



# Flywheel

"Service  
Above  
Self"

A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

Program for Friday June 11, 2004

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**New Dimensions In Philanthropy**



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Bill currently teaches courses on philanthropy at both Stanford University and UC Berkeley. Bill is a member of the Community Partnership Board, UC Berkeley; National Advisory Committee, Haas Center for Public Service, Stanford University; and the California Advisory Committee, Oakland Museum. Bill has a bachelor's and master's degree from UC Berkeley.

**Door Duty:** Henry Kelman and Judy Morgan

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## Last Week

It was our annual pilgrimage to the *SS Red Oak Victory* and we were hosted by ship volunteers and the extraordinary Stewards Department. There is nothing like authentic shipboard chow. **Prez Stoney** opened the meeting with a Silent Prayer for Freedom and Peace on Earth. Victory crewman **Erle Brown** led the pledge. The Prez gave the Thought for the Day quoting Abraham Lincoln: "On the willingness to fight for what is right – Important principles may and must be inflexible".

## Visiting Rotarians

There was one guest Rotarian – **Tracy Giles** of the El Cerrito Club. She was delighted to learn today's meeting was on the *Red Oak Victory* instead of at that "anti blue jeans zone" on top of the hill.

## Rotarians With Guests

Rotarians with guests were: Banker **Jim Young** with guest banker Greg Anderson, Victory crew **Don Hardison** with his son Matt Brown; and **Charlie Fender** with two fellow hikers, Jim Baker being one of them.

## Sunshine Report

**David K** had little to report; except to continue to send our thoughts and prayers for **Dick King**.

## Elof's Travels.

The Prez commented that **Elof Grandberg** is in Canada this week attending the 60 year reunion of his military unit's landing on Normandy. Elof left instructions that we acknowledge D-Day appropriately, and indeed we did. [\(Elof was also featured in the Sunday Contra Costa Times D-Day Section\).](#)

## Recognitions

**Norm Foley**, who was President of this esteemed organization when your scribe was not much beyond a cadet, drove down from the hills for the meeting. He brought **Bonnie** as his guest and they

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### The Big Demotion



Soon to be Past President Stoney will be honored in typical Rotarian fashion

**Door Duty:** Sid Chauvin and Don Miller

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### Program of Friday June 4, 2004

#### D-Day on the Red Oak

**Prez Stoney** presented excerpts from a Wall Street Journal editorial on the subject of D-Day. "To launch a large-scale opposed landing across many miles of water is the most hazardous of all military operations. Nothing before or since has ever been mounted on the scale of Operation Overlord, though the U.S. invasion of Iraq after the 9/11 outrage employed more firepower. The D-Day landing that began June 6, 1944, involved three services, airborne and glider troops, submarine landing, undercover agents and saboteurs, and an astonishing array of technological gimmicks.

"The history of D-Day, and the fortnight that followed, showed the value of meticulous preparations, rehearsals, elaborate testing of very kind of equipment, and the study of logistics. Having secured the bridgehead, the Allied buildup was so rapid that, within a month, the Germans had palpably lost the battle in the West and with it the war...."

When talking about our D-Day and WWII veterans, I think there is no doubt that they are and were the "Greatest Generation".

are both celebrating near-term birthdays. Norm also brought a generous contribution along.

### Announcements

**Dan Ercolini** passed around a signup list for the Rotary Picnic. June 13<sup>th</sup>, noon to 3 or 4 PM, at Kennedy Grove on San Pablo Dam Road. All services provided. There is one final Board meeting on the Prez's calendar – 9 June. And then we are rudderless until Prez-elect **Herb Cole** assumes command.

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

**Erle** was glad the Rotarians Against Malaria check is finally in the mail and out of his hands. **Dan Ercolini** recently lost a friend in an automobile accident, but was happy to see the strong rally of friends after the event. **Paul Hodgen** was cheerful that **Judy Kafka** is this week hosting Peres kids at the Walker Creek Spirit of Excellence Camp, and especially pleased to be here at all – his Dad landed on Omaha Beach in 1944. Your scribe put down the pen long enough to be pleased that **Joe Bagley** has suggested the Club meet on the *Red Oak Victory* every week. **Joe** was cheery to be wearing blue jeans at a Rotary meeting. **Leslie Levy** was happy she may have figured out why there was Victory soap on the table (I forget the solution), and was delighted to explain to **Norm** that it wasn't cheese. **David K** had sad dollars for the recognition that he is on a ship but not fishing.

### Raffle

There was no raffle.

### Semper Paratus

### Where to Make Up

San Rafael	Mon	12:15	Seafood Peddler
Albany	Tue	12:30	Solano Grill
El Sobrante	Tue	12:15	Joe's of El Sobrante
Berkeley	Wed	12:15	His Lordships
Hercules	Wed	7:15 am	Hercules Sen. CTR
San Pablo	Wed	12:15	La Strada
El Cerrito	Thu	12:15	Mira Vista G&CC
Pinole	Thu	12:30	Outback Steak House
Vallejo	Thu	12:15	World Holiday Inn

### Important Dates

06/09/04 Board Mtg: 12 Noon. Pt Richmond  
06/13/04 Rotary Picnic

### Door Duty Reminder

06/25/04 David K. and Bob Dabney