



# Flywheel

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A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

## Program for Friday March 26, 2004

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**Door Duty:** Michael Fenley and Hans Shaper

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## Program for Friday April 2, 2004

### **Proposition 13 Past and Present**

Larry Stone assessor County of Santa Clara speaks about the challenges proposition 13 has imposed upon our local governments.

**Door Duty:** Elof Granberg and Werner Schwarz

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## Program of Friday March 26 2004

**Brad Howard**

The Vice introduced **Past District Governor Brad Howard**, who noted that his father was also a District Governor. Brad has a long history of service in Rotary and used his time to explain the accomplishments and satisfactions of International Service. He has arranged and participated in a number of international projects to Africa, South America and Central America, and described the many rewards to himself and his family.

Brad showed slides of projects in the International Programs of Rotary. Brad talked about polio eradication, where the Rotary Foundation raised \$120M last year. He talked about Rotary's involvement with the Wheelchair Foundation, where it takes all of \$75 to put an invalid in a wheelchair and dramatically improve their life and their perspective of the world around them. Brad observed that of necessity, international volunteers must relieve the stress of the day, brought on by foreign travel and the challenges of humanitarian service, with frequent socialization events. He had a great collection of Rotarian drinking shots that featured some of our own veteran international volunteers, Herb and Norma. Herb and Norma have participated in a polio eradication trip to Africa (with

### **Last Week**

With **Prez Stoney** absent without leave in Maui, a youthful looking **Vice Prez Herb Cole** rang the bell to open the meeting. **John Nicol** had the first order of business, reading the Thought for the Day that he noted the Vice had given him. Alas it was too lengthy and full of intellectual content for your scrivener to recall. The Vice observed, after the group failed his quiz, that on this very day in 1931 gambling was first legalized in Nevada. Doc **Russ Shultz** was then asked to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Visiting Rotarians**

Visiting Rotarians were **Neil Wells** of El Cerrito and **Juan Martinez**, President-elect of Pinole.

### **Rotarians With Guests**

Rotarians with guests were **Dan Sanders** with his son Aaron; **Hank Covell** with returning guest **Sid Chauvin**; **John Troughton** introduced his son Chance; Visiting Rotarian **Juan Martinez** brought a Mechanics Bank colleague **Bill Morrow**; and **Vice Herb** brought his better half **Norma**.

### **Sunshine Report**

### **Recognitions**

### **Announcements**

Either there weren't any announcements, or else the Vice couldn't remember what they were. We moved right on. **Josh Genser** had an important announcement: The Richmond Chamber of Commerce, frustrated with the incompetence, indecisiveness, and chaotic inaction relating to the City budget crisis, has issued a call to all interested parties to attend next Tuesday's City Council Meeting, at 7PM, and be heard. Send Josh an email to let him know you will be attending.

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

**Dan Ercolini** is happy that his lads are at home, but also happy they won't stay forever. Past Prez **David Brown** is happy that his boys are away on spring break. Politically correct **Josh** offered a token of his pleasure with Stanford's success in B-Ball, both men's and women's. **Hank** proffered a contribution in honor of the **Leslie Levy** Dinner – Leslie and her crew of **Pam Jones, Jim Beaver** and others staged

**Judy Kafka** and **Ted Abreu**) and a wheelchair delivery project in Mexico. With a lot of humor, Brad provided a clear picture of the effectiveness of Rotary's international humanitarian efforts, and the enormous personal satisfactions that Rotarians receive when they become involved.

### Upcoming Speakers

04/09/04 Tracy Hein Silva - Emergency Services Manager

05/21/04 Dr. Bernard Alpert - California Pacific Med Center

### Where to Make Up

San Rafael	Monday	12:15	Seafood Peddler
Albany	Tuesday	12:30	Solano Grill
El Sobrante	Tuesday	12:15	Joe's of El Sobrante
Berkeley	Wednesday	12:15	His Lordships
Hercules Center	Wednesday	7:15 am	Hercules Senior Center
San Pablo	Wednesday	12:15	La Strada
El Cerrito	Thursday	12:15	Mira Vista G&CC
Pinole House	Thursday	12:30	Outback Steak
Vallejo	Thursday	12:15	World Holiday Inn

a magnificent evening for 10 Club couples, in a magnificent home, and with an unequaled 2000 petite syrah. The Vice remarked that the Holiday Auction price for this event is surely going up next year (if Leslie has the stamina to offer it again). **Vice Herb** was delighted with **Norma's** success at the race track where the right horse came in and Norma pocketed \$267.

### Raffle

Lucky **John Nicol** got the right ticket again. But the wrong ball - the pot continues to grow.

### [Semper Paratus](#)

### Important Dates

04/13/04 Board Mtg: 12 Noon - 125 Park Pl. Pt Richmond

04/29 - 05/01 District Conference - Redding

05/05/04 Board Mtg: 12 Noon - 125 Park Pl. Pt Richmond

06/04/04 D-Day meeting on The Red Oak Victory

06/09/04 Board Mtg: 12 Noon - 125 Park Pl. Pt Richmond

### Door Duty Reminder

04/02/04

04/09/04

04/16/04 William Reid

04/23/04 Donald Hardison and Michael Ready

04/30/04 Ralph Hill and

05/07/04 Joni Hiramoto and Markku Pelanne

05/14/04 Paul Hodgen and Reynolds Partridge

05/21/04 Gloria Johnston and Joseph B. Nusbaum

05/28/04 Pamela Jones and David Ninomiya