



# Flywheel

"Service Above Self"

A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

Program for Friday May 7, 2004

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Door Duty: Joni Hiramoto and Markku Pelanne

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Program for Friday May 14, 2004

Dr. Carol Meddlin

Malaria Control in Uanuatu

Door Duty: Paul Hodgen and Reynolds Partridge

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Program of Friday April 30, 2004

Measure B Opposition

Jim Young introduced Tom Lynden a local CPA who spoke against Measure B. Measure B is a special parcel tax placed on the ballot to help the WCCUSD in:

- Restoring library services and athletic programs
- Maintaining reduced class sizes for kindergarten through third grade
- Purchasing textbooks and teaching materials
- Attract and retain qualified teachers, aides and counselors
- Enhancing core subjects including reading, writing, mathematics and science, and
- Improving custodial service to keep bathrooms and other facilities clean and in good condition.

The measure would raise an estimated 8 million dollars per year via a 7.2 cents per square foot of total building area for 5 years and requires a two-thirds majority of the votes to pass.

Mr. Lynden began his remarks by indicating the need to understand the district and the funding that the district currently controls. He discussed the large

Last Week

After a silent prayer for peace and freedom, Erle Brown let the pledge to open the weekly meeting. Prez Stoney had two thoughts for the day: "No man is wise enough by himself", Titus Plautus and one from Dr. Martin Luther King "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

Visiting Rotarians

Rotarians With Guests

Josh brought city council candidate Eddrick Osborne to the meeting and Stoney included Geogre Harris, member of the school board

Sunshine Report

David K had a slightly belated sunshine report, Elof had been British Columbia to attend the death of his brother, but is now back

Recognitions

John Nicol advised us that his wife had informed him that this coming Sunday would be his 51th wedding anniversary so he is making a \$51 donation to his daughter's Paul Harris.

Announcements

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. Paul Hodgen announced Peres School needs judges for the Science Fair this Wednesday and Thursday. Takes 1 hour of your time and sample evaluation forms are available. Herb Cole spoke in favor of more members volunteering their time, noting that the same people always end up doing the work.

Happy/Sad \$\$\$

Jim Young was happy to have gone to San Deigo to see his daughter perform on stage. Herb was happy to announce the imminent cessation of hostilities in Iraq because his son;

gap between original budget estimates and actual budget deficits for the 03-04 years and raised the questions concerning how the board is developing the current budget numbers. He is concerned that this measure at best provides an 8 million dollar solution for a 10 million dollar problem.

At this point the speech devolved into a question and retort session between Mr. Lynden and Mr. Harris, a guest of the club who coincidentally happened to be visiting on the same day that Mr. Lynden was speaking. Mr. Harris addressed some of Mr. Lynden's points directly by speaking of the concerns of providing safe and healthy facilities for the students and the various and convoluted funding scenarios that the school district must follow to meet their educational responsibilities. Dr. Cole then spoke from his experience in leading the school board through its last funding crisis and discussed the reasons for creating the special maintenance and recreational assessment district. He ended with a plea for people to start bringing some common sense to the discussion since otherwise the issues will remain unresolved and the students will be the biggest losers in this situation.

Additional questions from the audience showed that this is an issue that people have passionate feelings toward.

This was a most lively and involving program and Mr. Lynden is to be thanked for being willing to stand and discuss this timely and sensitive topic.

### **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

Major Cole is being deployed there.

**Stoney** is glad to be back from a McDonalds convention in Florida which offered some attendees a chance for quick promotion and is also glad he had a chance to visit with his daughter while there.

### **Raffle**

**Dr. Cole** blew the chance to help alleviate the school district's funding woes by pulling the white ball!

This Week's Editor,  
Dan Ercolini

### **Upcoming Speakers**

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

### **Important Dates**

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

06/13/04 Rotary Picnic

### **Door Duty Reminder**

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

05/28/04 Pamela Jones and Bob Dabney

06/04/04 Judy Kafka and John Nicol

06/11/04 Henry Kelman and Judy Morgan

06/18/04 Sid Chauvin and Don Miller

06/25/04 David K. and John Medlock