STONEY for nothing," remarks PREZ DAVID. We wish STONEY a swift comeback and look forward to his return.
- Richmond Rotary's meeting on September 13 WILL NOT meet at Mira Vista Country Club due to a scheduled golf tournament. La Strada Restaurant at San Pablo Avenue & Church Lane in San Pablo will be our meeting place for this day. Please take note.
- Bavarian Bash (featuring food, beer, and fun) is October 5 in Danville: GEORGE EGAN reminds us that raffle tickets are \$10 a piece, \$100 per booklet. All proceeds are tax deductible, benefit Rotary's far-reaching programs and are credited to Paul Harris.

- *Group Study Exchange:* Surely some young non-Rotarian in our community is perfect for our club to nominate for this valuable opportunity. Applications remain available.
- *Community Service:* DAN ERCOLINI notes that you can still sign up to be a docent or assistant for Artrain USA September 5 - 8. DAN also reminds us that Rotary needs legal computer operating systems for Peres School. If you once purchased a computer, chances are you have the original CD and registration number that went with it. What may seem worthless could legitimately bring new life to vacant computers for students. Dig deep in that storage room.

Recognitions:

JOE BAGLEY brings out the best in Rotarian milestones: Judge JONI (Joni Hiramoto) and her husband Douglas enjoyed an anniversary with family; JOHN MEDLOCK turned an enviable real 39 and Dr. DAN SANDERS is 39 again as well. JIM BEAVER and wife Jane celebrate 22 years this month.

Rotary's community outreach coffers are enriched by the generosity of these celebrants. Congratulations and thanks to each of you!

Happy/Sad \$:

...LESLIE LEVY passed her Brokers Real-estate Exam with flying colors on the first take...congratulations Leslie.

...JONI had a great trip to Lake Alminor with family.

...DR. HERB (Herb Cole) won't be here next week as he happily serves as the ultimate babysitter for the grandkids.

...New Rotarian JIM YOUNG has four happy dollars for the four buffalo who charged his car and missed in Yellowstone.

...WERNER SCHWARZ found a beautiful home for an exchange student from Germany who starts at Redwood High School today.

...JIM BEAVER had a good time looking for his roots in Los Angeles somewhere between the beach and Dodger games.

...DAVID BROWN got his son back to school in Santa Barbara - almost without a hitch.

Program:

Gary Mills, former superintendent of Albany School District (and a school superintendent for 37 years), is a longtime Albany Rotarian. He is currently bringing awareness to Rotary clubs of the final effort to globally eradicate all of polio by the year 2005.

In 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus, one of the most ambitious humanitarian programs ever undertaken by a private entity. Since 1988, 350,000 cases in 125 countries have been reduced to 600 cases in 10 countries – thanks in large part to Rotary's significant financial contributions and mobilization of volunteers. It is in those final difficult-to-reach locations that the challenge to bring the vaccine discoveries of nearly 50 years ago is taking place. Contributions from major sources including Rotary are targeting to collect and invest \$1 billion towards this effort. Paul Harris fellows have the opportunity to become double sustaining members with a pin of distinction to prove it.

Thank you Gary Mills for making an eloquent appeal to complete the final chapter of Rotary International's success story.

HERB COLE reminds us that he is organizing Rotarians to go to Ghana on October 27 for a ten-

day trip – a chance to be involved personally in completing the PolioPlus mission in that country. A shipment of wheelchairs to polio victims will also be distributed. It should be an amazing experience. Contact HERB if you are interested.

Our club's financial goal per member towards this project is in the neighborhood of \$68/year for 3 years. This year's contributions to Paul Harris (since July) can count to PolioPlus (stay tuned for details from ERLE BROWN).

Rotary Lotto: JOE BAGLEY came close, but the odds for winning are now down to 1 in 5 for a lucky ticket holder next week.

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"U.S. Postal Inspectors"

RICHARD KWIETKAUSKI

The speaker for next week is Richard Kwietkauski, Deputy US Postal Inspector attached to the Northern California Division of the Office of the United States Postal Inspectors. He has been a law enforcement officer with the Postal Inspectors for 25 years, and has worked extensively in the areas of mail theft, security survey, and various financial and property loss investigations. He will have written materials and a short video to present.

Door Duty: GLORIA JOHNSTON /
DAVID NINOMIYA

LAST WEEK

On a foggy pre-Labor day weekend, high atop the hills Prez DAVID BROWN called the small but mighty band of Rotarians to order. Vice-Prez STONEY led us in the pledge. The thought for the day... *"The best security for old age is to respect your children!"*

We had one visiting Rotarian join us. Michel Burleson from San Pablo...obviously an acquaintance of our Prez. There were no guests.

Mr. Sunshine DAVID K reported on ailing Rotarians STONEY and ELOF, both of who were in attendance so obviously the best cure for what ails you is to attend our meeting. STONEY fessed up to having a "super sized" August with an anniversary, birthday, daughter's wedding, surgery, and family reunion. Whatever he paid...hopefully reflected a "super size!" JOHN NICOL reported

that LOREN STRAUGHN was also on the mend. Hope to see you soon LOREN!

Announcements:

Reminder: Friday, September 13, we will be at La Strada!!!

- Prez DAVID informed all that we can triple dip...all single donations to Polio, Paul Harris and the Bavarian raffle tickets can count for all three. So give generously because you get a 3 for 1. Who devised that inflated revenue accounting system?????
- We were also reminded to get in GSE application. On the volunteer front, you can contact DAN ERCOLINI about volunteering for the Artrain and we still need legit software and licenses for our computers at Peres School.

Our Roundtable discussion centered on possible programs for the year...only some of which I can put to paper. They ranged from fish bait and elected officials (which would smell more?), Allan Greenspan and Earthquakes, Prisons and BART (not Bart in prison), Rotary projects and talented dogs, sports and newspaper reporters, bridges and wheel chairs, and NASA (not Nassau). If you have suggestions please contact our Prez or BART WALLACE!

Rotary Lotto: With a small group, big bucks (over \$1,000) and few balls. That doesn't sound right. Prez DAVID first pulled names from the wrong bucket...when he got it right he picked DONNA BELL (1 in 5 chance) who grabbed the white....so; bring your big bucks because we will have fewer balls next week.

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Subbing for Jan B. Nimble

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2002

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(Church Lane and San Pablo Ave.)!

*This will be our meeting place for Friday,
October 4 as well, so mark those calendars.*

"OAKLAND AIRPORT"

STEVE GROSSMAN
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LAST WEEK

Prez DAVID called us all to order, RICHARD ALEXANDER led us in the pledge, and then we shared a moment of silence ... (in the words of our poetic leader) *"to reflect on the blessings of liberty which, we were reminded last September 11th, don't come without cost; to honor the memory of the victims of terrorism both at home and throughout the world; and of thankfulness to the men and women in uniform whose sacrifices are the guarantees of our own freedom."*

Visiting Rotarians: JOHN CLINTON was a visiting Rotarian; it was good to see RUSS SCHULZE back in town too.

