



Flywheel

"Service
Above
Self"

A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

Program for Friday April 23, 2004

Myths about Pawn Brokers

Robert Verhoeff will speak about dispelling some of the myths about Pawn Brokers and he will tell people how to do "real" off balance sheet financing.

Door Duty: Donald Hardison and Troy Pewitt

Program for Friday April 30, 2004

Measure B Opposition.

Tom Lynn leads a group opposed to West Contra Costa School District Parcel Tax Measure B.

Door Duty: Jim Cannon & Josh Genser

Program of Friday April 16, 2004

Industry in Our Neighborhood

Mark Howe introduced speaker **Bob Katin**. Bob is a chemical engineer with 30 years of experience in industry, and the title of his program was "Industry in Our Neighborhood". Bob was recently hired by CC County for a public outreach program to advise the community on industrial safety issues, and specifically on the Industrial Safety Ordinance. Bob presented slides that reviewed hazards associated with certain industries in the County, including General Chemical and ChevronTexaco. He also talked very reasonably and logically about the extraordinary steps these industries have taken to minimize risks to the public. Manufacturing industries bring certain risks, just as they bring a solid tax base and high paying jobs. The risks can be effectively managed. The community benefits from the risk information and understanding of mitigating measures that public outreach programs, like Bob's, provide.

Last Week

With a ring of the Rotary bell, **Prez Stoney** opened the meeting with a Silent Prayer for Freedom and Peace on Earth. Sergeant at Arms **Judy Kafka** led the Pledge of Allegiance. Judy is a capable Sergeant and very effective collecting alms – have you noticed how she “encourages” one to place the donation in the wooden box **before** speaking? The Prez gave the Thought for the Day: “ So it is more useful to watch a man in times of peril, and in adversity, to discern what kind of man he is; for then at last words of truth are drawn from the depths of his heart and the mask is torn off, reality remains”. *Titus Lucretius Carus* 99-55 B.C.

Visiting Rotarians

Rotarians With Guests

Sunshine Report

David K reported he brought a card to the meeting to wish **Elof Granberg** a speedy recovery, only to observe Elof at the meeting and gloating over “kicking but” in a recent poker game. For effrontery and a magazine advertisement, Elof was fined \$5. Some welcome after falling out of a tree with a chain saw.

The Prez then read a thank you letter from from **Ray Martin's** daughter, for the support of Richmond Rotary after Ray's passing. And remember the Christmas Party? Thank you **Charlie Wong** for handing out memorable photos of the event.

Recognitions

Announcements

There being no Visiting Rotarians or Rotarians with Guests, Prez Stoney reminded one and all that the Summer Picnic will be held 13 June at Kennedy Grove on San Pablo Dam Road. Bring the family and have some fun – starting at noon.

Happy/Sad\$\$\$

Chief *Red Oak Victory* fund raiser **Erle Brown**

Upcoming Speakers

04/30/04 Measrue B Opposition
05/14/04 Malaria Control in Uanatu Island
05/21/04 Dr. Bernard Alpert - California Pacific Med Center

Important Dates

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

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

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	Wednesday	7:15 am	Hercules Senior CTR
San Pablo	Wednesday	12:15	La Strada
El Cerrito	Thursday	12:15	Mira Vista G&CC
Pinole	Thursday	12:30	Outback Steak House
Vallejo	Thursday	12:15	World Holiday Inn

thanked the Club for the \$500 donation that will go toward the new ship web site

www.ssredoakvictory.org. It's HOT, don't miss it.

Joanne Blum had happy dollars for Rotary's work with polio and malaria, and discussed a recent article on the positive uses of DDT in the Third World (but like MTBE, keep it out of the water).

Werner Schwarz was willing to contribute \$5 just to make change for his pocket. **Sid Chauvin** was happy to be a member of the Club, and (he may regret this next part) his association with **Herb Cole, Hank Covell and the Prez**.

Leslie Levy just returned from a college tour in New England (no, she's not going back to college) and found the locals aloof and supercilious. Prez Elect **Herb** tossed a funky looking \$2 bill into the wooden box.

Jan Brown was happy that her daughter is happy. **Judy Kafka** was exultant when she heard a reference to past member, and scribe meritorious, **Gueseppe Verde** in Kansas City. **Rich Brandes** donated his first sad dollars ever – the City of Richmond has given legal notice that the *Red Oak Victory* is to be evicted from Terminal 1 in 30 days. The better news is the ship will be relocated to another berth, to be determined. Skipper **Mark Howe** is happy the real sailing season has arrived, beer can races and all.

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Raffle

Sergeant Judy won the ticket draw, with \$553 at stake. But alas, the orange ball stayed in the bag.

Semper Paratus