

RICHMOND ROTARY PEACE PROJECT  
**Meeting notes, 7/23/08. Revised 7/24/08**

Our goal was to reduce the dozen (or so) "candidate projects" to a short list of around 5. We succeeded.

We decided to *not* contribute to the Office of Neighborhood Safety program because, although we believe it is a strong and effective approach for curbing violence, it is already well-funded under the City's budget and through various grants.

**CANDIDATE PROJECTS**

The person named (in parentheses) after each project will do some research and, at our next meeting, present a report with specific dollar/activity recommendations.

**Byron Ranch:** Give money and possibly participate in the Auto Skills computer-based educational programs. This could be in conjunction with the El Sobrante Rotary Club. (Jan)

**Crime Stoppers program:** Give money to this national tips-line program, now implemented in major cities across the US. Advocate for its adoption within Richmond. (Mark)

**Positive Minds Group:** Give money (for staffing) and participate in this teen mentoring/support program, to be offered at Opportunity West. The program is provided by the Mentoring Center in Oakland; our money would go to that agency. OW is willing to contribute to the project. Total cost approximately \$24,000. Typical program: 5 months, 25-40 teens served. (Cheryl)

**"Adopting" Opportunity West** more generally. A partnership in which Rotary members can choose from among a range of services and hands-on experiences aimed at helping young people. This might include enhancing OW's capacity as a weekend teen center. (April and Tom W)

**Job shadowing:** Not a project but a tool that can augment some of the programs described above. Job shadowing involves Rotary members taking groups of young people to their workplaces to acquaint them with different work environments. (Margaret)

**School-based programs**

Not a project but an ongoing focus. Jan and Margaret felt that an emphasis on anger management and conflict resolution could be brought into Rotary's school-based programs, such as Read Aloud. Jan brought an example of a children's book on conflict resolution that teachers can narrate to their elementary age students. Such books can be donated to classrooms, with the understanding that adults will read and discuss them with the classes.

**NO OCTOBER PICNIC EVENT**

We will *not* organize an event to coincide with the Pt Richmond Business Association Fun Run on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Margaret suggested, though, that we organize an event in summer 2009 to meet and acknowledge the many non-Rotarians who will support and conduct the programs and projects we're undertaking.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>, 8-9AM, Opportunity West (Nevin Community Center)