Welcomed Guests of Rotarians: JUDY KAFKA's guests included husband VINCE and SALLY DEWITT (WERNER SCHWARZ's guest too). Prez DAVID was joined by wife, CHERYL. GEORGE EGAN introduced RENEE HILL, Director of the Richmond Main Street Initiative.

Announcements:

- Contact HANK COVELL if you would like to attend the Masquers/Mac Benefit this coming Thursday, September 12 featuring a good mystery, *The Inspector Calls*.
- The Bavarian Bash is October 5th in Danville.
- GSE applications are in the works (there's still time!).

- The Artrain is in town. (JOE BAGLEY reports that it is an excellent "must see" with moon rocks and the works.)
- JOE also reports a benefit for NIAD September 14 in Orinda. Moongate is \$35 and benefits an organization that builds our community in many powerful ways. See Joe for tickets.
- DAN ERCOLINI is still seeking operating systems for Windows machines for Peres students.

Recognitions:

Richmond Rotary hopes DAVE CALFEE, our man in the mountains, lives to be 1000! Thank you Dave for your birthday and anniversary honorariums • ERLE and PHYLLIS BROWN celebrated a special anniversary thanks to a Cal Bear (finally!) victory • JOANNE BLUM celebrates a birthday too. Congratulations and thank you to these generous Rotarians!

Other Recognitions: JOE BAGLEY recognized himself! He and RITA remain committed to walking 60 miles for breast cancer research in the Avon Breast Cancer Walk.

Happy Dollars:

CHERYL BLACK (Brown) gave up green for being with husband DAVID in Barcelona (on Rotary business). • Meanwhile, it's baseball and the A's that make JOE NUSBAUM smile these days • JUDY KAFKA is proud of her gracious Rotarian sponsor, DAVE CALFEE. • So is GEORGE EGAN. • OSCAR LUGO can't wait for next Friday's music fest in Point Richmond. • Proud grandfather HERB COLE (with stories to go with the title) announces that JUDY KAFKA and TED ABREU will join him in Ghana as part of Polio Plus. What a wonderful mission. • DAN ERCOLINI is riding the tide with the A's, the Niners, and his own undefeated softball team. • GLORIA JOHNSTON has good news/bad news that affirms it's all good in time: the number of students attending our public schools reflects a welcomed but unexpected shift from the private sector ... and good teachers are in the wings to meet the challenge. • MICHAEL FINLEY traveled with family to Beijing, China, proudly cheering on his son who played in a youth baseball tournament there.

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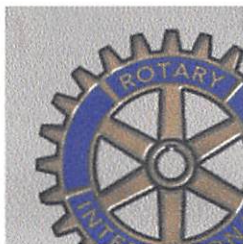
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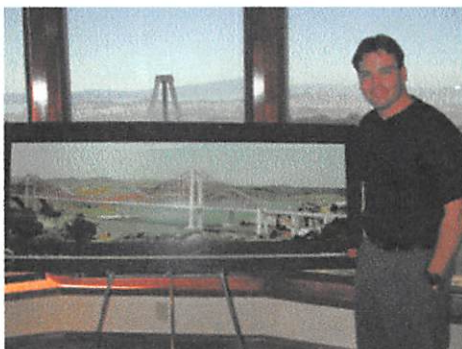
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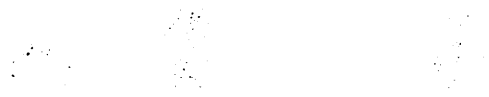
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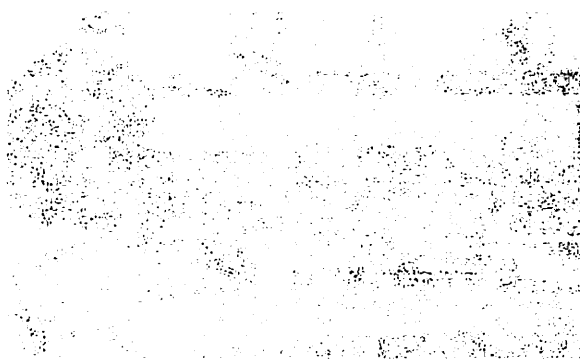
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Door Duty: JUDITH KAFKA /
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Visiting Rotarians: We warmly welcome Bill Frank (former Assistant to District Governor) from Hercules, and Bruce Keim from San Pablo.

Welcomed Guests of Rotarians: JOSH GENSER (re)introduced his guest, Michele Itagaki of Junior Achievement, who was our speaker last May.

Sunshine Report: DAVID K. informs us that Rotarian WALTER WOLFFS continues to have the good fortune of being cared for at home. Visitors remain welcome. With great sadness DAN ERCOLINI announced the passing of JONATHON LAWLIS' wife, Elizabeth. Together we shared (and are sharing) a moment of silent tribute to Jon, his family, and the memory of Elizabeth. Memorial service details will follow.

Announcements:

- Richmond Rotary will meet October 4 at LaStrada Restaurant in San Pablo (corner of Church and San Pablo Ave.).
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- GSE application deadline is September 30. Information is on the web and PREZ DAVID will help you find it if you call him.
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- DAN ERCOLINI described a memorable Back-to-School-Night at Peres on Thursday night ala Richmond Rotary style: the added draw of a chance to win something big. In this case, it was a complete and wonderfully recycled computer system that's up and running thanks to DAN, his Community Service team and donors. The lucky winner and mother of a Peres first grader (now budding computer techie) gratefully took home the whole package: an internet-ready computer along with a cd player, monitor, keyboard, mouse, mouse pad and printer. High Fives to community service! Coming soon: Back-to-School photos taken by PAM JONES on the Rotary web site.
- *Classroom sponsorship:* Now beginning its third year, Richmond Rotarians have the opportunity to sponsor a teacher and classroom at Peres Elementary School. DAN announced that PAM JONES will be keeping sponsors in touch with teachers and their classes as funds are used for basic supplies. 35 classrooms are seeking Sponsorships at \$100 (and can be shared); contact DAN or PAM.
- *Junior Achievement at Peres School:* Richmond Rotarians have the opportunity to teach young people the value of basic economics and business planning. All materials are provided for 5 one-hour sessions in a classroom setting.

Recognitions:

OSCAR LUGO, substituting for JOE BAGLEY, caught only one of us on automatic pilot in finding a golf tournament at Mira Vista instead of lunch at La Strada...A Happy Birthday to our man of sunshine (and PolioPlus), DAVID KUCHENTHAL, who gives us something to celebrate on September 11...Richmond Rotary's newest member...JIM YOUNG, is one year older (Happy Birthday, JIM). In addition, he and his wife, Linda, celebrated their anniversary at Rotary's Mac and Masquers Night; the milestone was honored with a corsage for the lady (a touch of class and thoughtfulness by RICH and Lisa BRANDES). Happy anniversary Jim and Linda!

Happy/Sad (and always interesting) \$\$:

\$ Elof was wounded in France in 1944 on 9-11. Prez David is happy Elof made it through.

\$ Tom Schneider was happy that his Boy Scouts had the honor of retiring over 500 US flags on 9-11.

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Thank you, Steve, for bringing Oakland Airport's story to Richmond.

Speaking of stories: the Rotary Raffle suspense grows. PRISCILLA LEADON graciously won a lunch. PREZ DAVID and many others were very happy for her. If you haven't been paying attention, next week is an excellent time to buy into a raffle with a pot that exceeds \$1400, one orange ball, one white ball, and a room full of Richmond's friendliest gamblers.

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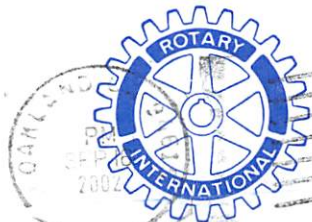
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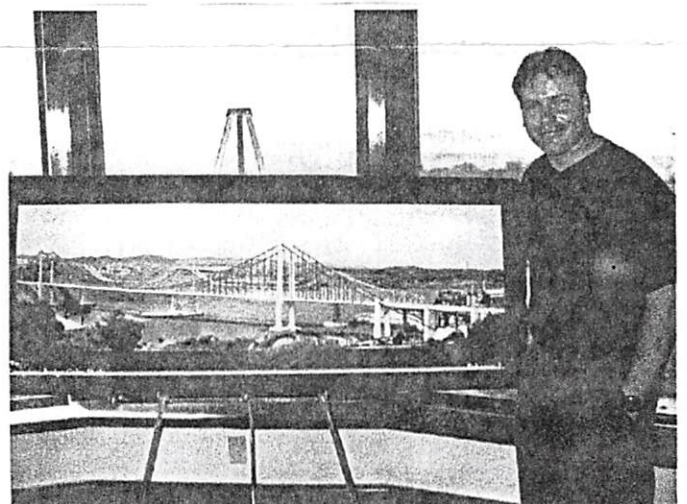
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Albany - Mira Vista Golf & Country Club at 12:30
7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito, CA 94530 (510)233-7550

Wednesday:

Hercules - Senior Center at 7:15 a.m.
111 Civic Dr., Hercules, CA 94547 (510)799-8291
Berkeley - H's Lordships at 12:15
199 Seawall Dr., Berkeley, CA 94710 (510)843-2733
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SCOTT COREY**

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Scott Corey, the West County editor, will accompany him. And together they will give Richmond Rotary an impressive insider's view of news coverage in our area.

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A warm welcome to Visiting Rotarians and guests: Barbara D'Anne (Assistant to District Governor and member of Berkeley Rotary) introduced us to her brother, David Moore. **JIM YOUNG** introduced us to his guest, John Milsap, visiting from Walnut Creek Rotary.

Sunshine Report: Wherever **HANS SHAPER** may be, **DAVID K.** (Kuchenthal) will find him and then spread some Rotarian sunshine. More next week.

Announcements:

- **BART WALLACE**, our diligent speaker coordinator, has a new (temporary) job in ...Guam! He will be there for 11 months and our club will miss him. His position on the board will be filled by runner-up, **MARK HOWE**. Lucky **MARK** is also rotating into the Flywheel scribe position for October and November, so be kind to him.
- Speaking of Lucky **MARK**, our gracious winner of last week's high profile raffle has turned his share of the winnings (all \$826) back into the

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- From Secretary **JOE NUSBAUM**: "Our attendance percentage has been low. I know many of you attend committee meetings and other functions such as Peres School, membership meetings, board meetings, etc. Please forward to me the date that you have done outside work for Rotary or made up at another club, so that I may credit you."

Recognitions:

Congratulations to love birds **CHARLIE** and **Clavell FENDER** for celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. And a happy birthday to **BARRY GORDON** who still looks 21 but is something over that.

Happy and sometimes Sad \$\$:

DAVID K. is happy to see **FATHER CHRIS** (Woerz) back in the Rotary fold... **DR. HERB** (Cole) points out that our President is a prolific letter-to-the-editor writer and should surely pay for it (David agrees) ...**DAN ERCOLINI** is a winner (yes, his softball team won the League Championship and moves on to the playoffs)...**JOHN NICOL** pays a fond but sad tribute to Mike Weill, son of a former Rotarian...**DAVE NINOMIYA** just got back from Spain and Portugal where wood is more expensive than marble... **FATHER CHRIS** has been working hard to prepare for Salesian's 75th anniversary ... **WERNER SCHWARZ** is happy to have someone to

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Arliss Dunn, Manager of Administrative Services of Richmond-based Rubicon, gave an inspiring presentation of Rubicon's success as it continues to serve its mission: to help people and communities build assets to achieve greater independence. Rubicon began in 1973 as a grass roots alternative to institutionalizing individuals with mental illness, by teaching the ordinary tasks of living independently along with job training. It was founded on the premise that an individual can't be successful without a job. Period.

Today, Rubicon's three businesses, Landscape Services, HomeCare Consortium, and Rubicon Bakery contribute to nearly half of the agency's \$15.8 million budget and provide training and employment for its program participants. In addition, Rubicon has responded to special needs of

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Visitors:

-JAN BROWN introduced her son who had been working for the PR department of the Lakers and is now working for the PR department of the Warriors -- John Armstrong, our speaker promptly offered his condolences.

-The Richmond Rotary GSE sponsor, Sophia Wairth, was introduced by PRESIDENT DAVE to great fanfare. For those of you that reside in Point Richmond you may find her and her wonderful smile at the counter of her family's the Point Richmond Market. Anybody wishing to write a letter of support, please do so and forward it to PRESIDENT DAVE. Good luck Sophia.

Sunshine Report:

Hanns Shaper is home from the hospital and is doing well according to his family.

Announcements:

* GEORGE EGAN said that Bavarian Bash tickets are available at the door this Saturday. PRESIDENT DAVE also said that he would be attending. Tickets are very reasonable and kids are welcome

***Coming Speakers:**

10/18/02, District Governor's visit and board members will meet at 11:30 that day before regular meeting,
10/25/02, Dion Aroner, State Assembly
11/01/02, Isiah Turner, City Manager Richmond.
11/08/02, Richard Lopez Vessel Traffic Service
11/29/02, No Meeting

01/03/03, Michael Hingson, Guide Dogs for the Blind.

* REN and PAUL attended a barbeque at Miller Knox Park for Peres Elementary School honor students. All the food was eaten and it was a rewarding experience for all.

* JOHN NICOL announced that the Intercity Rotary train will be leaving the station 01/12/02 and returning from Reno 01/13/02. All ticket purchases are due by 11/04/02. JOHN says this will be the **final notice**. I'll ask JOE GREEN to announce it next meeting again.

Happy / Sad \$\$:

-JOHN LAWLIS appreciates the sincere support, love and caring he has received from the club during this trying time for his family.

- LESLIE LEVY had a happy \$5 to excuse her absences as she was enjoying the Lake Tahoe cabin vacation and sail on the bay she bought at last years auction.

- OSCAR LUGO's daughter got accepted to University of California at Irvine. Congratulations OSCAR.

- KEN and TED paid a fine for not reading their flywheels and subsequently ending up at the Mira Vista this Friday instead of La Strada.

Recognitions:

- PAUL HODGEN had an anniversary with his wife of 27 years Mary Joe. To some people PAUL doesn't even look 27 years old -- I guess it is his baby face.

-HANK COVELL had a birthday and an anniversary. He was born in 1935 for those of you who want to know how old he really is. His philosophy of life is to enjoy today because nobody knows what is coming tomorrow. He celebrated by attending a football game on Friday night, a YMCA pancake breakfast Saturday morning, and a family get together for all of his family members with B-days in September.

-JOE BAGLEY also had a birthday; he is now 21, and coincidentally he also celebrated his 27th wedding anniversary. JOE contributed \$100 to his daughter's Paul Harris.

Program:

John Armstrong, editor of the news for the Contra Costa Times, spoke about the role his paper plays in the community. The paper has an interesting history. Dean Leshner came to this fair area in the mid 1940's. It was immediately obvious to him, but apparently not to those in charge of the big East Bay newspaper of the time -- The Oakland Tribune with its 90% market share -- that the East Bay was about to boom beyond its Oakland borders and that it would be a good investment to

address this new market by consolidating the various small papers of the region into one large more efficient one. He was right of course. And today the Contra Costa Time enjoys 64% market share in the East Bay. Knight Ridder, a national publisher, recognized this and purchased the Contra Costa Times from the Leshner family in 1995 for a cool \$369,000,000 where upon Ms. Leshner shacked up with a bull rider half her age who allegedly had a hand in her recent death.

The paper today is organized into four regions: The Contra Costa Times, The West County Times, The Valley Times, and The San Ramon Valley Times. The paper also publishes weeklies. The paper's goal is to respond to the desires of its high income (read hi advertising rates) and well educated readership. They particularly emphasize local issues although they also cover the traditional national subjects like weather, business, national and international news. Of special interest are the inserts that they produce periodically on East Bay neighborhoods call "Where We Live", their popular voter's guides, and of particular interest to many of us, their fine, frank and conservative admonishment of our local governments in their editorial pages.

The 500 largest East Bay business list is published by the paper once a year ; and they select the student of the month and the athlete of the month, which offer the youngest members of our community roll models from which to pattern their lives.

More than just news does the paper provide. It employs 1,000 people, donates or is responsible for the collection of donations equaling \$1,500,000. They provide a free concert to the community each year and are affiliated with all the major community organizations that come to mind. \$3,000,000 per year they pay in various taxes.

There is certainly more to a paper than you would think at first glance. Most of us spend some quiet time each day with this very good friend. Thank You Contra Costa Times.

Raffle: Two 27th wedding anniversaries and two back to back winners for the lottery – WOW!. DAN ERCOLINI won last week with a full complement of balls, and today TED ABREU also won with a full complement of balls. I will donate \$50 to the person who can calculate these odds of this occurring and prove to me they are correct.

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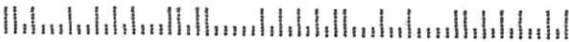
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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2002

"District Governor's Visit"

MARK VON HOETZENDORFF

Governor, District 5160

PRESIDENT DAVE says, "All you folks should bathe and try to find a tie without stains on it to wear this coming Friday." The District Governor is coming for inspection and inspiration.

Board members: There will be a meeting at 11:30 just prior to the regular Friday lunch meeting. And remember, board members, there is also a regular Thursday meeting the day before at 12:00.

Door Duty: DONALD LAU / WARREN MARTIN

LAST WEEK:

Visiting Rotarians & Visitors:

- *Lynette Clark* of the San Pablo club was a visitor.
- *Ted Smith* from the Rossmoor Sunrise Rotary club was also in attendance.

Presidents Corner:

PRESIDENT DAVE explained that, "You should live a long and honorable life. Then when you are old you can recall it and enjoy it a second time."

Sunshine Report:

DAVID K. had nothing to report under the sunshine heading.

Announcements:

- The Bavarian Bash was will attended and the district governor's goal of raising \$245,000 is likely to be met according to PRESIDENT DAVE. PRESIDENT DAVE also was impressed by a particular woman playing a very long horn which no doubt got much longer after several beers.
- GEORGE EGAN complained that no Richmond Rotarians won anything at the Bash, but Rotary won.
- MS Windows Operating systems are still needed by DAN ERCOLINI.
- Of particular interest is the Nov. 22 lunch meeting where the CONSUL GENERAL OF ISRAEL WILL SPEAK – PRESIDENT DAVE's persistence does pay.
- PAM JONES needs those of us who sponsored a classroom at Peres School to put a check in the envelope along with our names on the outside of it. There are also several classrooms that still need sponsors.
- *Joey Bags* announced that tonight would be the last night of the Point Richmond summer music festival – please come he says.

Recognitions:

- TED SMITH had a B-day. He paid. He further explained that he showed up today after a long absence to support ERLE who was taking heat from Stanford fans here at the club. JOSH went to Stanford?
- MARKKU had a B-day on 9/13/02 and traveled to

Quebec, the only wall city in North America, in a One-engine plane. He paid.

- Guam Boy, aka BART WALLACE, celebrated his B-Day on the Bay enjoying the Kayak trip from hell. Four foot swells and too much wind. BART got wet. He will soon be leaving for Guam to help the Army reduce its electrical bill at Anderson Air Force Base. Good Luck BART. Oh by the way, thanks for giving me the Program Director's job.
- JIM CANNON had a B-Day the day of the meeting. The club promptly sang him happy B-Day and TED SMITH was jealous.
- REN PARTRIDGE also celebrated a B-Day.

Happy & Sad Dollars:

- DAN E. donated a happy \$5 to celebrate the SF Giants playoff hopes.
- PAUL donated \$5 to celebrate that his daughter was accepted to University of Arizona.
- ERLE has got something on PRESIDENT DAVE that made PRESIDENT DAVE pay \$20 to the club. It was hush hush, but if you want to know what was happening, PRESIDENT DAVE has said he will reveal the secret for another \$20 to the club. Stay tuned next week.
- PAUL ALLEN donated \$ to celebrate the arrival of a cash infusion by an investor into his company and to acknowledge that he attended his first birthing class for his soon to be offspring, due on of all dates, his own B-Day.
- DR. HERB COLE donated a happy \$5 to recognize the fact that he and Mr. Bill Terry, today's speaker, were in the service together at McClellan Alabama Army base albeit in different decades.

PROGRAM:

William "AKA Bill" Terry, CEO Republic Services Northwest U.S. (i.e. from LA to Seattle)

Mr. Terry is tall man of African American origin, with short white hair and looks quite a bit like Colin Powell. And that is a compliment.

Mr. Terry is the president and CEO of Republic Services Northwest, the company that purchased Richmond Sanitary just over one year ago for 200 million US. His resume was too long to read out loud but included BS degrees in biology, physics, public policy and post education work at Yale and Wharton. More importantly, he served his country with the US Army in both Vietnam and Europe. He mentioned that he even drove a tank. STONEY also drove a tank. Some guys get all the luck.

Bill was born in a town that bordered the Chesapeake Bay and has longed to return there all his life. The Chesapeake Bay is as beautiful as San Francisco Bay but contains the seeds of this great republic that he obviously identifies with.

When Bill told his mom that he was in ROTC and he was planning to enter the army, she responded "Your father would turn over in his grave if he knew this". That certainly didn't stop

him. After a stint in public service with the City of Dallas where he coincidentally met the infamous Richmond, CA resident TED SMITH, he traveled across the country on his way to California, a land he admits to having a hard time comprehending. On his way he stopped at the Grand Canyon, and being in the landfill business, immediately thought how wonderful a site this large hole would be for a landfill. Fortunately, he came to his senses before actually formalizing the idea on paper.

He explained that the waste disposal industry has evolved from an era where you could identify the local landfill by the fires there at night, to a highly engineered site that is actively managed by hydrologists, civil engineers, technicians and other environmental professionals.

Republic Services is the second largest solid waste disposal company in the U.S. and its largest individual shareholder is none other than Bill Gates, who own 12% of the company. I guess Bill G. didn't buy any Cisco at the top. Republic Services is in the solid waste disposal business, whose methods include: recycling, incineration, and landfill disposal.

On a day to day basis Mr. Terry deals with standard business challenges: workmen's compensation

issues, employee and community safety, Dept. of Transportation issues with regard to disposal vehicles, and the politics of managing a valuable disposal franchise with the local awarding jurisdiction – the reason he was speaking to us today. He has now been on the job for about a year and the last part of his talk spoke to the challenges he has faced assimilating the local Richmond Sanitary Franchise.

He feels that a more efficient approach to community charity would involve an annual grant request from all the organizations that RSS donates to. He wants to use this tool to concentrate RSS's donations to worthy organizations. He also said that although the method of awarding donations may change the total yearly amount would remain the same. Another point he made very clear is that he wants to de-emphasize the Richmond Sanitary name and emphasize the Republic name.

Thank You, Mr. Bill Terry

Raffle:

ERLE pulled a white ball and the \$111 remains in the pot for next week.

Until we meet next week,
MARK HOWE, Editor / JON LAWLIS, Webmiester

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DION ARONER State Assembly

Door Duty: JONATHON LAWLIS / NORM LUNDBERG

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2002

ISIAH TURNER Richmond City Manager

Door Duty: LESLIE LEVY / OSCAR LUGO

LAST WEEK

PRESIDENT DAVE was given a Kazzoo lesson by our district governor while he was wearing a a very dorky hat imported from Bavaria, which he promised to wear for the rest of the year - I bet he forgets this little agreement - I certainly would. Anyway the Kazoo lesson was quite entertaining and truly amusing - sorry PRESIDENT DAVE, it appears the humor was at your expense.

Sunshine Report:

HANNS SHAPER is still recovering and welcomes calls and visitors.

Announcement

The Bavarian bash was a great success and will likely raise well over \$240,000 when all the proceeds are tallied.

Coming Speakers

11/08/02, Richard Lopez, Vessel Traffic Service
11/29/02, No Meeting
01/03/03, Michael Hingson, Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Program: "Earth as a Village"

District Governor Mark von Hoetendorf visited the club Friday and spoke about Rotary of course. To emphasize the importance of Rotary to the world he represented the inhabitants of the world as 100 people. It was shocking:

1. Only 30% of the world is white.
2. 6 people would possess 59% of the world's wealth and all 6 would be from the US.
3. 70 would be unable to read.
4. 50 would suffer from malnutrition.
5. Only one would have a college education.
6. Only one would have a computer.
7. If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of the world.
8. Over 1/3 of the world's population can't read.

To Quote him exactly, "When you consider the world from such a perspective, the need for better health, humanitarian relief, and education provides many opportunities for Rotary Clubs and most importantly, Rotarians to be involved."

He issued some interesting statistics regarding Rotary District 5160 and our club:

- Over the last year the district grew by almost 300 new members. This is 4.7 people per club (i.e. 8%). What does .7 of a person look like. Answer: a person who has completed a very successful diet. Your club, like all clubs, will lose 10%-15% of its members this coming year so it is important to have an active recruitment program in place. Translated, this means we all have to start thinking about people we know who would be interested in Rotary with all of its commitments. Remember each Rotarian is expected to bring at least one new member in per year. If that were happening the club would be growing at 100% per year not 8%.
- The district governor also emphasized the quality of new recruits. The club doesn't just need numbers, it needs quality people who are capable of donating their time and money to the Rotarian causes.

The Richmond club has a per capita giving rate of \$97 each. This is middle of the pack for the district. Since its inception the club has donated over \$250,000 to Rotary International. Keep it up boys and girls.

Speaking of Rotary International, we are in the middle of the Polio Eradication Campaign. (7/1/02-3/31/03). RI's goal is to raise \$80 Million world wide. Our district's share of this goal is \$605,000. This means each member will have to give \$170 to meet the goal. Of course we can also have fundraisers and try to get other organization in the community to give to the cause as well.

Probably the largest challenge facing the club is the Centennial project. This is to be a large and visible project to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rotary. There are many facets to the celebration but the most daunting involves our local project. For example Pinole Rotary is building a botchy ball court. Rotary Woodland is building a Baseball park and there are other clubs building hospital room additions. PRESIDENT DAVE and the project committee that has just been established are looking for ideas - so speak up members.

And he concluded with a summary of what he feels are the fundamental elements of a Rotarian:

- * A true Rotarian feels a sense of goodwill towards his fellow man.
 - * This person conducts himself in accordance with the Rotary 4 way test.
 - * The true Rotarian speaks frankly but his also sympathetic and supporting.
 - * A true Rotarian views honor and reputation as the most valuable assets in his life.
- This Rotarian is the foundation of Rotary.

Until we meet next week....
MARK R. HOWE, Editor

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ISIAH TURNER Richmond City Manager

Mr. Turner brings 30 years of administrative and leadership experience to his current job as City Manager for the City of Richmond where he manages 1,300 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.

Mr. Turner has a BA 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 Board Member of the Richmond Police Activities League (PAL), the Contra Costa County Economic Partnership, Richmond Chamber of Commerce, the Contra Costa County Economic Council, member of Governor Gray Davis' Workforce Investment Board, a member of the California Association of Local Economic Development Board of Directors and a member of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators.

Door Duty: LESLIE LEVY / OSCAR LUGO

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2002

RICHARD LOPEZ SF Vessel Traffic Service

Door Duty: PAUL ALLEN / GEORGE ALVAREZ

LAST WEEK

PRESIDENT DAVID BROWN rang the bell, TOM McGOWAN started the pledge and DAVID offered the timely quote from Yogi Berra, "Baseball is 90% mental and the other half is physical." DAVE had further baseball oriented quotes to offer throughout the meeting.

Due to the mysterious disappearance of the hat provided to DAVID by the District Governor last week, Mr. President fulfilled his hat wearing obligations with a rather used looking San Francisco Giants cap.

Visiting Rotarian: Connie Crawford, incoming District Governor.

Sunshine Report:

DAVID K. reports that Anne Nusbaum is now home after her surgery and is doing well. HANNS SHAPER is getting better and WALTER WOLFFS Family sent us a touching thank you note.

Guest: JUDY KAFKA brought Pam Derby who will be going with JUDY as part of the PolioPlus trip.

Announcement: The District Governors invite you to attend *The Rotary International Presidential Dinner* on January 3, 2003, in Monterrey, CA.

Coming Speakers:

- 11/22/02 - Yossi Amrani - Consul General of Israel
- 11/29/02 - No Meeting
- 12/13/02 - Holiday Auction
- 01/03/03 - Michael Hingson, Guide Dogs for the Blind

Recognitions:

- PRESIDENT DAVE recognized JOHN MEDLOCK for his award in the 2000 People Who Care program.
- JOE BAGLEY and HERB COLE received their True Rotarian certificates and pins.
- HERB COLE and JUDY KAFKA were recognized for their upcoming trip to Ghana as part of the PolioPlus effort.
- And a special recognition of thanks was made to Susan Ancill who administered flu shots. Susan is a Rotarian from the San Pablo club.

Happy/Sad \$\$\$

- JOHN MEDLOCK is happy the election campaign is almost over.
- PAUL HODGEN is happy the Refinery didn't blow up and that the golf team his wife coaches is going to the North Coast Sectionals as the wild card entry.
- DAN ERCOLINI continues to pay as the Giants

continue to play.

- JOE BAGLEY walked 60 miles for Avon Breast Cancer funding and found it so fulfilling he's ready to do it again.
- DAVID K. offers money for J.T. Snow's defensive play of the week on Darrin Baker.
- WERNER is happy to see GEORGE ALVAREZ back.
- JIM BEAVER is happy about raising 80K for the new health center.
- JIM BATES would be happy to find DAVE a replacement for his lost hat.
- The Cal grads were happy about the football team.

Program:

JIM BEAVER introduced our program speaker Dion Aroner, Democratic Assemblywoman from the 14th Assembly District. Assemblywoman Aroner discussed her concerns with financial problems in the Bay Area and the whole State and her thoughts on what might be done to change things.

She has been involved with helping financially troubled school systems and believes that Prop. 47 will offer some needed solutions. She commented on the hard decisions awaiting the next Governor in California because of the significant forecasted gap between revenue and expenses for the State. She thinks that it is time to open a dialogue on reevaluating Prop. 13 for changes that could raise revenue for the State. She thinks that the State Health care system is overwhelmed and is a component of the concept of "rationalizing" health care.

When her term ends this year she will take two years off in preparation for a candidacy run for State Senate.

Raffle: DAN ERCOLINI broke his one win winning streak by pulling a white ball.

Filling in for MARK HOWE..

DAN ERCOLINI, Temporary Scribe

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PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2002

"Vessel Traffic Service"

RICHARD LOPEZ

"If it were not for the VTS I would not be here writing this Newsletter",

Hint -- it has to do with a large freighter, very dense fog, one dark night, entering San Francisco harbor at 04:00, alone, on a small sailboat, without radar."

Door Duty: PAUL ALLEN / GEORGE ALVAREZ

LAST WEEK:

PRESIDENT DAVE quotes the great communicator, Ronald Reagan: *"Politics is supposed to be the second-oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first."*

Visitors:

- BOB MILLER an old Richmond member and now from the Folsom Rotary Club is glad to be let in the door. His grandfather, and father were also members of the Richmond Rotary club.
- JOEY BAGS introduced a friend and customer of his, Ben Daily.
- Steve Duran was also introduced and is the new head of the City of Richmond Economic Development dept.

Announcements:

- December 13th will be the **Christmas Auction**. JIM BEAVER will be contacting all of you to see what kinds of auction items you can donate. Successful items in past years include sailboat trips on the Bay, use of Vacation condo's, and PRESIDENT DAVE contributes a complete Trust and Estate plan -- which I bought last year and was very pleased with. So expect a call from JIM BEAVER. The **Christmas Party** will be held like last year at JOE GREEN'S Brickyard Cove community room -- date?
- \$ Must be in this Friday for Reno Train Trip.
- DAN E. announced that the annual Peres school haunted house was a success this year. Dracula was none other than your editor. The other Rotarians in attendance were: DAN E. (hairy monster), LESLIE L. (witch), JOEY BAGS (scared face monster), DICK KING (MIB), TOM SNYDER (Boy Scout), JOE THOMAS (assistant monster), AND JOE GREEN (City Librarian). 5000 pieces of candy were handed out and we scared them to death.
- Sophia Wairth made it to the GES final and the final selections will be made in January.
- HERB COLE has to turn his trip to Ghana around midway because his mother-in-law passed away. DAN A, AND JUDY have not been heard from yet --stay tuned.

Happy & Sad \$:

- DAVID N. has a happy \$5 to celebrate the success of his relative John N. who was written about in The Wall Street Journal. His relative has achieved an altitude record of 22,000 feet in a hot air balloon. The most interesting part of the story involved the method he used to decrease altitude. He popped one balloon at a time with a needle.
- JOEY BAGS has a happy \$5 for all the whining Giants fans because it made him feel at home.
- ERLE has a happy \$1 because he found his pen or should I say the one that walked off with his pen --the infamous TED SMITH.
- JOE NUSBAUM has a happy \$5 for his wife who has just returned from the hospital after a successful operation -- he says, "I am now glad that she can get back to the laundry and such". For this JOE N. wins the "foot in mouth" award this week.
- TED SMITH, has a happy \$5 to see Steve Duran return to his hometown.

Program: "Farms In Richmond?"

You bet ! And one particular dairy farm comes to mind. The cow is the City of Richmond and the two gentlemen furiously milking the cow are the firemen and police unions. And in the other corner of the barn we see the farmer (City Manager) screaming to the milkers that the cow cannot give anymore milk -- "Be careful he says" when he suddenly interrupts himself in mid sentence to proclaim that he has a new idea that will generate more milk. He will impose a milk tax based on the amount of utility services that each farmer consumes -- but the problem he explains to those milking the cow to death is that "the other farmers have to vote on the tax and they may vote it down". So much for the cow.

Of course this is a joke, but it is true to say that when you think of city finances you have to think public safety payrolls, which on average eat up around 60% of most city's general fund budgets. Public safety unions are the classic special interest in local politics. They generously fund local candidates and they get out the vote to support those candidates. And in turn the cities are manipulated into giving the unions what they want and it is always more milk. This time around they were granted a 50% increase in retirement benefits (AKA 3% at 50). For example an officer that has 30 years of service at age 50 can retire at 30 years x 3%=90% of his last year's pay for the rest of his life. This retirement benefit is not consistent with the private sector and the unions should be embarrassed to demand it from such a struggling community whose members are in many cases lucky to even have job. This retirement package is expected to cost the City of Richmond five million gallons next year and every year thereafter thus creating a 5 to 7 million-gallon milk shortage unless of course the milk tax passes this Tuesday.

Bottom line I would hate to be in the position that our City Manager faces. Mr. Turner's budget is +- 90 million. As indicated, deficits are his primary worry. Besides the

increased retirement benefits, the city council has also passed a living wage ordinance which is the highest in the state, and is having to absorb a 25% increase in medical benefits for the city's 1,300 employees.

On the development front all is hopping, due to the city's proximity to San Francisco, its cheap land and accommodating city fathers. The list of projects under way include:

1. Kaiser is planning to build a new 38K surgical wing at the existing hospital that will employ 70 more people.
2. A variety of retail projects along with their much anticipated tax revenues are taking shape: Target, Lowes & a large grocery may locate at the end of Macdonald; and WalMart is back sniffing at the old Macy's site at Hilltop.
3. On the affordable housing front we have 500 new units being built with the help of a Hope 6 grant, a 60 unit project on the parkway being built in conjunction with a relocated fire station at the Parkway and Gertrude, and most importantly the Transit Village with 232 units, half of them being affordable.

4. And finally, all would not be complete without a solid dose of gentrification projects of which there are many: At Brickyard Cove we have, 242 units of expensive homes, groundbreaking due Fall of '03; there is also Seacliff Estates which is 170 homes on the Hill behind Brickyard Cove; at Marina Bay we have 350 apartments next to the Ford plant being developed by Archstone and Poe; Poe is also developing 192 live work units next to Salute's; and finally we have the old Ford plant -- Mr. Turner can't imagine what is going to go in there except an Imaginarium and some light industrial leasing.
5. Other important projects include: The Zeneca site now owned by Simeon Properties--yeah, the same guy who just put a chain around the doors of Berkeley Process Controls on Canal; A 500K SF R&D park called Edgewater Technology park on the parkway, a 147 Room Extenda-Stay at Regatta, and the important redesign of Civic Center which will likely be a remodel instead of a complete tear down.

And to quote President Dave "When Mr. Turner has time to sleep, I do not know."

Thank you Isiah Turner.

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GENEVIEVE GRAVES Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar

President Dave says he hears that this woman is a dynamic speaker. He has heard other ambassadorial scholars and feels that if you miss this event you will regret it.

Door Duty: JIM BATES / CHARLES BELCHER

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2002

YOSSI AMRANI Counsel General of Israel

Door Duty: JIM CANNON / JOSH GENSER

LAST WEEK

GEORGE EGAN started us off by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Sunshine Report: HANNS SHAPER, a very senior member of the club who regularly attends, was here today and submitted \$10 happy dollars for just being here and promised to contribute another \$10 when he can walk again. HANNS SHAPER, according to the roster, is one of the four longest standing members of the club the others being: DON HARDISON 1/46, RALPH HILL 7/48, HANNS SHAPER 1/53, DAVID CALFEE 6/53.

Guests: There were no visitors today. This means that the new guys and gal (JAN H.) need to search their minds for people in their life, that have a little time on their hands, a sense of concern for their fellow man, a few extra bucks to contribute and a gooooooooooooooo sense of humor, to come to the club this Friday for a few laughs and to learn something new.

Announcements

- The full electronic version of the Flywheel will start this week. This means that only the four of you stuck in the Stone Age will still receive the paper version. Lea is getting WERNER a computer this week - can anyone believe how productive he has been without one. I think I will filter my E-mail for his address. Werner, get DSL! and leave it on all the time -- it makes using the internet painless.
- JON LAWLIS, our fearless and tireless webmiester, wanted to delete the OK email button that you push to get the week's Flywheel when he was interrupted

by COUNCILMEN BUTT requesting that it not be deleted - "I like it he said". To which the always quick PRESIDENT DAVE responded, "yes it is clear to all of us that you like E-mail" in reference to today's article in the C. C. Times about TOM's use of a privileged E-mail complaint from some police commissioners. The room burst our laughing. And so did I.

- JOSH GENSER, this year's chair of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce announced the following: (1.) 11/14/02 will be this month's mixer and will be held at the Elks Club on El Portal in El Sobrante at 5:30. (2.) 11/21 will be the next segment in the leadership series titled "So You Want to Run for Political Office". The portion open to Rotarians will begin at 11:45 at Sojus restaurant in Point Richmond. The luncheon speaker will be Melanie Wientraub a political campaign specialist and afterwards a star studded political panel of Bob Campbell, Jim McMillan, Sy Zell, and Alex Evans will be presided over by none other than JOSH himself. Cost \$50.
- The District Governors invite you to attend: The Rotary International Presidential Dinner on Jan. 3, 2003 in Monterrey, CA.

Coming Speakers

11/29/02, No Meeting
12/06/02 Sebastian Ilzig, Rotary Youth Exchange Student
12/13/02 Holiday Auction
12/20/02 Ghana Experience, Ted Abreu and Judy Kafka
01/03/03, Michael Hingson, Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Happy/Sad \$\$

TOM BUTT had some happy dollars because he will be leaving with three council people, Irma, Mindell, the City Manager Isiah Turner and his assistant for a trade mission to China. Good luck TOM. I will drop off the book "Opium Wars" Saturday AM at Interactive for you to read on the way over.

Recognitions:

CHARLIE WONG 5/60, A MEMBER ON THE Rotary "Old Farts Club", celebrated his 77uth birthday. More importantly to him, he visited Newport, Rhode Island, to see his granddaughter graduate from officers training school - the third Wong generation to do so - Wow! There were 300 graduates and she was one of the fewer women grads. She will be assigned to the Wilber, a destroyer -- CHARLEY is one proud grandfather. His donation completed his Paul Harris. Happy B-Day, CHARLEY.

WERNER SCHWARZ celebrated his Birthday. He informed us that his daughter is also a destroyer, which got a few laughs. After being asked how old he is, he responded "OLD". He celebrated his B-Day with his very patient wife Lea at a nearby restaurant. WERNER

donated Sheekles to his Paul Harris and is 75 years old. Happy Birthday WERNER.

DICK KING's wife Amaya celebrated her anniversary by breaking her knee in a skydiving accident -- this is a joke, she really fell over the family dog, but it got a few laughs. 41 years they have been married. DICK made a donation to his Paul Harris.

DON MILLER's wife also celebrated their anniversary by breaking a bone. In this case it was her arm. Good things pops is a Doc. DON made donation to PolioPlus.

BILL REID celebrated his 16th wedding anniversary. However, his recovery from recent back surgery has taken longer than expected. We all wish he and his wife happy times and a speedy recovery.

DON LAU celebrated his Hawaii Five O + 1. After he wrote his check to JOE BAGLEY, he said, "I am just glad to be here today". DON, where can I get a shirt like the one you were wearing today - way cool.

Program:
Our speaker from the Vessel Traffic Service apparently got lost on the way to the Mira Vista Country Club. Bottom line, we had a no-show from the VTS. Your editor filled in with a story about how the VTS saved his life one very late night entering the San Francisco Bay on his sailboat. That night the VTS was not AWOL.

Raffle:
TOM B. is getting all the action today. He picked the yellow ball and won the pot. He will have some spending money in China.

Hasta Luego Viernes

Mark R. Howe

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YOSSI AMRANI **Consul General of Israel** **for the** **Pacific Northwest Region**

Consul General Amrani, who began his tour of duty at the Israeli Consulate in San Francisco in August 2000, joined the Israeli Foreign Ministry in 1983. Prior to his appointment as Consul General, Yossi Amrani served as Minister of Political Affairs at the Israeli Embassy in Washington from 1998 to 2000. From 1996 to 1998, he held the position of Director of Coordination, and worked as speech writer for the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Yossi Amrani was a member of the Israeli negotiation team for the Interim Agreement with the Palestinian Authority in 1995. Prior to that, he was a Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of Israel in 1994 and worked as Bureau Chief of the Ambassador's Office at the Israeli Washington Embassy from 1988 to 1993.

He holds a B.A in General and Jewish History from Haifa University and a M.A in General History and American Jewish History from the Hebrew University.

Door Duty: JIM CANNON / JOSH GENSER

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2002

After Turkey Recovery Day **No Meeting!**

Door Duty: Mark Howe and Tom Schneider get a bye

LAST MEETING:

The pledge was recited and President Dave gave the thought for the day.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Sunshine Report: Quote last issue, "HANS SHAPER a very senior member of the club, who regularly attends, was here today and submitted \$10 happy dollars for just being here and promised to contribute another \$10 when he can walk again." I saw Hans Shaper at the club today without a cane and I saw him yesterday at the Pt. Richmond Post Office, also without a cane - busted -- Hans you owe \$10 to the club.

Guests: MARK HOWE brought Greg Cantrel from the Regional Training Institute. CHARLIE FENDER brought his favorite wife Clavel and CHARLIE WONG introduced John Wilson.

Announcements

- Bill Frank is putting together an insert for the West County Times that explains what Rotary does for the community. We need to sell three ads in the insert. The ads are \$250 each. All you business owners ask yourself if you need the exposure and if you do contact President Dave or Bill Frank.

- The coming Wednesday 11/20/02 is the Peres School Bedtime Story Reading Hour. Please show up at 5:00 to 6:30 if you are interested.
- The full electronic version of the Flywheel will start December 1st. This means that, only the two of you stuck in the Stone Age will still receive the paper version. RUSS SCHULZE is one of the dinosaurs --sorry RUSS I couldn't resist.
- If you plan to bring a guest to next week's meeting, please email President Dave and let him know the number of guests. We expect this meeting to be heavily attended.
- The District Governors invite you to attend:
The Rotary International Presidential Dinner
Jan 3, 2003 in Monterrey, Ca

Coming Speakers

11/29/02 No Meeting

12/06/02 Sebastian Ilzig, Rotary Youth Exchange Student

12/13/02 Holiday Auction - Bring Lots of Money

12/20/02 Ghana Experience, Ted Abreu and Judy Kafka

12/27/02 Round Table

01/03/02 Michael Hingson, Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Recognitions: REN PARTRIDGE is having his 23rd anniversary this coming week and will not be here next week because he will be celebrating the occasion.

Happy/Sad \$\$

TED A. is happy to be back from Ghana. He donates a happy \$10.

JOANN's mother in law passed on and she donate a sad \$5.

DOC DAN is happy to be back after back missing several meetings but is sad that he had to fracture his foot to do so.

PRESIDENT DAVID had some happy dollars to celebrate the enthusiasm he found at Richmond High School this week as he performed his duties as mock trial judge.

JUDY K. had happy dollars because -- after being berated by her perfectionist husband for allegedly causing an error that triggered a \$4,000 bill from the friendly IRS, it turned out that it was actually her husband and the accountant that caused the error.

JON LAWLIS is happy to be going on a Disney cruise and to Disney World with his family.

Dates to Remember:

12/13/02 Christmas Party JOE GREEN's house, Community Center at Brickyard Cove @5:30 PM till we are thrown out by the management or JOE.

12/13/02 Elections of officers, look in your E- Mail for nominees.

Program:

"To the Queen" is the toast that is presented at the end of Rotary meetings in the United Kingdom, while in America we sing the national anthem at the beginning of our meetings - according to our local expert on Rotarian affairs in the UK, none other than our speaker today, Genevieve Graves a Rotary ambassadorial scholar, who has just spent the past school year at Cambridge University in the UK.

Genevieve Graves grew up Albany and attended elementary, middle, and high school there before going off the Harvard to major in Astronomy and Physics.

It is obvious why Rotary selected her for the scholarship. She is a very mature and interesting young adult. She is articulate, enthusiastic, friendly, and presents herself with an inspiring air of confidence that usually only comes with age. And to top it off she is athletic and attractive.

She was hosted by the Leechworth Garden Rotary club during her stay in Cambridge. The club was one hour from

Cambridge which was good because she got to see the countryside on her journeys there and bad because she didn't get to see her host club as often as she would like to have. Leechworth Garden is one of the very first master planned communities - long before the idea was supposedly invented in Calif. The town has long greenbelts and all the details you expect from a master planned community. Rotary meetings there are structured there much like they are structured here except for the toast at the end of course.

Cambridge is made up of 30 colleges. A college is like a community where you live and eat. The college she attended was called St. John's College. 50% percent of the students are from England and the remaining students come from Europe, Commonwealth Countries and America. Interest in sports was common among the students. They were avid fans of cricket and soccer AKA football. Although she played soccer in high school she found that the sport in the UK was not played much by women in the UK so she opted for orienteering, which she participated in every Sunday.

She signed up to study astronomy and physics at Cambridge but became overwhelmed with the amount of study it required and instead wanted to spend her time with the people of England not its old books. So she switched, deciding to study linguistics, an old interest of hers, and Rotary agreed to the switch.

Linguistics is a polyglot of studies she says: It involves: the historical development of languages, how children learn languages so quickly, how the brain and what parts of the brain process language, and the neurobiology language.

The area she liked though is Socio Linguistics. This area of linguistics involves the social implication of language and specifically the study of pragmatics, which studies the implied meaning of language as well as the literal meaning of language. For example politeness theory: You can speak with a passive tone that does not impose your will on another. Some people call this a lack authoritarian tone. Or you can speak actively where you impose your will and try to control the other persons thoughts with language tone. They call this negative and positive language. Sounds a bit bewildering to me.

After her arrival back home, this young adult who has played and enjoyed music all her life, has taken a position at the Albany middle school teaching choir. She is also planning to take the GRE and get a PHD in astronomy.

Thank you for the entertaining discussion.

Raffle: STONEY won the raffle but did not pick the yellow ball. He did however tell a very funny story about a tank commander, who never learned to read a map and therefore missed an ambush from German soldiers who had intercepted secret map intelligence.

--Mark R. Howe-

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